

## Best Practice from Linz, Austria

### Description

The Port of Linz is the largest inland port on the upper Danube River and an important international and regional economic center. In recent years the Linz waterfront was redeveloped into a place where industry, art and culture meet. In the future, the east of Linz will be a busy part of the city and the port of Linz will be a meeting place for cultural, public, commercial and industrial activities following 2016. The urban upgrading measure will serve as an attractive gathering place, a central solution for stationary traffic, a logistics center, and an improvement for flood protection. The master plan consists of three parts. On the one hand, existing buildings will be refurbished or replaced with new ones. On the other hand, the plan includes a new transport and logistics concept that will improve the connectivity of the public transport system.

The most interesting part for the public will be the new culture axis (Kulturachse) that will extend from Linzer Posthof to the Danube, made possible by several new buildings. On the roofs of the new-established companies within the planned commercial zone - at a height of about twelve meters - a 12,000 m<sup>2</sup> moving cultural platform will be installed. "There are many projects from urban gardening to outdoor theatres that can take place," says Linz AG spokesman Norbert Breitschopf. The cultural axis will finish with a direct access to the Danube.

The master plan contains several key aspects:

- In a fruitful interplay with the existing port area, the immediate vicinity of the commercial port of Linz develops into an attractive urban space with the relevant public and operational infrastructure.
- The port becomes a meeting point for culture, public life, business and industry – all the different features of the area are balanced to achieve equality for all.
- The Industriezeile becomes more attractive from an urban development point of view by compression taking into account the planned expansion.
- An attractive center that shall found and sustain identity, offering high-quality outdoor spaces is created, preserving and integrating historically and architecturally valuable structures into the new context.
- In a commitment to use resources sustainably, existing structures are used as long as possible or adapted optimally for future uses.
- A solution is established for stationary passenger car traffic offering parking spaces in the port area and the vicinity.
- A controlled and central in-gate with a logistics and loading time slot system is installed.
- Flood protection is improved for the entire port area.

### Factual Information

#### Budget:

- Total investments (approximately, in euro):
- Proportion of Linz AG 151,000,000
- Proportion of investors 122,000,000



- Total costs 273,000,000

**Funding:** Linz AG and private investors

**Duration:** Measures are planned to start in 2016, the total duration extends until the year 2024.

**Impact:** With the construction of a harbor gate, the entire port area is sustainably protected against flooding. In parallel, the port gate to be designed as a bridge for pedestrians and cyclists, allows people to freely move from the Linz city center to the southern commercial port.

Source: Climate Alliance - <https://www.climatealliance.org/home.html>

