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- 📍 **YOUMOBIL Final conference "Boosting Youth Rural Mobility"**
March 17th, 2022, Weißenfels, Germany
- 💬 **How to change stations into places young people would like to go anyway**
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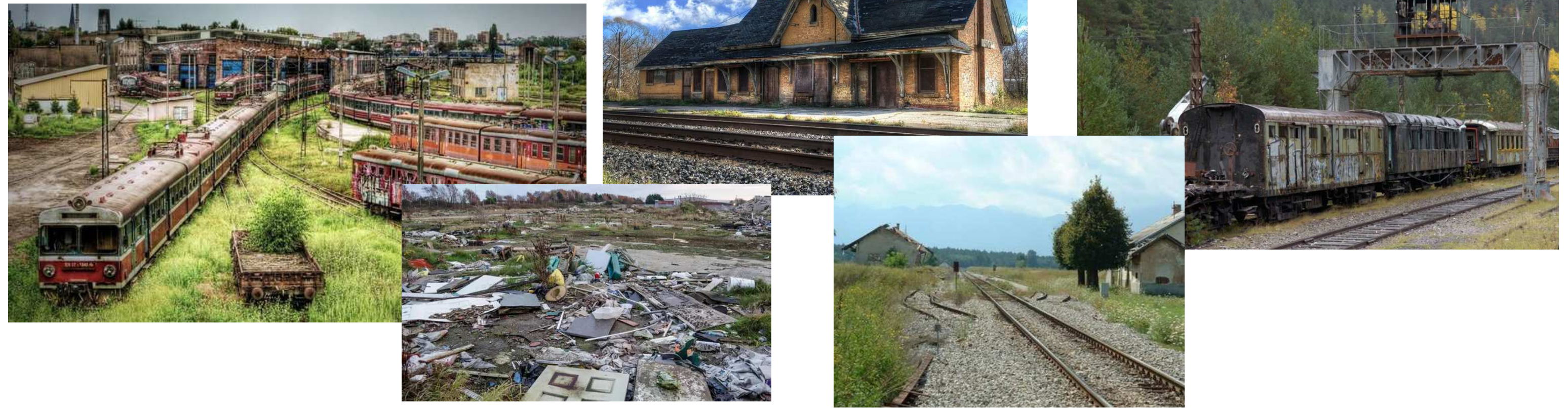
CONTENT

How we tried to give small railway stations in the countryside a new life during YOUMOBIL.

- Abandoned (or disused) railway infrastructure
- Examples of best practices
- YUMOBIL pilot sites
- Involvement of young people
- Visions and summer school
- Feasibility studies and investment plans
- Findings
- Revitalisation in Brezno



ABANDONED INFRASTRUCTURE AND RAILWAY BROWNFIELDS



Reasons: economic hardships, change in the transportation industry, operational reasons, advance in technology, **insufficient passenger numbers**



EXAMPLES OF REINVENTIONS



Museums — cultural centres — libraries — cycling routes — attractions for tourists — shops — restaurants and cafés — markets



YOUMOBIL PILOT SITES



Hevlín - CZ



Weißenfels - DE

Zagreb - HR



Brezno - SVK



Hevlín CZ,



Modena - IT



Grodzisk Mazowiecki - PL

REINVENTION - YOUMOBIL PARTICIPATORY APPROACH

WPT2 - TIMELINE	2019										2020												2021											
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A.T2.2 - Workshop series					Guidelines	W1	W2				W3																							
A.T2.3 - Feasibility studies												Common criteria							Draft FS	Final FS														
A.T2.4 - Good practice												GP research	School programme	Draft policy recommendation			S School and documentation																	
A.T2.5 - Pilot actions																								Investment plans						Summer camps				
A.T2.6 - Policy recommendations																															Learning from		Final policy recommendations	
I1 - Demonstration project Brezno																																		

- Site selection
- Workshops with youth: vision → strategy → action plan
- Summer school
- Feasibility studies and investment plans
- Final policy recommendations
- Revitalisation in Brezno



