

The Pyramid-Tree

human and nature in proportion

The Pyramid on Bič marks the entrance to the Trebnje Commune and is without doubt situated in the central Slovenian territory. The Dolenjska Region and this place are most certainly of great importance for the Slovenian people as a whole, considering that both Levstik and Jurčič as well as other writers formed the foundation of their language by drawing from the Dolenjska Region dialects.

The Pyramid marks this place and also draws people's attention, making you slow down the fast pace of life, reflect on man's yearning, on the meaning and opportunities which life has to offer. The pear, or the fruit tree, is a symbol of life and has accompanied humankind ever since the times of Adam and Eve.

You might wonder why the Trebnje Commune would take part in such a project. The answer however is simple. It increases the recognizability of the commune and an encouragement to cultural work and installations on the site because this will be a place of year-round activities. This is also a step of the Trebnje Commune towards faster development and a logistical centre in the Bič Village which will probably be named after this pyramid.

For the doubting Thomases among you, let me point out that the Eiffel Tower in Paris was also put up for a single world exhibition, to be removed afterwards. Although meant to be a temporary structure, it has of course never been torn down, and in our minds Paris is inseparably connected with the Eiffel Tower – it increased the city's recognizability in many ways.

Naturally, it is not my intention to compare the two objects, but I believe this pyramid will draw attention of the European public as well.

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