

Wadden Sea Board

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Agenda Item: 4.1
Subject: Announcement of architectural competition for PC
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Proposal: The meeting is requested to take note of the paper.

**NICHTOFFENER HOCHBAULICHER REALISIERUNGSWETTBEWERB
MIT STÄDTEBAULICHEM IDEENTEIL**

non-open architectural realisation competition with an urban design part
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Neubau des TWWP**Trilaterales Weltnaturerbe Wattenmeer Partnerschaftszentrum****Construction of the TWWP****Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Centre****Auslobung // Competition brief****AWARDING AUTHORITY**

Awarding authority is the City of Wilhelmshaven
Grundstücke und Gebäude der Stadt Wilhelmshaven (GGS) Rathausplatz 9
26382 Wilhelmshaven
Germany

Sponsored by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation,
Building and Nuclear Safety in the framework of the Nationale Projekte des
Städtebaus (national urban design projects) Programme.

English Excerpts from the competition brief:**BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES**

Subject of the competition is the realisation of the Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Centre (TWWP), comprising administration offices, visitors areas and conference rooms with a gross floor area of approx. 2900 m², and the urban design and integration of the surrounding open space. The three Wadden Sea countries, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands, intend to establish the TWWP in Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Its organisational center is to be the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat (CWSS), which is already located in Wilhelmshaven. The TWWP will promote active networking of the international Wadden Sea Cooperation with strategic partners beyond the national level with a view to assuming their common global responsibility for the Wadden Sea World Heritage. Moreover, it is planned to establish a trilateral Wadden Sea foundation. The TWWP shall incorporate the CWSS and an additional network partnership element which is yet to be defined. The TWWP is to be colocated in the same building with a future trilateral Wadden Sea foundation and the Lower Saxon Wadden Sea National Park Administration. The TWWP is a cornerstone of Wilhelmshaven's further urban development as part of the lead project "vitale Südseite" (vital Southside). It will be constructed on a conversion area previously used by the military within the "Jadeallee" urban redevelopment area. The project is sponsored by the

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety in the framework of the "Nationale Projekte des Städtebaus" (national urban development projects) programme. National urban development projects are major urban development projects that have national and international impacts and provide significant impetus to the respective community or city the region and German urban development policy as a whole. They are characterized by high quality standards regarding urban development, building culture aspects and participation processes. They are aimed at achieving the building policy objectives of the Federal Government and show potential for innovation. This EU-wide competition combines architectural realisation and urban development. Its main aims are to construct and integrate the TWWP in the BanterSeePark and also to develop a generous open space accessible to the public around Banter See. The overall construction costs for the TWWP may not exceed 6.09 million gross (according to DIN 276; cost groups 300, 400 500).

TYPE OF COMPETITION

The competition will be a restricted competition complying with the Richtlinien für Planungswettbewerbe (directives for design competitions/ RPW 2013). It will involve a preliminary application procedure in order to select 12 participants along with with 3 applicants already named and invited.

Expressions of Interest shall be submitted until 12/07/2017.

It is compulsory for architects and landscape architects to form working groups unless they already work together in one office. This competition will be carried out in German. By participating in the competition, all individuals agree to the conditions of participation stipulated and agree that their personal data, including their email address, will be stored at the office organizing the competition for the duration and purpose of that competition.

OVERALL PRIZE MONEY

The overall prize money amounts to Euro 50.000 excluding VAT.

The prize money will be distributed as follows:

Prize Euro 20 000

Prize Euro 12 000

Prize Euro 8 000

Acknowledgements Euro 10 000

The jury reserves the right to change this allocation by unanimous decision.

