



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
COURT OF AUDIT

AUDIT REPORT

A new court building in Ljubljana

Performance audit

Audit period: 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2020



A new court building in Ljubljana has been **for 15 years one of the unrealised projects of the State**



Judiciary is one of three
branches of power that protect
legal order of the State.

Construction of the building
would solve workspace shortage
of first instance judicial authorities

operating on **19** different locations in Ljubljana.



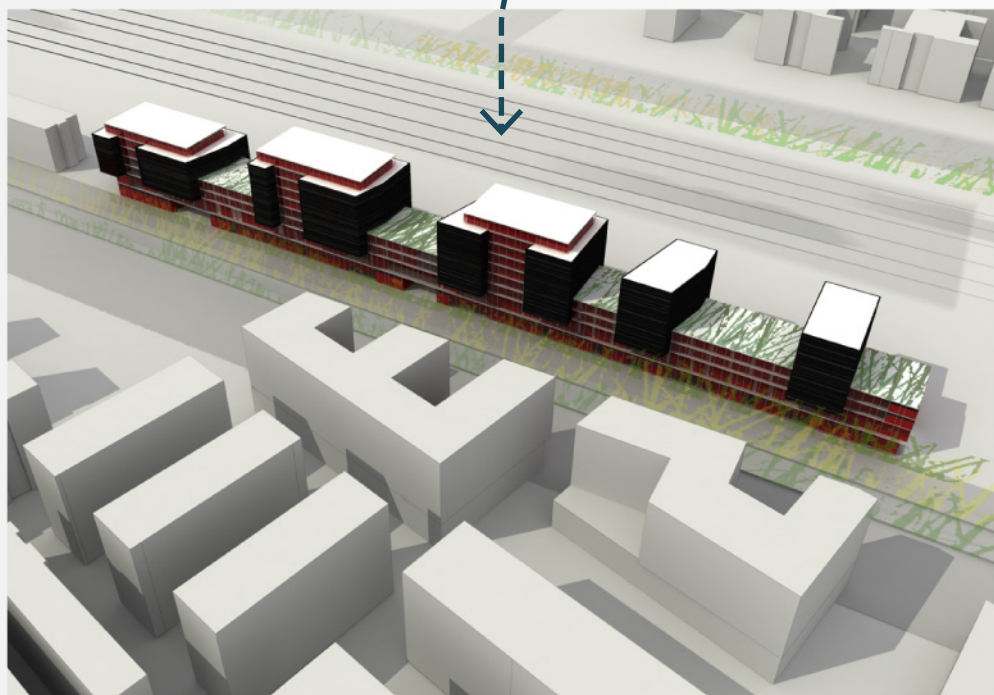
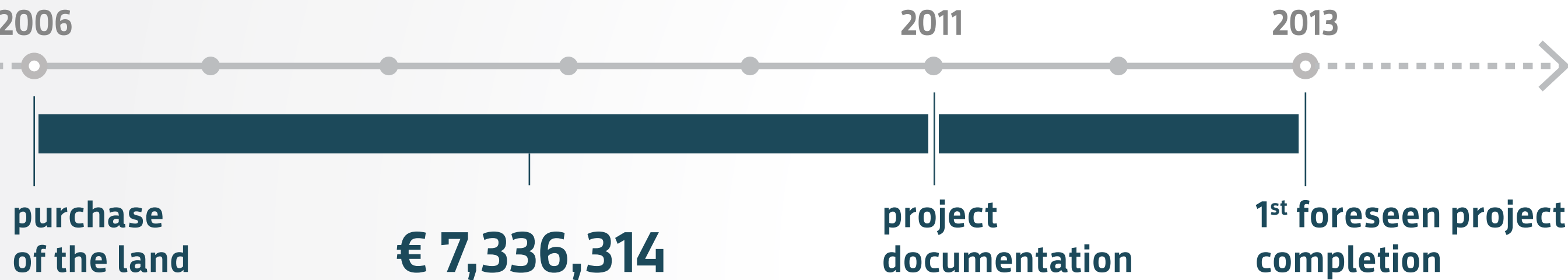
Business premises
of local court, district court
and labour and social court
are mostly rented.

Supreme court and higher court
Tavčarjeva ulica 9



Project of a new court building in Ljubljana in the planning phase – MASARYKOVA

Assessed value of the investment in 2006
€ 75,000,000



Model of a new court building
Masarykova



Masarykova 2021
parking space



Rejected application for the building permit.



Project of a new court building in Ljubljana **stopped**.

The investment **variant** of the construction on Masarykova **assessed as the least advantageous**.