WORKING TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A COMMON VISION

A powerful, achievable vision reflecting needs and goals of local community (young people)



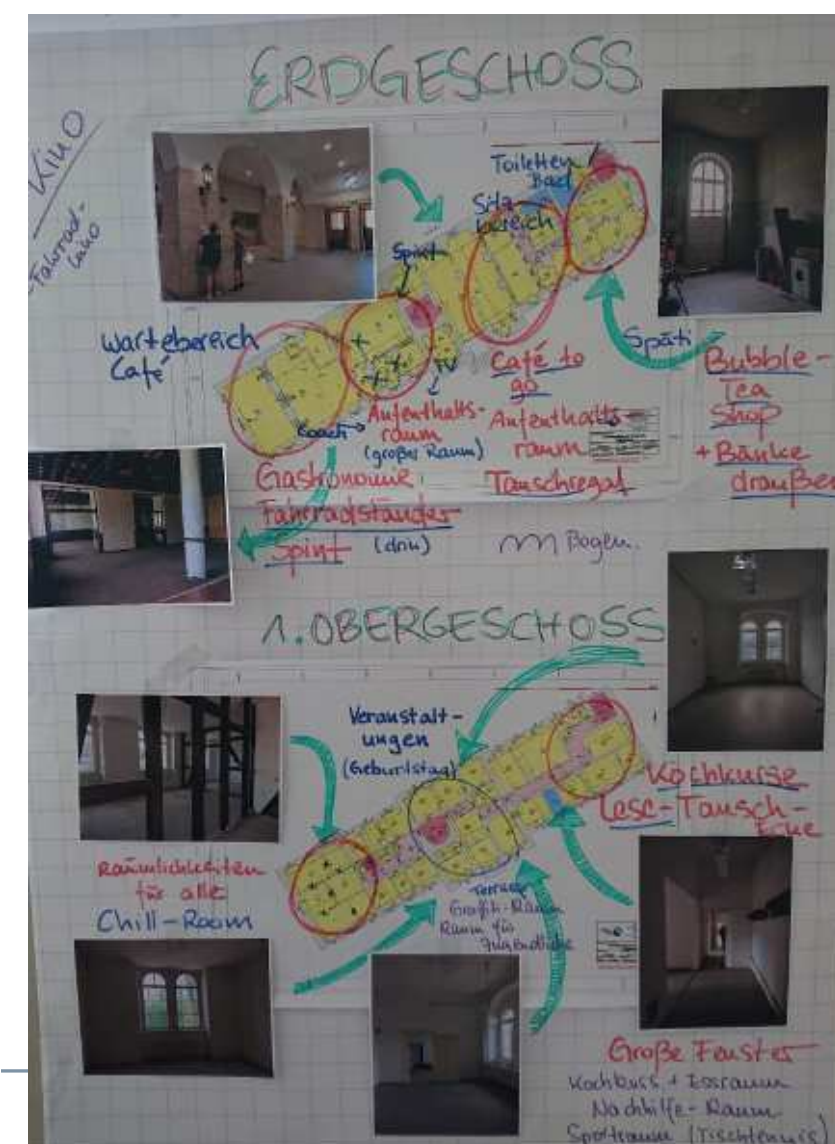
In Weißenfels, among other stakeholders, students and teachers from the Protestant Academy of Saxony-Anhalt e. V. were invited to co-create the vision on how some parts of the railway building can be used for benefit of local youth.



Minecraft/Minetest PC game was used to graphically illustrate the use of space in the station building.



