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HERITAGE IN DANGER: Open Letter Regarding the Lagkadas School Complex



Docomomo Greece is concerned with the imminent demolition of the Lagkadas High School complex, in Thessaloniki, Greece. Designed by Vassilis Giannakis (1933-) and Dimitris Fatouros (1928-1920), and built in 1969, the Lagkadas High School complex is a prominent example of post-war modernism in Greece engaging with the innovative programmatic and construction typologies of its era on an international scale.

(See: <https://www.doma.archi/en/index/projects/gymnasio-kai-lykeio-lagkada>)

In an era of climate and environmental crisis, preserving and creatively reusing existing buildings, regardless of their architectural value, is considered an absolute priority and is clearly preferable to demolition and new construction. This is particularly true of significant buildings that form part of a place's architectural heritage, such as the Lagkadas School complex.

Docomomo Greece strongly supports the preservation, restoration and/or creative reuse of the complex in a contemporary context, with the aim of returning it to society as a valuable part of its cultural heritage. Docomomo Greece is available to provide any interested party with scientific documentation and advisory support.

On behalf of docomomo Greece

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