

Project description

Brewery Site

The Realdania Foundation acquired the Brewery Site at the turn of year, through its subsidiary Realea A/S. March 31st marks the public announcement of the program for the selection of an architect for the design of a building for the Brewery Site. With this the building project has thus moved an important step closer to its realization.

The Brewery Site is the last undeveloped site on the harbourfront in the centre of Copenhagen. The site is located just north of the Langebro bridge, between Vester Voldgade and Frederiksholms Canal, and is neighboured by Christian IV's Brewery, the Royal Library – "The Black Diamond", Søren Kierkegaards Plads, the "Materialgården" building and the residential building "Ny Christiansborg".

The building is to house the Danish Architecture Center, a bookshop and a café on its ground floor. The building is also to include offices and residential units. The Realdania Foundation itself is expected to occupy a smaller portion of the new building. New public spaces are to be established along the fairway of the Inner Harbour and Frederiksholms Canal, incorporating a first-rate playground within the building scheme either on the promenade or on the water.

The total floorage is expected to be in the magnitude of 17,000 sq m. Both the exhibition areas as well as the offices areas are to represent the state-of-the-art in architectonic and technological terms within their respective realms.

The mission for this building project is to:

- Create a building of exceptional architectural quality
- Fortify the district and the link between city and harbour
- Showcase the future in office, exhibition and residential building
- Demonstrate new selection procedures and modes of cooperation

Inspired by the way processes are organised in major, complex American building projects, the selection of architect, engineer and contractor will be made on the basis of an open and fair, dialogue-based selection procedure at an early stage in the process, thereby allowing the parties to contribute to the qualification of the project prior to the final programming. American experiences demonstrate that a selection procedure based on prequalification and invitation will strengthen the process and the final outcome. Moreover, this initiative will introduce a new procedure for the selection of partners in the Danish building sector.