

Revitalisation of Triglav road, Bohinjska Bistrica

Oživitev Triglavske ceste, Bohinjska Bistrica



LOCATION

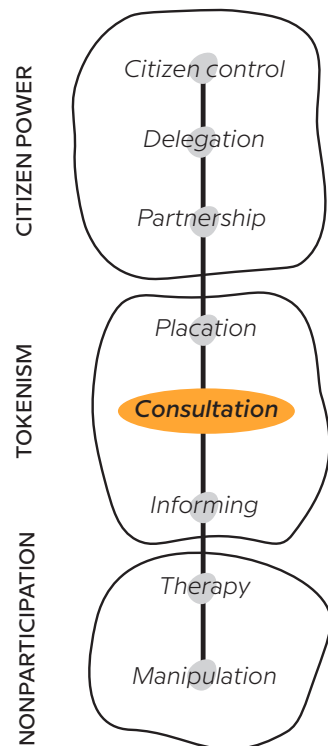
Bohinjska Bistrica, Slovenia

TIME PERIOD

From 2019 to 2021

THE PROJECT

The project of revitalisation of Triglav road took place in the west part of the settlement of Bohinjska Bistrica. This road is a **less accessible area**, as it is bounded on one side by railway tracks and on the other by the Belica stream even if the nearby area across the river is the central tourist location of the settlement. The **project aim was to address the lack of spaces which could be used as business or creative nodes** (a problem evident in many small settlements) and **improve public space in the area**.



the Triglavska cesta crosses the Belica river. There, a plan for green areas was made to preserve the ecosystems. In terms of financing, the support of the European Union was crucial for the implementation of the project.

RESULT

The targeted impact was at least **partially achieved**. The **formerly abandoned buildings are now occupied by various activities** such as a distillery, a print shop, a sugar packaging operation and other small businesses. The main beneficiaries of the creative works are small businesses and individuals from the creative sector who gained new spaces for their operations. Furthermore, the entire community benefits from increased entrepreneurial and creative activity, as well as a diversification of building uses. Given the fact that most of the spaces of the formerly abandoned buildings have been given a new function, the reaction from local businesses and the local community was positive, even if **the new creative node has not sustained**.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPACE

The town of Bohinjska Bistrica is located in an **alpine area**, with traffic connections blocked from three sides by surrounding mountain ranges. This somewhat **limited road traffic accessibility**, which stems from the characteristics of the surrounding terrain, makes the town of Bohinjska Bistrica remote in this regard. A train line connects the town with the Goriška region but with relatively low frequency. In terms of public spaces, there is a severe **lack of squares or plazas** and most open spaces are occupied by parking areas. Also, there is a lack of any area which could be categorised as a town centre.

urban design group ProstoRož, and is part of the wider "Zelene rešitve" (Green solutions) project, which focuses on innovative approaches and solutions for redeveloping degraded and empty spaces in the Upper Carniola region of Slovenia.

ROLE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY & METHODS USED

The revitalisation of the space included the arrangement of a passenger terminal, a park and a short term **program plan for the area of formerly abandoned buildings**. This plan was developed taking into account the needs of **small businesses, creative individuals** and the local population. The latter has been well involved in the project through participation in **workshops and public debates**. Natural heritage also played a role particularly in the southern part of the redevelopment area, where

INITIATION AND ACTORS

The project of the revitalisation of Triglav road near the railway station, was developed by the **non-profit**



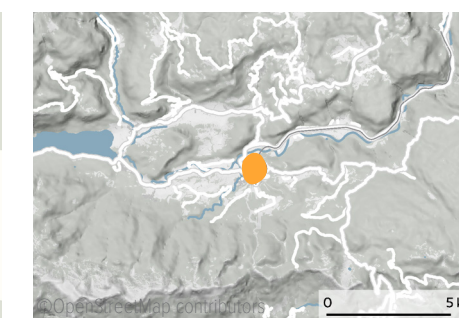
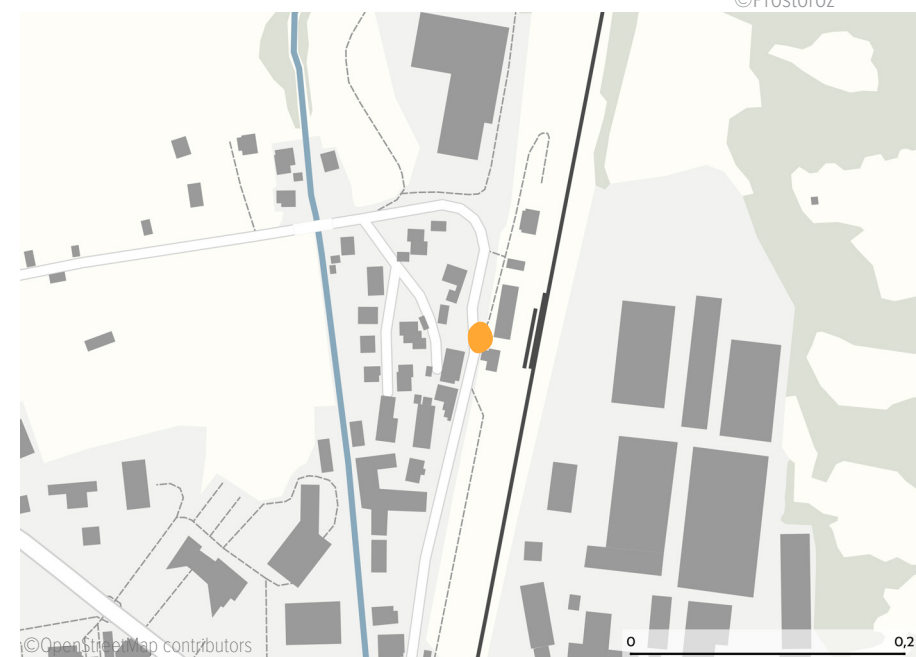
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Public discussion in the formerly abandoned facilities ©Prostoroz



Children from the Janez Mencinger elementary school attending a workshop at the formerly abandoned construction firm facilities ©Prostoroz



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