



Press release

A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM OF ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS APPOINTED FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRE DE COMMUNICATION NORD (CCN) IN BRUSSELS

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AG Real Estate, ATENOR and AXA IM - Real Assets, acting on behalf of one of its customers, signed, in April 2019, a partnership agreement to execute an iconic project on the site currently called CCN, next to the Gare du Nord in Brussels.

In view of the planning, social, mobility and sustainability stakes this project entails, the partners have chosen to launch a competition for the drafting of an “overall vision report” for the redevelopment of the site. Nine multi-disciplinary teams, including several firms of international scope, took up the challenge, proposing their concept of the future of this symbolic object in the heart of the Brussels North area.

After consulting the public authorities, the three project initiators, based on an analysis and constructive exchanges, appointed the international multidisciplinary alliance ARCHITECTESASSOC+, MULTIPLE and TVK, whose proposal stood out among others of extremely high quality.

The proposal of ARCHITECTESASSOC+, MULTIPLE and TVK is based on an in-depth analysis of the specificities of the project area and aims to guarantee the utmost connectivity between all the means of transport operating there (public transport, shared mobility, soft mobility and traditional transit).

The goal is to optimize the existing installations and provide a functional mixity based on entirely re-conceived quality public areas with different uses.

In terms of urban life, the project is the cornerstone of the renewal of the Brussels North area and demonstrates the ambition to make it both a fluid crossing point and a pleasant living environment. The aim will be to “add life” through the project, *for the benefit* of the public area.

The team of architects and planners has already got to work in order to deliver this large-scale project as soon as possible. A permit application will be submitted during the course of 2020. Works could start in 2021 after the departure of the Brussels Capital Region, which occupies the premises.

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