

Information centre of Karst in Sežana

At the end of January of the last year (2011), under the hand of the Municipality of Sežana, the lead partner of the project, the conversion of part of the ground floor of the old building of Municipality of Sežana into the Information Centre of Karst (hereinafter referred to as: IC) was completed. The latter, whose festive opening took place in early March also last year, represented the first of the twelve planned infrastructure initiatives in the context of the strategic project of KARST-CARSO.

For the purposes of IC, the northern part of the ground floor of the old municipal building has been restored (the villa Scaramanga, also known as Villa Mirasasso) in a total area of 150 m². Since the Municipality of Sežana had already had a previously constructed project for the reconstruction of the whole old building for the needs of the municipal administration, it initially needed, in some detail, to be adapted to the envisaged purpose of the IC. Later the building permit was obtained, for which also the competent Department for the Protection of Cultural Heritage had given their consent. The old building of the Municipality of Sežana and the Botanical Garden, which is located in its immediate vicinity, are the buildings of the protected cultural historical heritage.

In the context of reform, which covered the hall with the main entrance, the access for mobility-impaired persons, the reception office, the office, which currently serves the carrying out of the KARST-CARSO project and will later serve the needs of IC, the room for meetings and exhibitions, as well as sanitary facilities, sophisticated construction and tradesmen work, and during the finishing stage also the restoration work, was carried out in compliance with the mentioned project or plan. The reorganization also included the purchase and installation of office equipment (furniture), computers, telecommunications and other equipment for the work of the three employees, and equipment of the multifunctional space or the space for meetings and exhibitions.

Since the IC, in addition to the informational function, also hopes for the interpretational one, which is reflected through the permanent exhibition of the collection of fossils of the classical Karst, also equipment for this purpose was supplied within the framework of the rearrangement. On the basis of the contract, which was signed with the owner of the fossils, Viktor Saksida, an expert from the Palaeontological Museum in Ljubljana made a selection of the most important fossils, an interpretational description, a diagram layout and the actual layout. The value of the thus rearranged IC was just over € 300,000.



The hall with the collection of fossils of the classical Karst collector, Viktor Saksida



The reception office of the Information Centre of Karst



The office of the Information centre of Karst, currently aimed at implementation of the KARST-CARSO project.



The room for meetings and exhibitions of the Information Centre of Karst



Wheelchair accessible entrance to the Information Centre of Karst