



The space is distributed over two floors. An open plan ground floor, which houses a small bar or multipurpose stall or txosna, for daily or occasional uses, linked to the activities that take place in the public space, and a small upper mezzanine, accessible from the external stairs. Once the town hall building refurbishment project is carried out, the mezzanine floor will provide the plenary hall with a direct access and evacuation exit. This mezzanine complements and enriches the covered space, making it more versatile as it can be used in multiple ways, such as a pulpit, a stage, etc. The proposal favors the maximum permeability of the covered public space so that a large number of structural ribs disappear on the ground floor to

configure two large entrances, one from the main square and the other from the west façade, following the usual routes on the square. A small window allows access from the south alley, although this does not take place at the same height. The arrangement of the pillars gives the space a wide visual permeability, and a public lighting installation using linear LEDs generates a suggestive and balanced lighting that can also be regulated and is highly energy efficient. From outside, the aterpe acts as a lantern, illuminating the square with a diffuse and subtle light.

As for the image of the building, it offers a contemporary one that it is at the same time respectful of



the local architectural tradition both in its shape and volume, in accordance with the previously existing building, as well as in its construction and finishing materials. The chosen materials, wood and stone, and a treated, stone-looking concrete, contribute to the correct integration into their surroundings.

In addition, the intervention to replace the previously existing building with one that is clearly distinct from the main building, and the restoration of the dividing wall as a new façade, helps to enhance the compositional value of the complex, adding value to the town hall building, thus integrating the new building, despite its contemporary

appearance, in a much more harmonious and silent way in the town square of Larrabetzu.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Location: Askatasuna Plaza, Larrabetzu (Bizkaia)
Architects in charge: Beñat Saratxaga / Gentzane Goikuria
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Quantity surveyor: Juan Luis Urresti
Client: Larrabetzuko Udala (Larrabetzu's Town Council)
Contractor: Zamakoa S.A.
Area: 125 m²
Cost: 330.000 € (230.000 € PEM)
Completion Year: 01/2021
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