

Bratislava: the Danube Arena ought to be started building at the end of this quarter

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The new multifunctional hall the Danube Arena in Bratislava Petržalka ought to already be started building at the end of first quarter 2009. Vladimír Bajan, the chairman of the region, informed about it at yesterday on-line discussion on BSK (the Bratislava self-administration region) portal. „Currently we work intensively on the project documentation to the building permission and finishing proceedings on the hall financing,“ Bajan told and supplemented, that the detailed terms of the realization will be specified after the building permission is issued.

Sports complex in Petržalka, a part of which will be multifunctional arena, got lawful planning permission on December 05.

The arena working name will be the Danube Arena, what evocates closeness, importance and greatness of the Danube River, in Bajan view, which flows through Slovakia and also through two neighbour countries Austria and Hungary. Because a big project is involved, BSK had the feasibility study worked out at the Finnish firm Jokerit HC OY, which was also an adviser when the Prague Sazka Arena was being build.

Total cost for the project ought to be 80 mills € (2.41 bills SKK) maximally, according to him. The Hall ought to have the capacity of 12 000 seats for hockey meets, 15 000 places for organizing concerts. About one hundred events ought to be held in it early and attendance ought to be 625 000 people yearly. Volleyball, basketball, athletic, hockey competitions, figure skating or tennis competitions as well motocross events ought to be organized there. It ought to serve for big concerts, musicals, theatre performances as well as big exhibitions organizing. Besides the hall also aqua park, tennis hall, hotel and large-capacity parking places ought to be in the complex.

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