

## Opening of the design for the square by transparadiso

Saturday, July 15, 2016, 4 pm

Pottenhofen / Lower Austria

transparadiso's project „**Request for the unrequested voluntary interlinguisticity**“ defines the space between the fire department and the municipal center in Pottenhofen, which are separated by the state road, as square. Pottenhofen is a village of 270 inhabitants and one of five municipalities of Wildendürnbach (1.700 inhabitants) at the Czech border. Therefore the project focusses on enhancing the cross-border neighborship.



Previous to the design of the square a collective event took place in May 2016: a bilingual Scrabble game. The word creations served as basis for a text piece by transparadiso which will be installed on a rotatable disk as major element of a seating-table-sculpture which defines the square. This disk is a signifier for the cross-border neighborship and in its horizontal position serves as roof providing shadow. The sculpture creates a space for inhabitation, which is complimented by planting a tree and installing a lamp typical for the region and the neighboring Czech villages Nový Přerov und Březí. In order to link the two parts of the square a speed reduction of 30 km/h could be obtained in cooperation with the government of Lower Austria.

**transparadiso** was founded in 1999 by Paul Rajakovics (architect and urbanist) and Barbara Holub (artist) as expanded urbanistic practice. They work on projects in a transdisciplinary practice and in various collaborations which situate architecture and urbanism in a larger societal context and involve artistic practices in urban development – a practice for which transparadiso coined the term “direct urbanism”. 2007 transparadiso received the Otto-Wagner-Prize for urban design.

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