



BLATNÁ NEW VILLAGE

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Blatná New Village is an urban project aiming at creating a quality entrance to the south by transforming the land and revealing it's potential. The project was thought out in three phases to facilitate it's completion. Firstly, the creation of Blatná's rose garden in the place of the fishery helps reconnect the people to the town's history and honours castle's cultural heritage. A second phase will replace the commercial hangars at the entrance of the town with a new village center creating new links between both sides of the river and reconnecting the newer parts of town to the historical centre. Finally A third phase suggests to replace the imposing 90s apartment structure, which sits awkwardly right in the centre, with a smaller neighbourhood built at a human scale.

The New Village project also looks into more detail the architecture of two new buildings of public importance: a library and an elder care complex. The library which sits right along the main boulevard and in front of the castle gardens is the entrance to the neighbourhood. The bloc in the form of a trapeze includes a main library building made out of brick and wood structure. It also accommodates a restaurant open towards the river bank and a large shared workspace with multiple co-working offices and some classrooms. The elder care complex has within a doctor office wing open to the wider public with the aim to share uses. The rest of the ground floor contains an entrance hall to the north-east with offices, some apartments to the south-east and a large cafeteria towards the river. The first and only floor accommodates apartments and common spaces. The facility hosts up to 50 beds.



