

The Gardens Park

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Timisoara, Romania



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The Garden Park is also known as “Little Forest Giroc Park” and “Lidia Park”. In 2010, a sparse forest area was identified for a landscape project based on a functional adaptation of the area. The vegetation was mainly from a disused nursery, and this was considered an appropriate backdrop for the landscape development. The concept for the new park was inspired by the words of a local resident. To the question “What kind of park would you like to have?” he replied: “I grew up here and I always wanted it to be... a garden.”



The park was designed according to a stylistic composition “a theme within a theme”. Given the generous space available, the idea emerged to create not one but several gardens, and this inspired the conceptual name of the project “A Park with Gardens - The Park of Gardens”. The project thus offers a tour of European garden styles, ranging from classical to modern gardens. The elements introduced have a unity in the resulting landscape diversity: the “English Medieval Garden” contains a Celtic knot within a labyrinth; the “Biblical Garden” contains a round parterre divided by a green cross hedge; the “Italian Garden” reveals Tuscan influences of red brickwork along a path; the “Modern Garden” has outdoor tables and sun loungers on the surrounding lawn; the “Spanish Garden” is a classical monastic garden; the “Greek Garden” has a mini amphitheatre at its centre; and the “Romantic Garden” has a rose collection, a water lily lake and ornamental rockeries. The public can thus enjoy an attractive park in its urban landscape.

This creative project has improved the quality of people’s lives. The landscaping facilitated circulation in the park’s paths and promoted individual and collective well-being by providing a park for relaxation and leisure. The project has taken full account of the environmental, social, cultural and economic values of the urban landscape in a sustainable development perspective. It is one of the largest green spaces recently developed in the city, promoting interest in the variety of gardens, the diversity of species, and in particular that of the varieties of roses.

Recognised for its great value, the Project is part of the Landscape Award Alliance of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, as a source of inspiration.