

Part of the spa areal will undergo a long-awaited treatment

The monuments will get their original form

Some of the monuments in the spa park in Luhačovice will get new shine and their original form, as well as other possibilities for future utilization. They are architecturally very interesting buildings, e. g. spa gallery or Vincentka Hall. “After the reconstruction, the spa guests and spa park visitors will appreciate the new form of the buildings as well as the new interactive relaxing exposition for example,” says Eduard Bláha, the CEO of the Spa Luhačovice, which is the investor of the project.

Whole spa areal with approx. 20 hectares of green nature and valued buildings is nominated for the World Heritage List of UNESCO. “We make strong effort to maintain it and develop it. The revitalization of the gallery, Vincentka Hall and spa Colonnade is our next step,” explains Eduard Bláha. The imaginary “spa treatment” that the buildings will undergo includes both reconstruction and restoration to the original form. This has been changed a bit due to different interventions.

Vincentka Hall is the dominant of the complex. Side part of the Hall serves today as a space for the polyclinic, gallery, café or restaurant. On the other side, the spa Colonnade is connected to the Hall. The object was built between the years 1940-1950 according to the project of the architect Oskar Pořísek in the spirit of organic functionalism. Its curved shape creates a balance to other two dominants of the spa square that were built in a similar spirit – Společenský dům and the hotel Dům B. Smetany.

The investment was possible thanks to the European subsidy and its main benefit is that the reconstruction will bring wider range of activities in the spa areal than now. In the first floor of the Vincentka Hall, a new interactive exposition about mineral waters in Luhačovice will be built. The space will serve for the relaxation at the same time as well. New drinking fountain of Vincentka directly at the Colonnade will be another improvement. “Before, there was the water from the spring Amandka, which is not used anymore. We will newly bring the Vincentka mineral water there, which means that our guest will be able to drink this unique and valued mineral water also out of the opening hours of the Vincentka Hall,” explains Eduard Bláha.

Although the revitalization of the part of the complex of the architect Oskar Pořísek is a huge benefit for further development of the valued areal, it means also temporary complications. “We guarantee full service to our guest; the service offer will not be changed. The drinking cure will be ensured from other springs. However, we need to accept that it will be a reconstruction. We have taken a number of measures that increase the costs, but they will partially reduce the impacts of the reconstruction,” explains Eduard Bláha. The main measure is the organization of the works that will take place only during the weekdays during unusual hours – the workers will not start before 8:00 in the morning and will end at the 17:00 hours latest. The space around the reconstructed buildings will be enclosed above standards, in the most exposed places with up to 4 metres high walls.

The proper revitalization has started on 17.09.2018. The first part of the reconstruction includes the Vincentka Hall and should be finished until the summer of the next year. The rest should be completed few months after. “We truly believe that we will not lose anything from our attractivity for the spa guests and city visitors during this extremely important revitalization,” says Eduard Bláha and adds, that the covered area equipped with furniture that belongs to the Společenský dům can temporarily substitute the role of the Colonnade.

The main part of the more than hundred million investment is covered from the European sources. “The fact that our application was successful shows how important is to renovate these monuments,” concludes Eduard Bláha.