

Press Release

Ground-breaking ceremony for new educational campus: modern learning environment for 1,600 children in Vienna

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- Campus for kindergarten, primary school, middle school and special education classes in Brigittenau district
- Scheduled opening for 2028/2029 school year
- Delivery as public-private partnership (PPP) project

The first project in the new Nordwestbahnhof development is taking shape: a modern educational campus in Rebhanngasse that will create space for 1,600 children. The new build is being delivered as a public-private partnership (PPP), encompassing design, construction and long-term building operation as well as financing by HYPO NOE, STRABAG Real Estate and CAVERION. The consortium emerged as the preferred bidder in the City of Vienna's procurement process.

Numerous representatives from the City of Vienna and the project partners gathered at Rebhanngasse 14 for the ground-breaking ceremony, expressing their excitement about the expansion of the city's educational offerings at a time of heightened cost sensitivity.

"The chosen PPP contract model demonstrates that essential infrastructure projects can still be delivered even in economically challenging times," says Johannes Mayr, Managing Director of STRABAG Real Estate Austria. "At the same time, the contractual linking of construction and operation ensures that the building's life-cycle costs are identified transparently from an early stage. We are pleased to be contributing our expertise as STRABAG Real Estate to help bring the Nordwestbahnhof Educational Campus to successful completion."

As with previous projects successfully delivered by the participating companies, STRABAG has been entrusted with the construction works. "Projects such as the Innerfavoriten Educational Campus and the Educational Campus Heidemarie Lex-Nalis have already demonstrated the strength of PPP models: when design, construction and operation are approached in an integrated manner and delivered through partnership, highly complex educational facilities can be completed on schedule and to the highest quality standards," says Markus Engerth, Member of the Management Board of STRABAG AG Austria. "We are now bringing this experience to the Nordwestbahnhof PPP project as well."

Flagship sustainability project

Sustainability once again plays a central role. Key circular economy principles – including the separability of installed materials and the creation of a "material passport" – are at the forefront of the project. "With the Nordwestbahnhof Educational Campus, we are working together with the City of Vienna to create a forward-looking place for learning and development for future generations," says Walter Bäuml, authorised signatory

of STRABAG AG. “The timber-hybrid structure combines modern architecture with sustainability and underlines our commitment to shaping education and responsibility with a focus on the future.”

Strong project financing

Securing the necessary funding is more important than ever for projects of this scale. As with the educational campuses Innerfavoriten and Heidemarie Lex-Nalis, HYPO NOE is responsible for the financing. “Financing projects that generate social value lies at the heart of what we do,” explained Martin Kweta, Head of the Public Sector at HYPO NOE, at the ground-breaking ceremony. “This new educational campus more than fulfils that purpose, providing over a thousand school-age students with a place to learn, grow and build friendships. I am therefore particularly pleased that we have once again been able to contribute our expertise and experience in the field of public-private partnership projects.”

Reliable operation

From the 2028/2029 school year onwards, a kindergarten with 12 groups, a primary and middle school with 33 classes, eight special education classes, as well as a music school, sports halls, creative studios, therapy rooms and kitchen facilities will serve as the educational hub for around 1,600 children. Once the campus becomes operational, CAVERION will assume responsibility for building management under a 25-year contract, overseeing day-to-day operations, maintenance and upkeep of the building and all technical building systems.

“The Nordwestbahnhof Educational Campus is a long-term PPP project in which we are contributing our comprehensive technical expertise,” says Manfred Simmet, Managing Director of Caverion Austria. “Caverion is responsible both for the installation of the building services and building management systems, including measurement and control technology, and for technical operations management and facility management throughout the entire life cycle. This enables us to ensure smooth operation while laying the foundation during construction for the continuous optimisation of energy consumption.”



Photo caption: Ground-breaking ceremony for new educational campus © RealAgency



Caption (left): District chairwoman Christine Dubravac-Widholm, Johannes Mayr (Managing director STRABAG Real Estate), Deputy Mayor Bettina Emmerling, Peter Panis (Head of Facility Management Caverion), Silvia Angelo (Board Member ÖBB), Martin Kweta (Head of the Public Sector Hypo NÖ) © RealAgency
Caption (right): Rendering of the campus building at Nordwestbahnhof © Arge Klammer Zeleny / Kronaus Mitterer Architekten

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