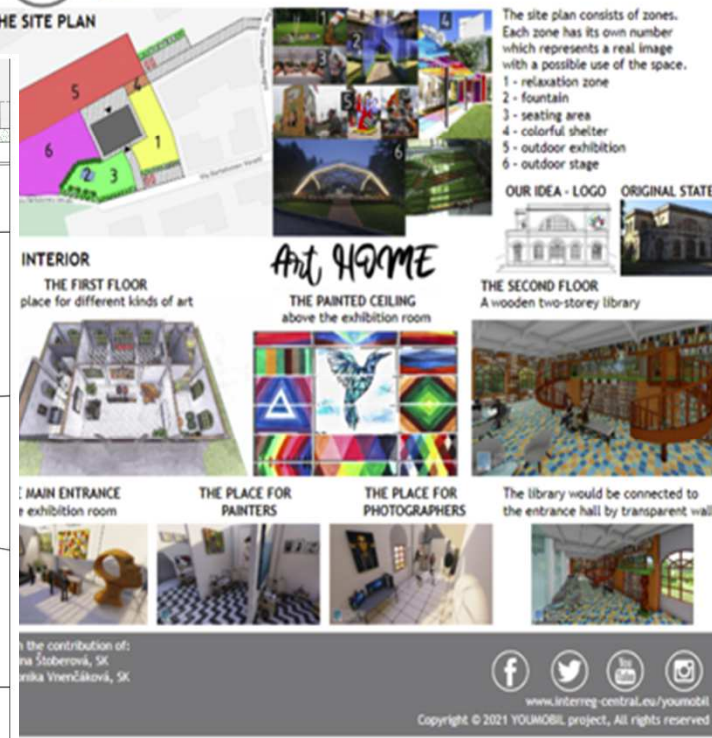
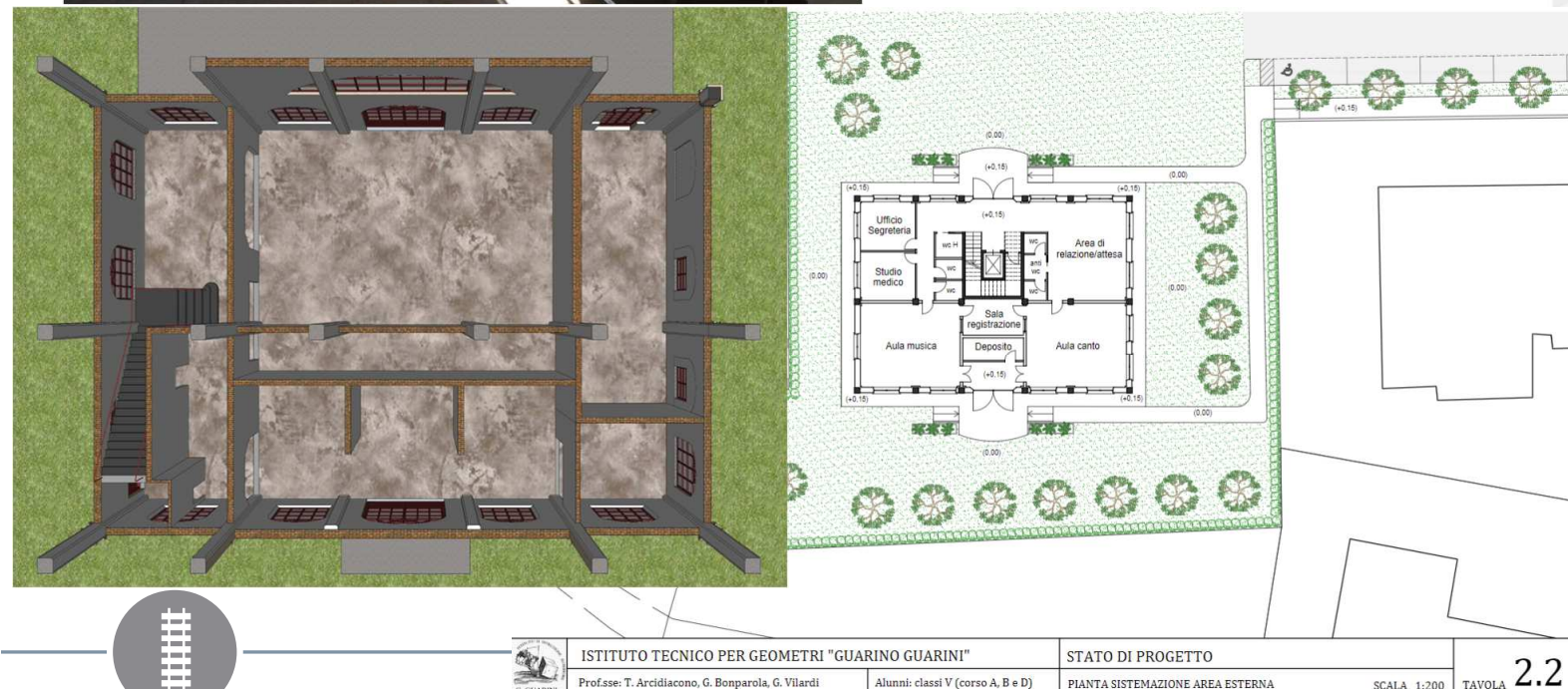
In this way, the young people assigned their ideas developed during the workshops for use in individual areas in the station building.



