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Our shopping centres have become a model of degraded public space, and a symbol of the new consumerism. In Novo Mesto, architects Koželj in Jaki tried to find a contemporary answer to these problems. They faced the difficult task of designing a low-cost building which would still make a strong impression. The building has a beautiful location in the greenery of the banks of the Krka River, rather than in an industrial zone in the suburbs, as it is normally the case. It is also close to the old city centre, which means it can be reached on foot. The architects managed to persuade both the investor and the authorities to let them design an elegant wooden footbridge. The building is partly embedded in the ground, while above the upper platform three volumes indicate their contents with different colours: the red volume is for cinemas, the yellow one for the store and the blue one for offices. These colours, as markers of contents, are consistently used in the interior and represent the basis for the architectural design. The materials used are simple, low-cost and prefabricated, bound into a whole by the three colours.

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BAUHERRSCHAFT Engrotuš d.o.o.

TRAGWERKSPLANUNG Elea iC d.o.o.

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Portoval

DATENBLATT Architektur: Janez Koželj, Jože Jaki Mitarbeit Architektur: Veronika Š?etinin, Jože Marinko, Alenka Korenjak Bauherrschaft: Engrotuš d.o.o. Tragwerksplanung: Elea iC d.o.o. Fotografie: Miran Kambi?

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