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Vertigo Bird 2020: Preservation of the Tallest Chimney in Europe

In 1976, Power Central Trbovlje constructed its 365m tall chimney, the tallest one in Europe and the tallest building in Slovenia. It was constructed to bring the fumes out of the very narrow and closed valley of the Sava River near Trbovlje. We could say the chimney was an ecological investment, as it helped the local environment recover from pollution caused by burning coal. The end of mining in the Zasavje region after 1990 had its effect, as the power plant was closed in 2015. What was left behind is the tradition dating back almost 100 years and the tallest chimney in Europe that still attracts a lot of attention. With the cooperation of State Electricity Holding (HSE), DDT, museum workers and artists, it is now possible to experience the former power central as a heritage site, with a VR experience making it possible for every visitor to see what the panorama from the top of the chimney looks like.

Graduated in history with a master of Science degree in early modern history-currently director of Zasavje Regional museum in Trbovlje. Previously I worked as a program associate in Delavski dom Cultural Centre in Trbovlje (DDT) for 10 years, where I was part of the team that developed the setup of 'Virtual Museum of Mining – 4th Drihl.' I was part of an expert team in the EU-funded project Virtual Multimodal Museum (ViMM) and served as a representative of DDT in the consortium Time Machine Europe. Through my work, I connect experience from the fields of heritage, new media art and museology.

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