

The Chapel of The lord of Steps, in Vila do Conde, showed a clear deterioration state of the facades, roof, surrounding areas and the chapel access. The accumulation of small changes that disqualified the original building has altogether changed its original architecture.

The rehabilitation work was held only on the facades, on the roof, and on the surrounding public space. In a second phase we intend to restore the inside of the chapel in order to recover its original design.

On the main facade the existing tile was removed due to its poor conservation state, and also because it's an alteration to the original construction. On the other façades all the plaster was removed, then we performed a new plaster and painted uniformly the four outer walls.

The existing stone on the facade and wall was cleaned and the mortar was rectified.

All the iron and wood elements were cleaned and painted in its original color and the stained glass main facade windows were replaced.

The roof was rebuilt in its original design and all tiles and flashings have been replaced.

On the outside, the new paving design provides an improvement of the existing accesses, marking the entry and creating spots of light to illuminate the facade. The stone wall was maintained and restored. Over the existing pavement was applied a new granite floor cube of the region, topped with a guide in granite throughout its perimeter. Facing the street a granite stone was also placed as a step.