SUMMER SCHOOL

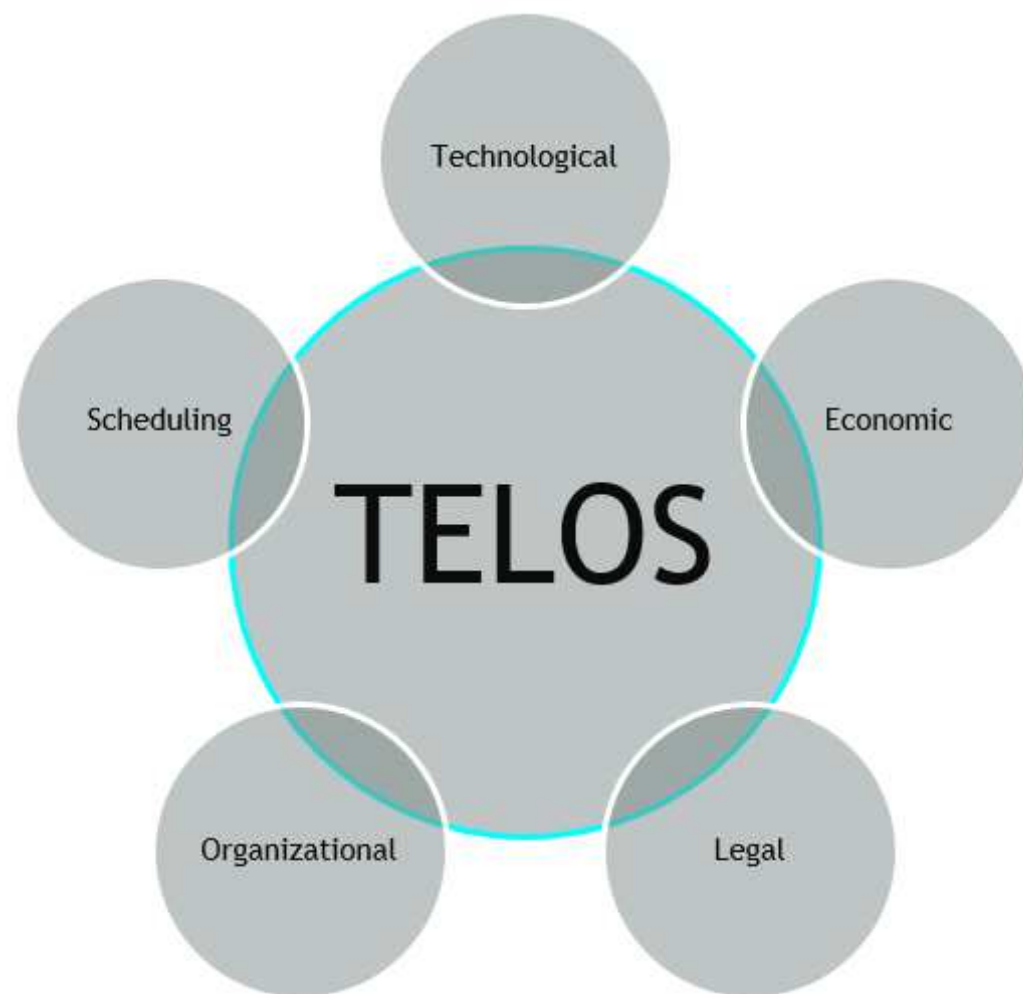
Mutual learning to share the visions created at the local level

Stazione Piccola in Modena (Istituto di Istruzione Superiore G. Guarini)



IS THE VISION FEASIBLE?

