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SOCIO ECONOMIC VALUE OF EU EEE FUNDING CASE: HOME FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN LJUBLJANA ŠIŠKA AS CENTRE OF GENERATOR OF SOCIAL LIFE

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ABSTRACT

EEE F funding is aimed toward improvement of energy efficiency of the building, however homes for elderly are not just voids for energy consumption optimisation and cost reduction. The paper presents the link how EU funding (EEE F) may not only raises economic value of the building but improve social values among inhabitants, visitors and nearby citizens, too. Those spaces are places for special group of people where adaptations to any changes are slow and quite stressful.

Construction of new thermal coating of the building was combined with some substantial changes in spatial organisation in the building. Changes were implemented towards raising social value of the building in the broader sense: home for elderly is not just closed territory but it is a vital part of community with public restaurant, cafeteria, library, museum and park with gym facilities for elderly.

To achieve the end result we went beyond “checklist attitude” and we examined the potential of construction combined with new approaches of service for elderly people. We turned the logic what was private and what may become public.

Home is not any more just a “detached” island for old people: it is generator of social life. The cafeteria is combined with museum and it is opened to all citizens. Weekly organised fair for clothing invites more and more visitors from nearby places. The result is not smart energy use and re-use, it is smart people empowerment.

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