

# Metropolis of Slovakia is again preparing to glance in Cannes



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First place on the scale of the most important public investment priorities of Bratislava belongs to therapy of the public transport ill organism, where the radical surgery cut is expected in the form of the bearing system building-up - the fast tram involving elongation of the route to the right bank of the Danube River along with the conservative healing (purchase of new vehicles). Necessary reconstruction of the Old Bridge relates to this directly, which is however complicated due to progressing crisis momentarily.



## Leisure time, recreation and sport

So these are three related areas, to which the capital city means will go in the frame of public investment projects and which will become the leitmotiv of its presentation in the stand number 01.15 at the MIPIM 2009. The re-building of the above 60 years old Ondrej Nepela winter stadium to modern multipurpose arena involving the capacity of 10 thousand places, which ought to be finalized till Christmas 2010 so that it could serve like the scene of the World Ice-hockey Championship in spring 2011, belongs among them on the first place. The reconstruction, the cost of which is estimated be 40 - 50 millions Euro, is covered by the Bratislava city with the government financial participation.

The goal of the another project - the Area of leisure time Zlaté Piesky (the Golden Sands) - is to build-up all-city recreation zone on the area of 206 hectares involving covered sports facilities (gyms, fitness, training football playgrounds, tennis courts), a new beach swimming place, accommodation and cultural facilities, shops, restaurants, playrooms and a lake with an island. Along with dominant water sports (including an aquarium) also a bikeway and a jogging way are considered here and natural ice areas in winter. Daily attendance of the area, where about 1 500 employees will find their work, should achieve 16 thousand people after its building-up is finished.

Petržalka equivalent of the mentioned area of leisure time would become the City Forest Park Draždiak - momentarily the most important project of garden architecture in Bratislava, which has assumptions to become the central public space of the all-city interest. It will rise on 62 hectares of the original lowland forest with two lakes - the Small and the Large Draždiak, in the filled area of the Danube River and in the vicinity of several sports areas and the racecourse. The area has to be divided into two qualitatively different environments - the park and the eco-park according to the already worked out urban study. As the capital informs, the solution of green vegetation bears on the natural vegetation potential of the original lowland forest with its compact green casing and protected spewy soil to the large extend.



## The City interventions, Staromestská, Petržalka City

The renewal of abandoned, forgotten, non-functional or non-adequately used public spaces is the next focal point of the Bratislava presentation at the MIPIM 2009. The unique projects of Matúš Valla and Oliver Sadoický called the City interventions put up the goal to stimulate their meaningful changes by connecting creative ideas of architects with investors' goodwill under sponsorship of the Grunt developer group (see the archive of articles SF.sk December 08, 2008). A lot of them speak about themselves implicitly in the centre of the Old City (Židovská Street, surrounding of the St. Martin Cathedral and area under the New Bridge). The City Interventions Project, in which almost 40 architectonic ateliers with 49 designs took part, gives the clear evidence that maximal effect can be achieved with minimal means.

The task to re-define the Staromestská Street from urban, architectonic and transport points of view, which means forced and from the long-term view not acceptable scar on the south-eastern face of the extramural settlement, is the key and conspicuously similar initiative for the future picture of the city. The final solution should bring enlarging the pedestrian zone of the old City in all directions while keeping the transport route function of this important city communication (6-week workshop of 15 architectonic teams designs for its future image we wrote at SF.sk on January 12, 2009 about).

The Petržalka City Company will also be the co-exhibitor at the MIPIM 2009 along with the Bratislava city, which is preparing the project of modern multifunctional centre in the 5th Bratislava district. The fact enforced it needs that in the largest Bratislava district Petržalka with almost 130 000 inhabitants has not its own centre neither after 3 decenniums of its panels existence. After the long-term lasting construction enclosure the new city-planning scheme made its building-up available. And so on the area of 270 000 m<sup>2</sup>, only two kilometres from the historical centre reputedly, the spaces for housing, work, relax, sports, shopping and cultural facilities will be created.

The modern city park will be an outstanding element of the project involving the area of 70 000 m<sup>2</sup> endowed by individual architectonic features and a water area, which will be created after revitalization of the Chorvátske ramen (branch). 60-meter boulevard bordered with green vegetation will become the main artery of the multifunctional centre. Administrative spaces, a shopping centre and a 3-star hotel will supplement a flat zone. The object finalization, the building-up of which will start next year, is planned for year 2016.

# Stavební forum



## It will survive the wave of the global recession

At the beginning of the direct foreigner investments inflow to Slovakia, Bratislava acted like a filter, on which their substantial part caught. Today, when they direct to the north and east of our country, the metropolis with her 67 percentages still remains the most important locality. After the companies Volkswagen, MOL and Coca-Cola came here, Stiebel Eltron, Doppelmayr Seilbahnen, Knauf Insulation, Johnson Controls, Hansol or Ruebig followed them in their way to the region - so either production factories or firms working in the area or developed technologies.

Since November 2007 the valid new city-planning scheme of Bratislava did not otherwise bring an additional regulation of often spontaneously increasing investment actions in the city, however, its positive is that it discovered more than 4 000 hectares of new areas for housing, public facilities and multifunctional building - for example the so called fourth quadrant in the south-western part of Bratislava directing to the Austria border. So persisting shortage of the no occupied area in lucrative municipal localities, suitable for the building-up of municipal architecture, means for investors the fact still yet, which is worthy realizing it.

Bratislava will survive the wave of the global recession with high probability, when also the most optimistic estimations speak about 2.4-percentage industrial growth at most, with relatively lowest detriment. Continuation of several ongoing projects and declaration of adhering to the advised terms of their finalization (Eurovea, River Park, Tri veže - Three Towers) as well as the notified increasing bed capacity in the hotel segment by one thousand places, proves that there is no finish of new opportunities for developers and end users noway near.

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1. Palais des Festivals - every-year scene of the MIPIM fair, which also brought fame to itself by worldwide known movie festival among others.
2. Surrounding of the Festival palace in the seaside summer resort Cannes.
3. There were many proceedings in the stand of Bratislava last year.
4. Andrej Ďurkovský, the Bratislava major, also spoke at the MIPIM 2008 during the conference devoted to the Central Europe.

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