Questions to be answered.



- Is the project legally and technically feasible as well as economically justifiable?
- Will the project be used and how it will be operated?
- Will it contribute to economic, social, and cultural development, to spatial order, aesthetics, and functionality of the area?
- What are the benefits for both the investor and the local community?
- How can local partnership and community help with the implementation? (donations by community groups of the time, machinery, or labor?)
- Can the maintenance costs be reduced with private sector assistance?



PROJECT FINDINGS

- Adaptive reuse of buildings can be an attractive alternative to new construction in terms of sustainability and a circular economy
- There are many possibilities for railway stations becoming places that are inclusive, safe, facilitate social inclusion and cohesion and contribute to the development of local communities.
- The reinvention of railway infrastructure can act as the catalyst to stimulate revitalization of the whole area and also community life.
- It can help to raise awareness and interest in public transport.
- Creative potential of people from the community brings new ideas for reinvention.



EVEN A SMALL REVITALIZATION CAN BRING A BIG CHANGE



For more information see <https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/YOUMOBIL.html>

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Interreg
CENTRAL EUROPE

European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

YU MOBIL

101 MEETING ROOM/GALERY/LIBRARY

102 MEETING ROOM/GALERY/LIBRARY

103 TERRACE OVERLAPED WITH WOODEN PERGOLA

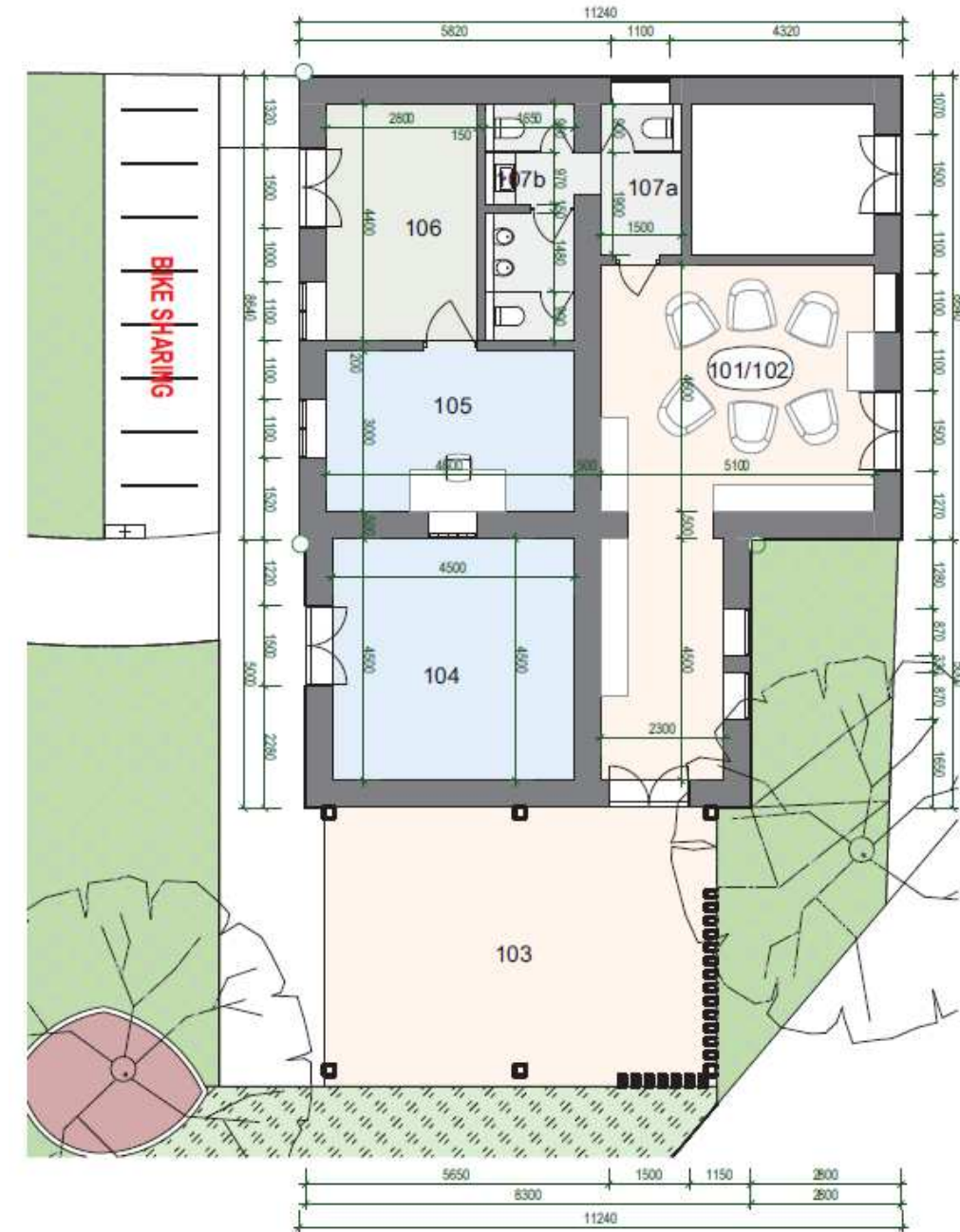
104 VINTAGE WAITTING ROOM

105 MUSEUM - EXPOSURE

106 TECHNICAL ROOM

107a TOILETS

107b TOILETS



REVITALISATION IN BREZNO

Cleaning up before construction



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REVITALISATION IN BREZNO

Construction - exterior



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Construction – exterior



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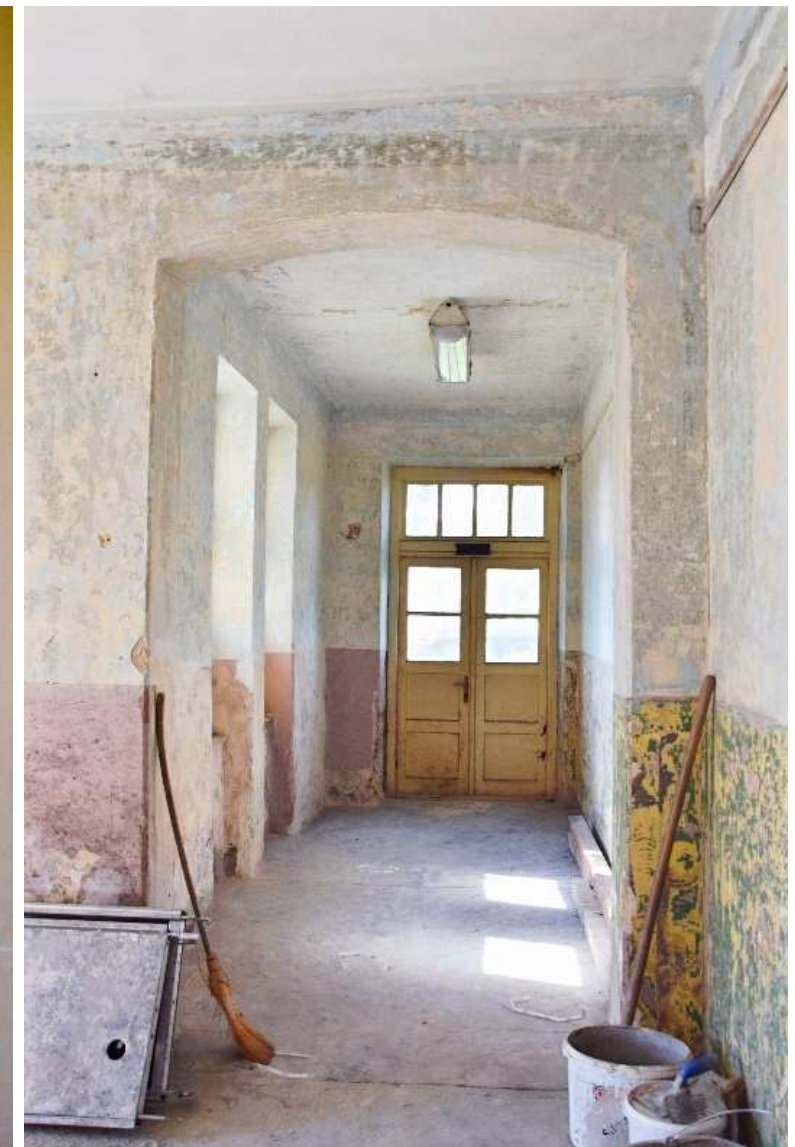
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Construction - interior



