

AURE BIROTA-MONCET, FRANCE MASTER 1

EXHIBITION AND INFORMATION CENTRE FOR TOURISTS KRÁSNÁ - EXTENSION OF THE OLD RECTORY HOUSE

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This project is located in the village of Krásná, in the North of Czech Republic. It answers to the need of the inhabitants to have a place to gather and a structure to welcome visitors. The idea was to build extension to the existing building of the Rectory House in front of the church. In order to not overcome the church, the Kittel House and the Rectory, the extension is imitating a barn with a simple structure. This form defines it as a secondary building in importance near the existing one.

The program of the project is divided in two. The ground floor in the Rectory is dedicated to the inhabitants. It is linked with the central place leading to the church. An amphitheatre comes - in front of the landscape - to finalize this shared complex for the village. On the other part, the extension is dedicated to the visitors of the village. The ground floor allows the layout of proper restrooms, difficult to include in the old building. An information bar and a coffee place welcome tourists. The location at the top of the main road of the village makes it easy to direct them to the different areas to visit. In the upper floor of the extension, an exhibition room takes place, its volume increased by the

high ceiling under the truss. In this room, the wood has a strong importance with the visible framing and the horizontal cleats filtering the view. The wooden cleats visible from the exterior match with the shingles of the renovated roof and facade of the Rectory. Part of the volume can be used as a stage for a small performance if needed. A mezzanine comes over it to define this place and constitutes low ceiling area where children can overlook the room. The exhbition continues on the upper floor of the rectory and permits to connect the two buildings by a corridor covered by the same wooden cleats. The exhibition path goes through the different rooms of the Rectory while offering views on the landscape to the visitors and finishes back to the extension. The entry to the extension gives rise to a place which can be used as a terrace

for the coffee place and lead us through the structure to the back garden. There, visitors and inhabitants can enjoy the landscape and some playground created with the materials found on the terrain. Next to the road, parking spots bring people directly to the entrance of the upper floor of the extention.



Program organization in the Rectory House and his extension



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North-West view of the Rectory before the project

South-West view of the Rectory before the project

Kittel House Museum

Inspiration for the facade of the extension

Roof with Czech shingles - Inspiration for the Rectory House







Extension : 9. Coffee place 10. Restrooms 2. Meeting room 11. Staff restroom 3. Main corridor 12. Kitchen 4. Children room 13. Information bar 5. Seating area 14. Storage room



Ground floor plan _ 1 m _



View on the project from the left of the church

Upper floor plan _ <u>1 m</u> _





View on the project from the road

East elevation of the extension $-\frac{1}{2}$



South elevation of the project $-\frac{1}{2}m$



View on the project from the next terrain