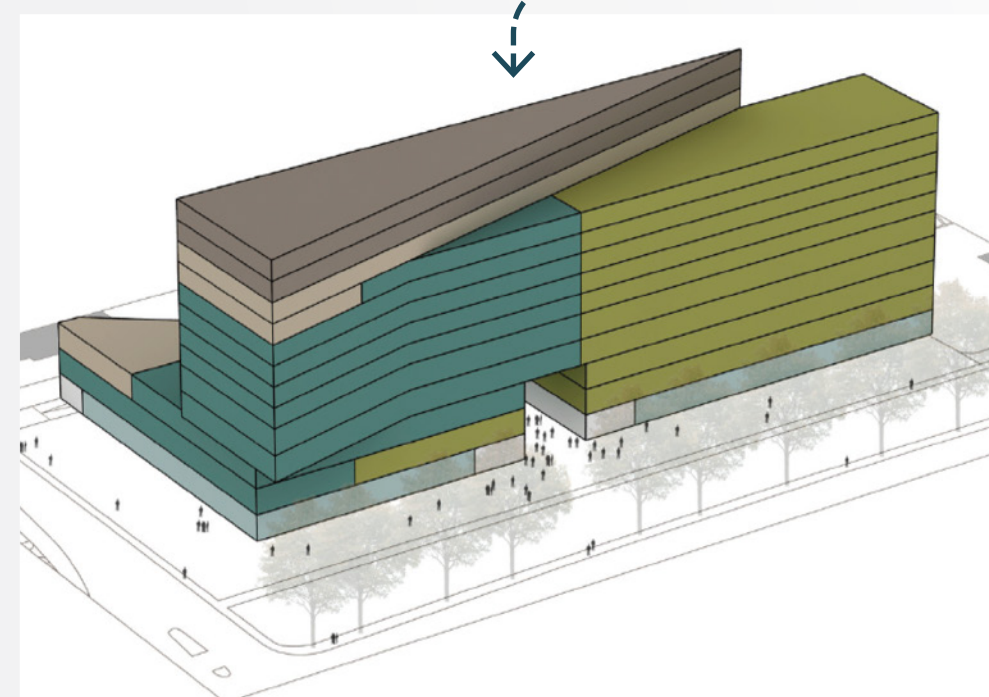
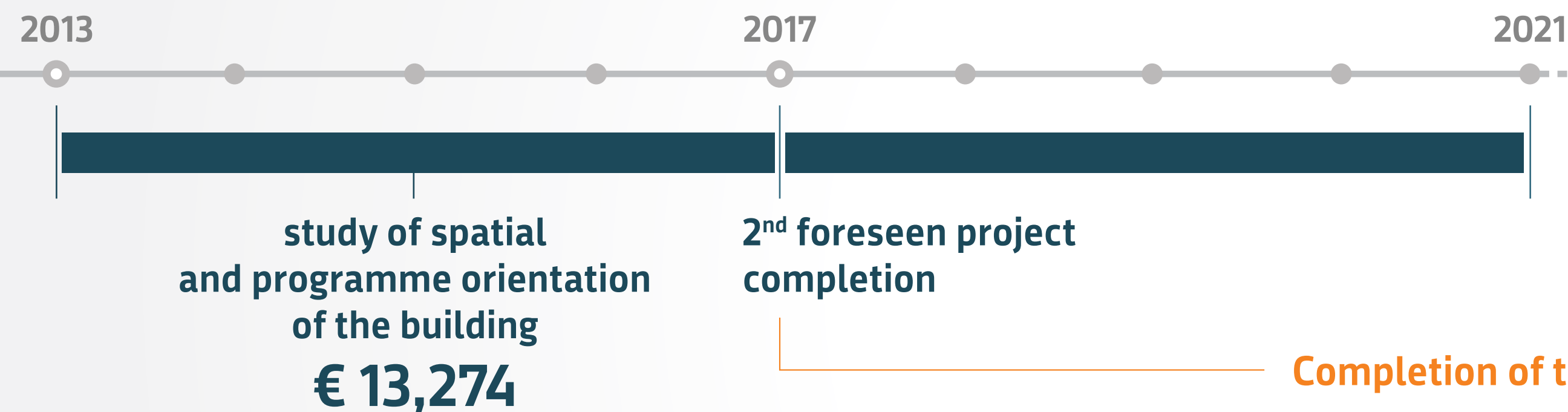


The project Masarykova has been **stopped after 7 years**, even though **more than € 7 million** were **spent** for it. According to plans, **it should already be completed**.

Project of a new court building in Ljubljana still in the planning phase – BEŽIGRAJSKI DVOR

Assessed value of the investment in 2019

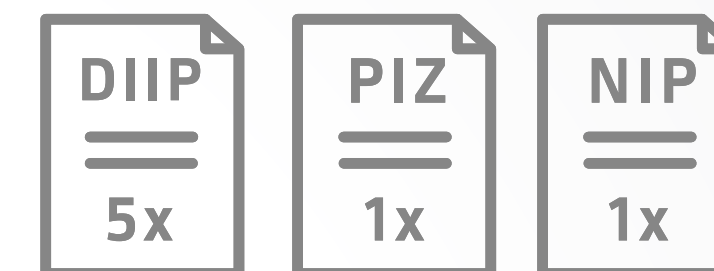
€ 95,081,460 ↗



Spatial plan of the new court building Bežigrajski dvor



Bežigrajski dvor 2021
construction pit



The Ministry of Justice has since 2006 approved the investment documentation several times, **nevertheless it is not the appropriate basis** for the investment realisation.