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Museum - exposure



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Museum - exposure



REVITALISATION IN BREZNO

Furnishing



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Before-After



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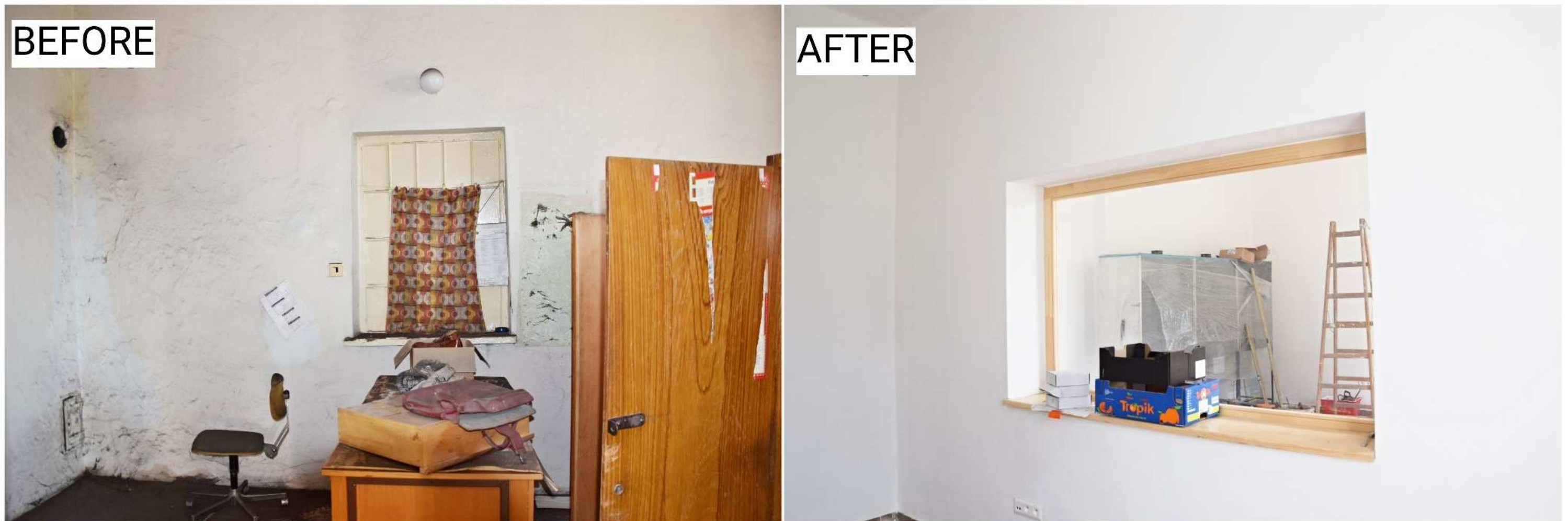
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Before-After



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