SCHEDULE

Receipt of the competition brief 16/08/2017

Submission of queries before 28/08/2017

Colloquium at JadeInnovationCenter 05/09/2017

Reply to queries before 12/09/2017

Submission of competition entries 22/11/2017

Jury meeting 07/02/2018

Press conference & award ceremony 22/03/2018

Exhibition 22/03 to 22/04/2018

Negotiation procedure 09/02 to 05/04/2018

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE UNESCO WADDEN SEA WORLD HERITAGE

The national park administrations of the Federal States of Hamburg, Lower Saxony, and Schleswig Holstein cooperate at the national level to protect the Wadden Sea. The Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation (TWSC), comprising Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands, works at the international level to conserve the Wadden Sea World Heritage. CWSS is the coordinating hub of the TWSC. However, the transboundary cooperation does not focus on the Wadden Sea countries alone and contacts already exist with other European World Heritage sites as well as other sites throughout the world through the UNESCO World Heritage Marine Programme. The Common Wadden Sea Secretariat has concluded memoranda of understanding with Mauritania and South Korea and is working towards establishing a closer partnership with Guinea Bissau. The international cooperation under the umbrella of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention encompasses global networks that protect and manage marine World Heritage sites and protect the East Atlantic flyway, which extends from Siberia to South Africa. Also, cooperation regarding the promotion of sustainable tourism in World Heritage sites is developing on a global scale. Moreover, CWSS is the secretariat of the Wadden Sea Seals Agreement (WSSA) which was concluded under the umbrella of the UNEP Convention on Migratory Species (CMS, also known as the Bonn Convention). The future Trilateral World Heritage Wadden Sea Partnership Center is intended to be the seat of the Common Wadden Sea Secretariat, a network partnership element which is yet to be defined, a future trilateral Wadden Sea Foundation and the co-located Lower Saxon Wadden Sea National Park Administration. The Trilateral World Heritage Wadden Sea Partnership Center is aimed at enhancing the representation of international interests within the scope of the international Wadden Sea cooperation. This will be achieved by linking user interests and protection interests with a view to assuming the common and global responsibility for the World Heritage is, also for future generations.

It should foster networking between environmental NGOs associations, the private sector, tourism, environmental education institutions and research. The TWWP should serve as a physical point of identification with an international impact, representing the World Heritage through a coherent combination of architectural realisation and open space design. This should be emphasised by affording a direct view towards the Wadden Sea.

THE TRILATERAL WADDEN SEA WORLD HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP CENTER AS A "LIGHTHOUSE" IN THE LEAD PROJECT "VITALE SÜDSEITE" OF THE CITY OF WILHELMSHAVEN

The Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center is intended to be a cornerstone of Wilhelmshaven's further urban development within the framework of the lead project "Vitale Südseite". The urban development approach for the Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center derives from the urban development concept for the "Jadeallee" urban redevelopment area, which aims to . It controls establish the "Jadeallee" as an axis between the between the city Center and the Wadden Sea. In the course of a two-year dialogue procedure, it was included as a future task of particular importance in the lead project "Vitale Südseite" of the overall urban development plan STEPplus (www.wilhelmshaven.de/stepplus).

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE CULTURAL APPROACH: DIALOGUE BETWEEN HISTORY AND FUTURE

The architectural heritage aspect is based on Wilhelmshaven's city history. The city was originally founded in the 19th century when a naval port for the Prussian and German navy was built. The highs and lows of its history are closely linked to the two world wars during the last century. During the National Socialist era, numerous military buildings were constructed, including a submarine base in the area currently comprising the "BanterSee- Park". The high-rise bunker on the Jadeallee is the last remaining reminder of this era. Building the Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center on this site aims to emphasise the chronology of events and create a dialogue between past, present and future. The Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center is intended to symbolise the tasks of the future: protection of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, sustainability and peaceful global orientation. The future use of the bunker will be part of this process. The competition consists of an urban development component as well as an architectural realisation component.

COMPETITION SITE

The Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center is to be constructed in a conversion area, as part of the "Jadeallee" urban redevelopment area, which was previously used by the military. This conversion area (BanterSeePark) near the inner harbour (Banter See) is located between the Wilhelminian style city Center and the touristic south side by the Wadden Sea. It is planned to develop this area to enable high-quality subsequent usage (public amenities, public parking areas, commercial properties and research institutes). The area for the urban development component comprises approximately 99 000 m² and the architectural realisation component approximately 20 000 m². The Trilateral Wadden Sea World Heritage Partnership Center should be spatially and thematically

integrated in the Banter- SeePark in the Jadeallee. It should include a generously designed open space available to the general public at Banter See.