

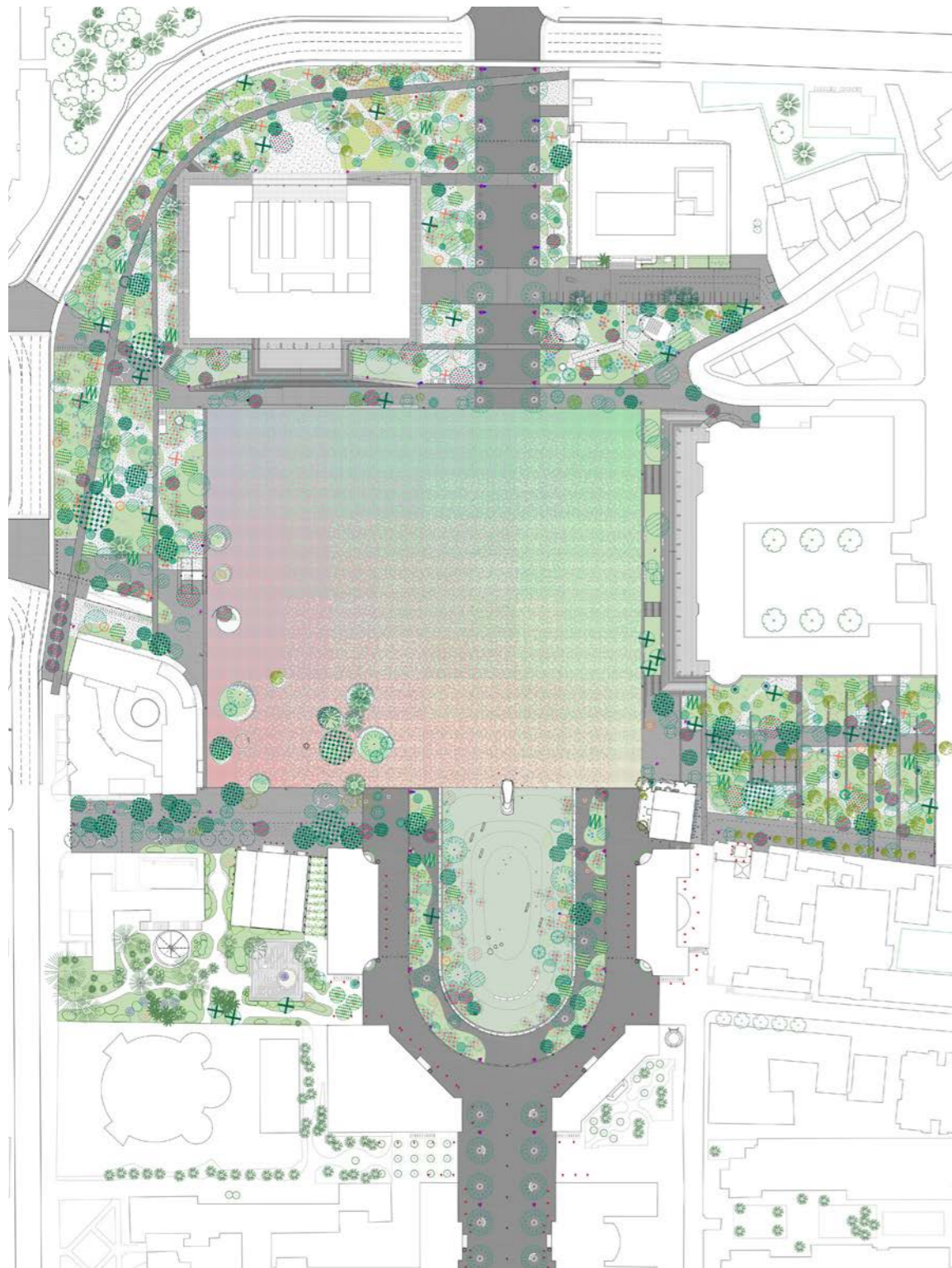
SKANDERBEG SQUARE, Tirana, Albania

Category B: Outdoor Spaces

51N4E

In 2008 an International Architecture Competition was organised to refurbish Skanderbeg square. The winning proposal of 51N4E – in collaboration with the Albanian visual artist, Anri Sala – reorganizes Tirana's central square in a simple yet ambitious way: to have a natural environment in an actively public central district.

The central square of Tirana is designed as a void in the chaos of the city, a void shaped around by a collection of gardens and public buildings, both existing and new. This surrounding green belt acts like an antechamber negotiating between the congestion of the city and the emptiness of the square.



plan of Skanderbeg Square



view of Skanderbeg Square, 2008



view of Skanderbeg Square, 2017