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**The historic steel bridge in Stany. Heritage preservation. Changing the function.**

Stany is a small village located near the town Nowa Sól in the lubuskie voivodeship. Within a few hundred meters from buildings, there is one of the most interesting landmarks of lubuskie voivodeship – dating from the early twentieth century railway bridge. The steel railway bridge in Stany is a historical monument of exceptional character not only in the region of lubuskie, but also the entire country. It is a riveted, steel truss structure with parallel strips. The design was made as part of the now-defunct railway line Nowa Sól-Wolsztyn in 1905 by the pre-war Zielona Góra leader on the market of metal structures - the company *Fabrik und für Brückenbau Eisenkonstruktionen BEUCHELT & Co.. Grünberg in Schlesien* (today ZASTAL). The bridge consists of fourteen spans with a total length of 642 m. The longest river span has a range of 100.01 m. The length of a river span qualifies the bridge in Stany in the national top and gives it the second place in Poland and the first in the area of lubuskie voivodeship. Present configuration of the bridge unfortunately contains a lot of changes, which is caused by the fact that this object was blown up on February 3 1945, during the evacuation of the German army at the end of II. world war and then rebuilt in 1955. It was in continuous operation until 1995. From that moment object is out of use and its technical condition is getting worse every year. Bridge is unique in the country and Europe, what encourage to carefully describe and investigate its structure. There are plans to repair its construction in following year. The bridge will be not used accordingly to its previous function, but it will be adapted for the bicycle path.