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YOUTH CAMP DOCUMENTATION

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this investment was a reinvention of an abandoned railway station “Malá stanica” (“Small Station”) in Brezno. YOUMOBIL project has aimed at improving rural people’s access to the European and national transport networks. The Small Station was a well-chosen pilot site because it is a secondary transport node and a great spot for starting a trip to three different destinations - Banská Bystrica, Tisovec, and Červená Skala.

The main goal of this pilot project was to make the waiting time in the station more pleasant for regular travellers especially for youth to have a place to meet and meaningful spending time, as well as for locals, and tourists visiting this region motivating them to take off the train and visit also the town center which is within walking distance from the station. The municipality of Brezno, a partner of the YOUMOBIL project, decided in cooperation with the owner Slovak Railways to give this place a new life and function. Suggestions on how to reinvent this place were discussed with relevant factors, including young people.



Image 1 - Small station before and after reconstruction



Image 2 - Small station before and after reconstruction inside the building

At the end of April 2021 there was Youth Camp where Youth Parliament members along with representatives of the Town Hall, who were helping them, cleaned up the building of a small railway station. There were found some historical documents which are currently placed in Railway museum located in the reconstructed place.



Image 3 - Members of Youth Parliament with representatives of the Town Hall while cleaning the Small station

Youth Parliament is a young people organization that tries to make the town of Brezno a little bit more interesting. They organize various events and workshops for the general public with the support of the town. They are involved in international projects and exchanges with partner cities through Erasmus+. Their goal is to involve young people to the town's activities, support their creativity and bring new and interesting events. They voluntarily organize their own events and participate in the preparation of some of the town's sports, cultural and social events.

They were also involved in project Interreg Youmobil. As already mentioned a part of their participation was help to improve the premises of The Brezno small train station and brought their ideas to make public transport more attractive.



Image 4 - Members of Youth Parliament while cleaning the Small station



Image 5 - Members of Youth Parliament while cleaning the Small station

Part of the building will be used for meetings of Youth Parliament, small exhibitions, workshops, discussions and other, mostly chamber events. They have great ideas and having their own space to implement, can inspire other young people to join them. There is a fully equipped common room, a library and a terrace with a pergola.



Image 6 - Small station after the reconstruction

There was Youmobil online course organised in April 2021 as three-days event (April 26, 27 and 29, 2021) followed by individual work of participants (students) led by several tutors from UNIZA online in MS teams. Good practice owners were approached to share their experience, too. 67 people registered for the course. During individual work students developed reinvention projects for some partners' sites. Students from Brezno also participated in the online course. Brezno presented the investment activity - **Reconstruction of the Railway station.**

Youth Parliament members and representatives of Town Hall and Mayor of town Brezno met once again in February 2022 and worked together on refurbishing the Small station, which was the final step of reconstruction along with Historical Railway Museum inside of Small station.



Image 7 - Members of Youth Parliament refurbishing the Small station



Image 8 - Mayor working with members of Youth Parliament inside of Small station



Image 9 - Mayor working with members of Youth Parliament inside of Small station



Image 10 & 11 - Historical museum inside of Small station

