


La Courrouze (Rennes – France)

Project description	<p>La Courrouze is a former military and industrial land located in Rennes and Saint-Jacques-de-la-Lande. The project covers 115 hectares (including 40 ha of green areas) and is expected to be completed in 15-20 years. 5000 dwellings, (including ¼ of social housing) and 120 000 m² of offices, shops and public equipments will be created. 12 thematic are being developed: urban renewal, respectful management of the site, limited urban sprawl, social diversity, diversity of functions and of urban forms, multimodal transport offer privileging alternatives to private cars, alternative management of rain water, waste management, space management, noise management and energy management.</p>
Objectives	 <p>A green slide will be one of the main parts of the project. It will connect, through La Courrouze, Rennes city centre with the Préalade natural and leisure area in the West.</p> <p>Water: Use of the existing ponds to collect and stock the rain water and to liven the landscape.</p> <p>Waste: Voluntary collection of the domestic waste, individual management of green waste, equipments for waste separation.</p> <p>Energy: passive standards. The objective is to cut the consumption by 20% compared to the French current regulations. 40% of the sanitary hot water should be provided by solar energy. Development of a collective hot water heating system concept.</p> <p>Mobility: The Courrouze is at a 15 minutes walking distance from the train station and at a 5 to 10 minutes bus journey from the city centre. An extension from the metro network is planned; a 400 to 800 parking lot should be built next to the public transport station; the public transport will drive on exclusive ways through the district; new cyclist lanes and pedestrians paths.</p> <p>www.rennes.fr</p>
Driving factors	<p>Rennes Métropole wants to develop a project of common interest that combines urban diversity and architectural innovation.</p>
Partners and roles	<p>The Cities of Saint-Jacques-de-la-Lande and of Rennes rely on Rennes Metropole for the management and the coordination of the project.</p> <p>A protocol was signed between the two Cities and the district associations. A meeting with all the different partners has to be organised before any political decision is taken.</p>
Further information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website of the French Ministry for sustainable development : http://www.ecoquartiers.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/ - The City of Rennes : http://www.rennes.fr/ - Rennes Métropole : http://www.rennes-metropole.fr/la-courrouze.24995/ <p>La Revue Durable, numéro 28 (février – mars – avril 2008)</p>
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