



Open international competition  
for the development  
of a master plan for the Grozny city,  
Chechen Republic

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## OPEN CALL TO MASTERPLAN GROZNY: SMART CITY TO LIAISE WITH MIDDLE EAST

An open call for master planning Grozny, Chechen Republic, Russia, was announced at the press conference that took place at the Chechen State Television and Radio Broadcasting Company later last week.

In his keynote address, the Mayor of Grozny Khas-Magomed Kadyrov underscored the relevance of introducing Chechen Republic to international investors as a bona fide partner in long-term business alliances. “Grozny is currently pursuing over 120 investment projects”, - said Khas-Magomed Kadyrov. “Further progress will depend on how swiftly Chechen Republic will be able to engage with the international business community. We will contribute to the process by transforming Grozny into a financial, trading and industrial hub, by forging partnerships with the Middle Eastern countries, and by adopting and amplifying the best practices in good governance, education, recreation and agriculture sectors”.

DOM.RF, a Russian federal agency for mortgage services and urban development, delivers funding in support of the formidable goal. Speaking via videoconference call, Anton Finogenov, director for urban development at DOM.RF, highlighted the key role the regional programs for improving housing quality play in meeting the National Housing and Urban Environment Project performance targets. Mr. Finogenov praised Grozny for reaching the target indicators successfully. “A master-plan is a comprehensive strategic document correlating urban design with economic development of the territory, guiding future growth and development”, - said Anton Finogenov. – “We see a huge potential in Grozny as a learning hub, a liaison between Russia and the Islamic world, and the core of regional business and trade”.

The competition terms and conditions, as well as the timeline were covered in detail by Sergei Georgievskii, a cofounder of the Agency for strategic development “CENTER”, a Competition Operator. “We have been working on projects of varying scale in 95 cities in over 60 Russian regions”, – said Sergei Georgievskii. – “Each and every one of them used to have a unique mixture of charms and challenges, obviously. However, it is for the first time in five years that we organize an international competition for urban master planning. It is in fact an open call for cross-sectoral pools of expertise, specializing in UPT. As of today, detailed requirements and other related information is available online in Russian and English languages.”

The video footage of the press conference is available in Russian, Chechen and English languages on YouTube channels. The simultaneous translation into Chechen language was performed at a public event for the first time, to honor Year-2023 of the Chechen language.

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## Background information

### **OPEN INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN PLANNING COMPETITION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN OF GROZNY, CHECHEN REPUBLIC, RUSSIA**

An open call for master planning Grozny was launched on March 29, 2023. The action is supported by the Government of the Chechen Republic, Grozny Mayor Office and DOM.RF, a Russian federal government program operator for sustainable urban development.

The site covers 360 square kilometers and includes both the city and the municipal okrug.

The Prize Pool is 20 Million Ruble.

Deadline for submission of applications is May 19.

Applications from international urban design bureaus are accepted electronically at the competition website, available in Russian and English languages. The website also features the Statement of Work, the Jury panel, the Expert Council, and the competition timeline.

On May 31 the Jury will select three finalists, who will continue working on strategic urban planning, calibrating their ideas for technical adjustments from the Expert Council.

#### **DOM.RF**

DOM.RF is a federal financial agency for housing sector development, whose task is to implement government initiatives in improving the quality and affordability of housing, as well as building comfortable urban environment; refine and scale good governance practices in the housing sector; propose amendments into regulations, concepts, strategies and methodology, to update the sectoral legal framework. The agency was founded in 1997.

#### **AGENCY FOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT «CENTER»**

Agency for strategic development «CENTER» is a Moscow-based urban and territorial planning bureau, also delivering research-based analytics and consulting. The corporate portfolio includes projects on urban environment quality improvement in over 60 regions across Russia, as well as work on territorial planning concepts, functional programming of public spaces, specific public-private partnership mechanisms, educational programs and territorial branding. «CENTER» is a leading operator of architectural and urban design competitions.

#### **Useful links:**

<http://masterplan-grozny.ru>

<https://grozmer.ru/>

<https://www.centeragency.org>

<https://docs.cntd.ru/document/574660525>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AHYfTqy1Wc> (Chechen language)

<https://youtu.be/ALpC5SJULwM>

<https://youtu.be/5RdZe18q3QY>

## **GROZNY, CHECHEN REPUBLIC**

Grozny, the capital city of the Chechen Republic, is located in a valley 80 kilometers north of the main range of the Greater Caucasus Mountains, alongside the River Sounzha, a right-bank tributary of the Terek, in a position of a geostrategic value to Russia.

Throughout 200 years of its history, the city has alternately been an outpost, a ground for fierce battles, a railroad hub, a performance excellence champion in oil and petrochemical industries, machine manufacturing, and agri-food production. In early 2000 the city, guided by new leadership, embarked on a path of economic upgrade. A strong demand for peace within the society, consolidated by good governance and steady funding have worked miracles for Grozny, which re-emerged as a cultural and economic center of the North Caucasus in just under 20 years.

## **CHECHEN REPUBLIC**

Chechen Republic is located in the North Caucasus region within the Russian Federation. A sparsely populated territory of 16 100 square kilometers spans several climate belts, from desert to flatlands to mountain peaks, alpine meadows to perennial snowfields, and is rich in mineral and water resources. Architectural heritage includes astonishing castles and cable-braced bridges poised atop mountain peaks and among cliffs on dizzying heights, undamaged for centuries. Purely decorative mosaics and frescos on their walls juxtapose stone lace, wood carving and entresol which performed function of shock absorbers during devastating earthquakes. They represent a model of coexistence once negotiated between man and nature, and serve a well of knowledge of ancient engineers and craftsmen, *the vaiknaks*, to tap from.

## **STRATEGY-2035 FOR CHECHEN REPUBLIC SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The strategic plan was adopted by the Government of the Chechen Republic in March 2020 to make use of the competitive benefits of the region, identify drivers for sustainable economic development, promote trade and commerce, attract international investment, and boost living standards and quality of life. Urbanization and territorial planning are set as top priorities in the Strategy, with a special emphasis on the development of Grozny as an international commercial and agri-food industrial hub connecting to Middle East.