THE RECONSTRUCTION AND EXTENSION OF THE TOWN MUSEUM OF ČESKÁ TŘEBOVÁ

The Municipality of Česká Třebová has long been considering to set up premises suitable for the Town Museum's activities. One of the options was to renovate an idle sight of cultural interest – the classicist house no. 11 in the Klácelova street situated in the historic centre of the town.

There have been ongoing efforts to bring the building back to life during the past decades, but due to lengthy court trials over the property's ownership none of such plans came into being.

In 1980’s the building was negatively affected by insensitive reconstruction to such an extent that restoring it to its former condition would be too costly for the Municipality of Česká Třebová, its current owner. However, the endeavour to transform this building into a museum persisted.

In connection with a prepared call in the 3.1 Regional Operational Programme NUTS II North-East area of support an investment plan was drafted in 2009 proposing the reconstruction of the historic building no. 11 in the Klácelova street and its extension constructed in the side gap between buildings no. 11 and 9 that would serve the above mentioned purpose.

In 2012 the building’s owner, the Municipality of Česká Třebová, submitted an application for a European subsidy from ROP NUTS II North-East for a project called “Reconstruction and Extension of the Town Museum of Česká Třebová”. The main objective of the project was to come up with a new concept of the Town Museum of Česká Třebová consisting of expositions focused on characteristic means of transport in order to boost tourism in the town and the region. An interior museum expositions and a study room as well as an exterior collection of the Velorex cars are all designed to achieve this goal.

A project with a motto “To Česká Třebová by train, car, plane and boat” prepared by a project manager Ing. Renáta Ulmannová, MBA, was given green light and the Municipality of Česká Třebová received a European funds’ subsidy in the amount of 29.37 mil. CZK which was confirmed in November 2010. The subsidy contract between the provider, the Regional Council of the Cohesion Region North-East Hradec Králové, and the recipient, the Municipality of Česká Třebová, was signed on 5 April 2011.

The KIP s.r.o. company from Litomyšl processed the project documentation for territorial and construction management and a building permit was issued in 2010. The preparation and realization was continuously discussed and consulted with experts from the National Heritage Institute – Regional Office Pardubice (NPÚ – ÚOP Pardubice).

In spring 2011 a selection procedure for the construction contractor was carried out and the První litomyšlská stavební a.s. company from Litomyšl won. The contract with the company was concluded on 28 June 2011 quoting the price of the construction at 33 291 374,- CZK.

The construction itself begun on 28 June 2011. Simultaneously, preservation archaeological field research was initiated and supervised by the Orlické Mountains’ Museum and Gallery Rychnov nad Kněžnou under the direction of an archaeologist PhDr. Martina Beková. A number of archaeological findings have been recorded, such as potsherds, tiles, foundations of the original settlement etc.). Some of these give evidence of the town’s origins dating back to 13th century.
The První litomyšlská stavební a. s. company from Litomyšl accomplished a challenging task to reconstruct the historic building no. 11 so that it reflects its former appearance and to erect a modern museum building in the side gap connected sensitively with the historic classicist property, including the interior furnishing, to build premises for the exposition of the Velorex cars in the yard area and to cultivate the greenery. All the works were carried out successfully and finished on 21 July 2012. The building was approved by the building authority on 14 September 2012.

After the construction works have been finished, the Town Museum’s staff have set out to design the expositions dedicated to means of transport typical of the town – i.e. the history of the railway transport, the expansion of aviation, the Velorex cars display, the Danube-Elbe water corridor as well as short-term exhibitions. The transport expositions are designed interactively and targeted at families with children and young generation. The topics of short-term expositions will focus on history, arts etc. The study room is designated for students, researchers, historians as well as general public taking an interest in history.

Thanks to the European subsidy from ROP NUTS II North-East and the financial support by the Municipality of Česká Třebová the Town Museum of Česká Třebová gained felicitous and attractive premises that will contribute to the development of cultural activities and tourism in both the town and the Pardubice region.


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