

Magazia 1

..... new horizons for the ex-industrial territory

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The city of Burgas is located on the Southeastern coast of the Black sea and its history, present and future have been always closely connected to the sea. The seaside front – the beach mainly, is definitely the favourite place for all citizens and also to all of the tourists. The Sea garden combines all type of activities and during the summer period is very crowded and full of life and events. Though, in the last decades the city had lost its other logical connection with the sea – the Port. It has been an industrial territory, closed to public access. This has always been a pity because such territory would add unique atmosphere to the city, would connect the people more to the sea culture, would help the city to be more open to tourists, would add more seafront spaces to the Sea garden. Generally, would add value to the image of Burgas. The Port of Burgas was open in 1903. So, built in 1906, Magazia 1 is one of the oldest buildings on the territory of Port Bourgas. It is located in the northern part of the eastern breakwater of the port and was built for a warehouse for bulk goods. It is a two-ship building and its steel riveted “Eifel” type construction has great historical value. Before the reconstruction started, the building was in bad condition and the territory around it was a neglected workspace for loading bulk goods – a typical industrial landscape.

Due to many reasons, in the last few years the Port has been an object of urban reconsideration, as in many other European waterfront cities with industrial background. The process of opening parts of the Port to citizens already started. This process lies in the base of the project presented here – The reconstruction of Magazia 1 and its surrounding territory – a “new” waterfront space in the city of Burgas. The significance of restoring the building and especially its original construction has been recognized in the researches for opening this part of the Port to public access. In 2015 State Enterprise Port Infrastructure invests in the modernization and reconstruction of the building. The project aims to create a modern public building with a new function, maintaining the volume and the shape of the old warehouse and preserving and exposing the authentic steel structure. One of the most important tasks of the projects is the parallel modernization and refurbishing of the space around the building aiming a contemporary waterfront public space for all citizens and tourists of Burgas.

