

WORKING AND LIVING ON THE WATER IN KIEL

- CREATING FUTURE-ORIENTED INFRASTRUCTURE

The state capital of Kiel is pursuing the reutilisation of an industrial wasteland - former docklands - as a contribution to creating a future-oriented infrastructure.

On a site of about 25 hectares at the most southern tip of the Kieler Fiord - an area which is called the Hörn, some 2500 jobs are being created, 400 flats and a new ferry terminal for dual-purpose giant ferries dealing with passenger and freight transport are being built. Under the title „Working and Living on the Water” this ambitious task for both living and future generations will be presented as a decentralised model project for EXPO 2000.

Secured Sponsorships

The Hörn project is sponsored by various official programmes, e.g. by community traffic funds of the federal state of Schleswig-Holstein. The development measures promoted by the European Union within the frame of the operational programme according to „Goal 2/EFRE” commenced at the start of 1995 and are scheduled to be finished by the middle of 1998.

The City of Kiel assumes that public start investments of some 130-150 million Marks will trigger off private investments of 600-700 million Marks.

Several results are emerging

Some elements of the concept have already come into existence. The new ferry terminal (Norwegian Quay) was completed in August 1997. Across the new Hörn bridge the city centre, the main bus and railway stations can be reached within five to ten minutes on foot. The bridge for pedestrians and cyclists is an environmentally-friendly solution for connecting Kiel City (West Bank) both with the new quarter and with Kiel-Gaarden (East Bank). This construction is a true technical innovation. The steel superstructure will be folded on one side into three segments during the opening process, moved by a sophisticated, computer-guided drive.

Residential improvements

A new harbour basin developed according to model ecological criteria has

been devised recently. Visiting sailors coming directly to the town centre for short visits may make use of this. Within the overall concept and with the new pedestrian bridge, a public pathway system extending all over the Hörn is being created. The promenade for the new residential and service quarter was constructed and designed according to optimal building and environmentally acceptable solutions. This aspect is scheduled to be completed by the middle of 1998. The completion of the first high-rise complexes on the new harbour basin is targeted for 1999-2000.

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