

Name 1	MINERS' BLOCKS OF FLATS ON PARTIZANSKA ULICA
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ID number	002.102.Idrija
Manager / Administrator	Komunala d.o.o., Carl Jakoba 4, SI-5280 Idrija
Ownership	Public
Owner	Municipality of Idrija, Mestni trg 1, SI-5280 Idrija.
Local / Original ID Number	EŠD 13811
Type of Object	Mine, Daily life

DESCRIPTION

Short description	The miners' blocks of flats were built in an area of Idrija town called Cegovnica. A complex of three apartment blocks is located in this part. It has 23 two-room apartments and one business premises. In addition to that, there is another block with 8 apartments (6 of them have two rooms, one three rooms and one four rooms) nearby. All blocks have basements and one floor. They have a rectangular floor plan and a double-eaved roof. Three dormers are preserved on the complex of three blocks. The only decor are simple wall wreaths, which divide the floors and window frames, all made within the plaster. The original dimensions and the roof inclines were preserved. The distribution of facade openings is only partially modified.
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Measures	Partizanska ulica no. 7 and 9 – area 274 m2, height 10.8 m. Apartment size: 49.9–77.2 m2; Partizanska ulica no. 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 – area 668 m2, height 13.6 m. Apartment size: 40.7 – 54.3 m2.
Materials	Stone, brick, concrete, floor foundation, wood.
Dating	1890; 1904; 1906
Author / Producer	Idrija Mercury Mine

**Picture
attachments**

Original use

The blocks of flats are an example of preserved worker's apartments, which were built by the Idrija Mercury Mine in the years 1872–1933, in order to improve the living standard of the miners. The complex of three blocks was built in such a way that the building with 12 apartments was built first in 1890. Then, after a decade, two buildings were built as its extension, namely with 4 and 8 apartments. Nearby, on the left side of the complex of blocks, another block with 8 apartments was built. The miners' blocks in this part of the town of Idrija were some of the rare ones which were not built into the hill. Each apartment had three spaces: a kitchen, a small room, a large room and a common lobby. Two kitchens were back to back because of the common chimney, which means that they were placed in the middle of the building. The water was brought in the apartments from the drinking fountain ("štirna"). Behind the block, there were wooden woodsheds. They were used for storing firewood or breeding domestic animals. Two families shared a toilet.

Present use

The miners' blocks is being preserved, secured and presented as an important monument of Idrija mining heritage with exceptional universal values. In this part of Idrija, in total 31 apartments of different dimensions and one business premises were maintained. The staircase is still a part of the common area, which connects the apartments. In the context of the mining activity, the building is an important witness of the life of the mining families throughout the history of the Mine and of the development of the residential culture of the working class. The blocks of flats represent a living monument to generations of Idrija miners, who co-shaped the mercury culture throughout the centuries, and today the heritage of all humanity.

Original location

2357 Idrija - town, building no. 1709, 1714.

Present location	No changes.
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STATE OF CONSERVATION

History of conservation:	The roofing (between 2003 and 2005) and most of the windows were replaced on the building. Some procedures were performed on the buildings' facades. The installations were replaced inside some of the apartments.
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Present state	good
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Necessary activities:	Performing regular maintenance services in accordance with the guidelines of the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia, including the status control and preservation, security and presentation of the heritage.
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DOCUMENTATION

Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:	- The Cultural Heritage Register of the Republic of Slovenia.
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