

PRESS RELEASE

'Güller Güller – DHV – EBP – Van Beek' win the competition for the masterplan of the Triangle de Gonesse, Paris, France

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The EPA Plaine de France (Etablissement Public d'Aménagement de la Plaine de France) **has announced that the Swiss-Dutch team of 'Güller Güller – DHV – EBP – Van Beek' won the competition for the long-term development strategy as well as the urban masterplan of the "Triangle de Gonesse".**

The Triangle de Gonesse is an exceptional strategic land reserve of 850ha, positioned between the airport of Charles-de-Gaulle and Le Bourget. Its development will be key to capitalize on the potential economic dynamism and achieve quality of life in the airport area. The development of this major land reserve is a unique opportunity to reposition Paris as a city of excellence.

"The project of Güller Güller proposes a very strong urban concept, which has been appreciated for its focus on sustainable development and its reflections on a stronger articulation of the metropolitan poles of Le Bourget and Charles-De-Gaulle. This is the first step in the ambitious development project of the Triangle de Gonesse. From now on, we will have to further elaborate these reflections together with the actors", as Hervé Dupont, president of the jury and general director of the EPA explains. The jury consisted of political representatives of the airport area, regional and national authorities as well as experts in planning and urbanism.

The concept of a compact airport corridor for Paris

The position taken by Güller Güller and its associated partners is daring. The team proposes a very compact masterplan for the development of 2 million m² of real estate, which allows for preserving the existing landscape qualities. The concentration of all future development in the heart of the Triangle de Gonesse is part of the ambition to create an Airport Corridor between Charles-de-Gaulle and Le Bourget, a strong image and unique concept in the European context. Two new regional railway stations as well as a new lightrail establish the backbone of the urban development and create good connections with the surrounding villages and towns of Val d' Oise and Seine Saint-Denis. The highway crossing the masterplan is transformed into an urban boulevard, in order to achieve a superior quality of public space along the main road arteries. A campus-like technopole forms the core of the plan and contributes to the high level of differentiation of public spaces and innovative character of business environments offered by the project. Preserving large parts of the agricultural landscape of the Triangle, and transforming it towards local food-production, will create added value in economic investment, improve quality of life for the local inhabitants and finally establish the airport area of Charles-de-Gaulle as a second green sector for Paris. The compactness of the project for the Triangle de Gonesse is a key-asset in distinguishing itself as a milestone in 'sustainable urbanism'.

The masterplan and programming as proposed by 'Güller Güller - DHV - EBP - Van Beek' will now be further elaborated with the team and will serve as the basis for urban, infrastructural and landscape development in the Triangle.

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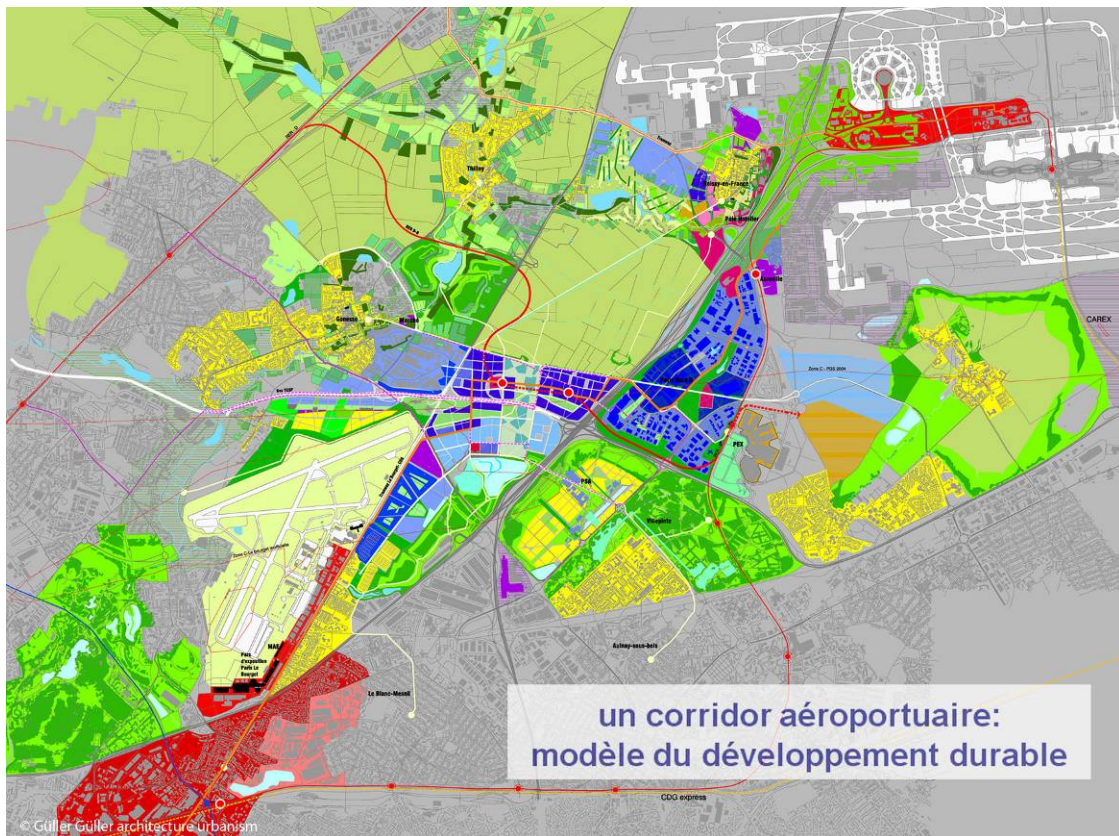
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