



# MUNICIPALITY OF BUZET

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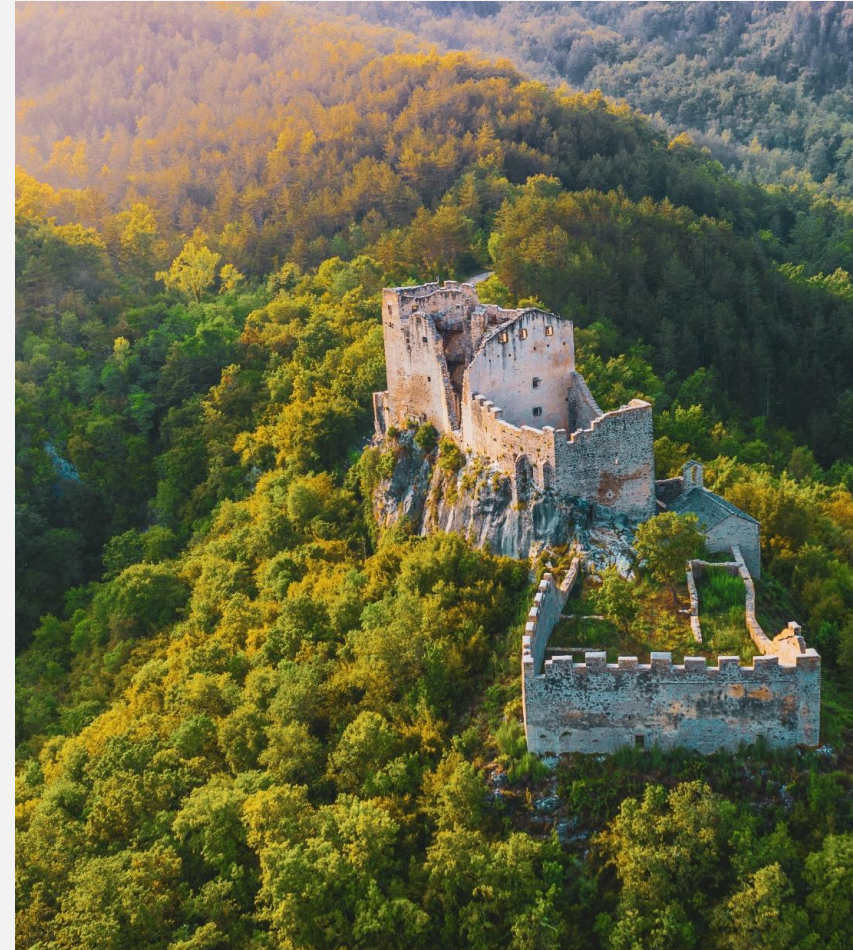
# MUNICIPALITY OF BUZET

- Located in the Istria region (Croatia)
- Population of 6000
- Old town – situated on a high hill overlooking the Mirna river valley
- Also known as the **City of truffles**



# ART AND CULTURE IN BUZET

- Small City with rich cultural heritage and numerous protected sites
- Old town Buzet - status of cultural monument (from 1962.)
- More than 5 mil. EUR investments in cultural heritage (last 10 years)
- Home of painters, frescoes painters, writers..



# WHEN SPACE BECOMES A PLACE

- SPACE → The terrace of the city library
- Last 10 years it looks shabby and neglected, although it was a meeting place in the past
- It is located in a frequented place next to a small city park
- Finally, we found its purpose in such a way that it becomes useful to all citizens
- PLAN: renovation of the terrace



# LOCAL ACTIVITIES IN BUZET

- PLACE → The terrace of the library has been renovated.
- The walls are decorated with the most famous characters from children's literature.
- PARTICIPANTS: local artists, children from primary and secondary schools, their art teachers, employees of the utility company and the kindergarten and Public open university
- Planning and works lasted more than a month



# WHY THIS CHOICE?

We were looking for an idea of how to involve different generations in an art project in a way that each of them can participate.

The **theme** of children's literature was chosen because of the library to which the terrace is connected.

**Stars:** have a double meaning

→ 27 stars represent the countries of the EU

→ In the summer, there will be a cinema under the stars on the terrace

**Characters** - we wanted characters that every person can recognize, regardless of age. Each of them was specially chosen because of their characteristics and the fact that their actions are a positive role model for the reader.



# EUROPEAN VALUES – LINK TO THE PROJECT

- The nature of our characters and the most important things we learned through stories are part of the fundamental principles of European values

**Pinocchio** - he taught us tolerance and equality and the fact that differences should be accepted (solidarity + equality).

**The Little Prince** - a timeless story about the importance and meaning of human life. It teaches us empathy and responsibility.

**Pippi Longstocking** - shows a child's playfulness and freedom that almost every child could wish for. Pippi is a symbol of freedom because she lives a life without any restrictions.

**Peter Pan** - A story about eternal childhood and freedom.



# EUROPEAN VALUES – LINK TO THE PROJECT

**Harry Potter** - he taught us that it's okay to be different. It helps to understand the concept of discrimination and diversity.

**Bambi** - A story about life, childhood, growing up and responsibility, finding oneself and changing generations. Every reader can recognize himself.

**Winnie the Pooh** - story collections taught many generations about the basic and most valuable things in life: friendship, love and dignity.

**Hlapić** - teaches us dignity and how to stand up for ourselves in the world and the life that is imposed on him.





# FUTURE

- We wanted to think about the future and create a platform for the facilities that we lack in a small town
- Through the project, we acquired a large projection screen and chairs for children and adults
- SUMMER - our terrace will be a cinema under the stars
- In the meantime this place it will be used for various outdoor events such as presentation of books, performances and concerts



# IMPACT

- Local activities in Buzet gathered a large number of people of all age groups, such as artists, painters, teachers, professors, children, cultural workers, etc.
- The impact of the project is bigger than we expected and we can already see how more and more people gather in the area in front of the city library
- Implementation of local activities turned **space** into a **wonderful place** for various events in which numerous Buzet organizations will participate, from kindergartens, schools, associations and cultural organizations, etc.
- The space **has become** a recognizable place that every resident of Buzet will be happy to stop by, look at the pictures, laugh and proudly recognize popular characters from children's literature.





# EVENT

- We presented the project to our youngest residents.
- We invited them for biscuits, read them a few stories to introduce the characters on the terrace. Of course, they already knew each of these characters.
- They returned to the kindergarten smiling to play with the balloons we gave them.
- On the floor of the terrace, they expressed their creativity and mood with chinks.



“And now here is my secret, a very simple secret:  
It is only with the heart that one can see rightly;  
what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, [The Little Prince](#)

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