

SLOVAKIA

Diversification & job creation

Location

Komarno

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Priority

P6 – Social inclusion & local development

Measure

M6 – Farm & business development

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 1 210 170.22

EAFRD 406 708.73

National/Region. 135 569.58

Private 667 891.91

Project duration

2016 – 2017

Project promoter

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A unique military fortress complex, listed as the national cultural monument, was turned into an attractive recreational and relaxation centre Kortina.

Summary

With support from the rural development programme, a part of a unique military fortress complex – the Bastion of the 2nd Palatinus Line, located in Komarno – was transformed into an attractive recreational and relaxation centre Kortina.



Facilities constructed with RDP support include accommodation, two restaurants and a kitchen with technical facilities, a fitness room, a wellness area with a jacuzzi and a sauna. During the reconstruction, all landmarks of the property, which is an important historical fortification in Central Europe, were preserved.

Results

A national cultural monument was reconstructed and new tourism infrastructure was developed.

16 new jobs were created.

168 accommodation places, either for individuals or families, were provided during the first year of the centre operations.

70 business events were organised.

Weddings, family events and celebrations are organised on a weekly basis.

Context

Slovakia has great potential for tourism. In 2017, 5.4 million tourists visited Slovakia, a 7% increase on 2016. The contribution of travel and tourism to the Slovak GDP and employment has been increasing year by year. The total contribution of the sector to GDP in 2017 was EUR 5.4 billion (6.3%). The tourism sector, including related investments and the supply chain, accounted for 155 500 jobs.

The upward trend in visitors to Slovakia places greater demands on its tourism infrastructure, not only in the capital, but also in the regions. Komarno is well known for its rich history and has a lot to offer visitors. However, tourism infrastructure in the region still needs to be developed.

Komarno was protected by a complicated fortification system for many centuries. This fortress complex, which is listed as the national cultural monument, was abandoned and needed not renovating but also repurposing.

Objectives

The objective of the project was to reconstruct a national cultural monument as key piece of tourist infrastructure and stimulate the local economy, while supporting employment in the region.

Activities

The project was undertaken by the recreational and relaxation centre Kortina. It created accommodation for 10 people, a wellness centre, two restaurants, a conference room, a wine bar and a cigar club.

All rooms were created inside existing buildings to respect the integrity of the national cultural monument – and it

was not possible to extend the existing building. The conference room was created on a space enclosed by two walls with entry gates and a glazed roof. The recreational complex was connected to water, sewerage and electricity with new connections.

Exterior work was also carried out, including the building of internal roads and parking, the creation of a roofed summer terrace with water fountain, the construction of a playground with a safety surface, landscaping and gardening works.

The recreational complex was also fenced off and secured by a camera system and alarm, and connected to the central protection counter.

Main results

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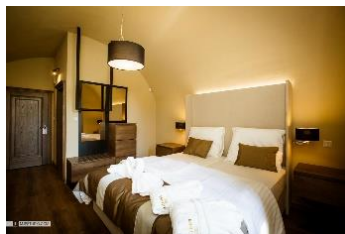
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Official dinners for different institutions and representatives from Slovakia and abroad are offered along with wine and beer tastings.



Additional sources of information

www.youtube.com/channel/UCL17GIFzw-7e7neK_BdqGiA