2027

3rd foreseen project completion

Completion of the project postponed again !



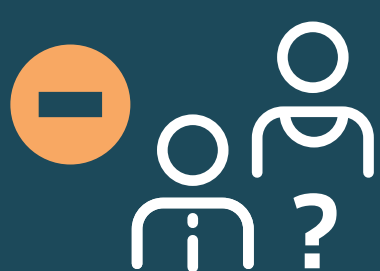
The project Bežigrajski dvor **still in the phase of planning. The investment programme** representing the professional basis for the decision on the investment realisation **not approved.**



The Ministry during the entire duration of the project **failed to provide financial funds in the State budget** to implement the project and also **failed to provide EU funds**.



The expressed **spatial needs of the judicial authorities are larger than planned facilities** of the new court building BEŽIGRASKI DVOR.

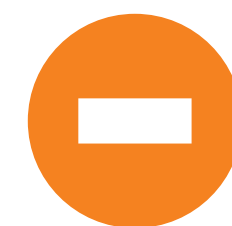


The Ministry only in 2019 collected all staff data from the judicial authorities that shall be accommodated in the new building.

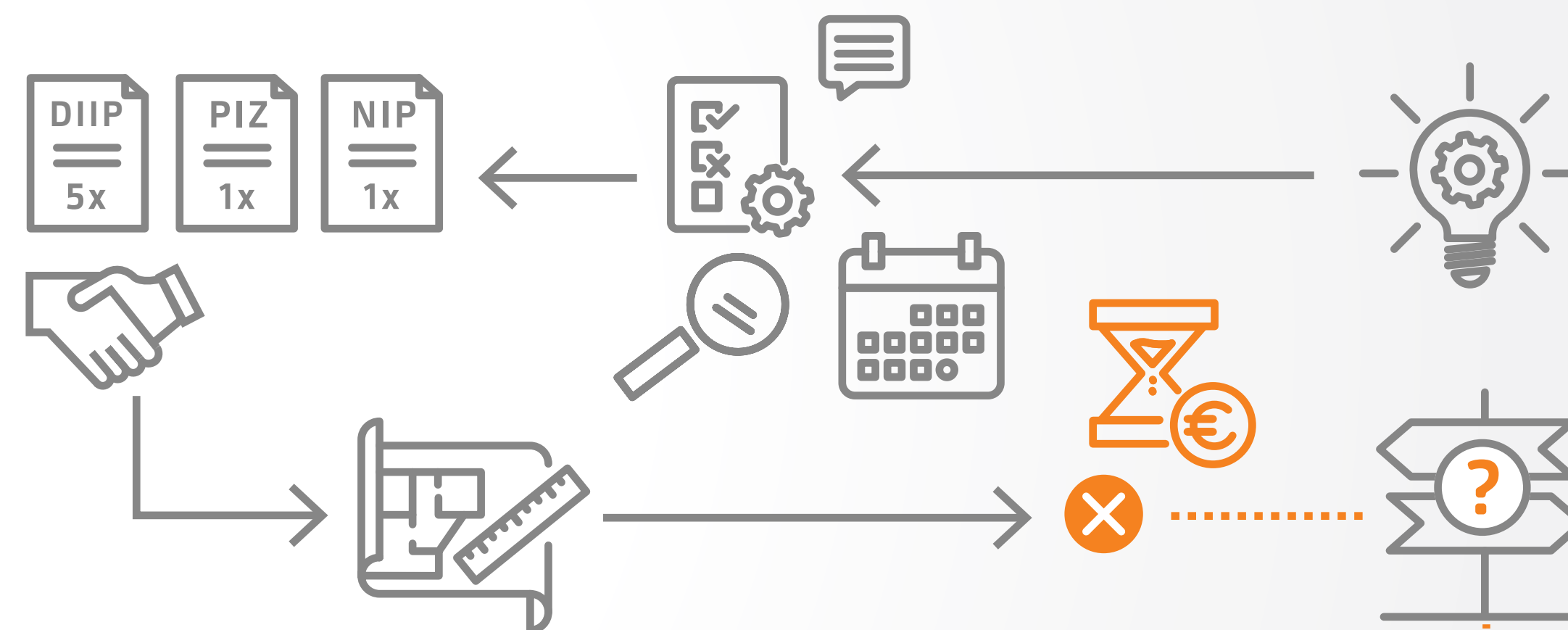


When designing spatial needs the Ministry **failed to consider specifics related to the** judicial authorities' **nature of work**.

OPINION OF THE COURT OF AUDIT



Operations of the **Ministry of Justice** in implementing the project of the new court building in Ljubljana were **inefficient**.



CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The Court of Audit demanded from the Ministry of Justice to implement the corrective measure, which **shall move the project forward towards its implementation after several-year-long planning**.

