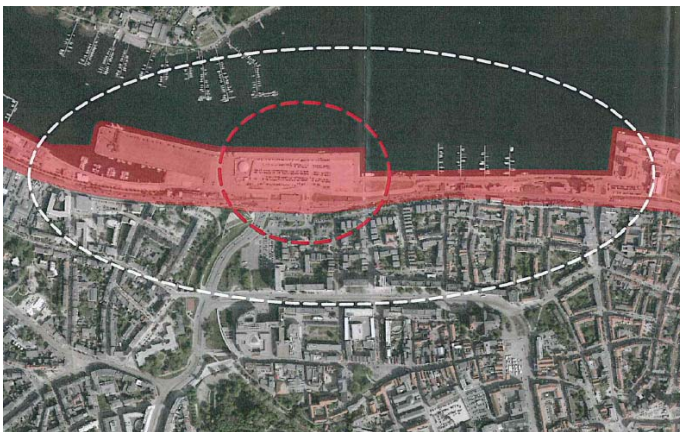


Urban planning & development process management

Workshop Micro Scale: central zone of city harbor



In this workshop, proposals and development perspectives for the central area of the city harbor (so-called 'Christinenhafen') should be developed.

This port area provides the largest scope for urban development. Its interesting natural as well as urban development and its size have particular qualities for demanding buildings within the long-stretched city harbor. The special proximity to the city center, but also to the opposite shore of the city district "Gehlsdorf" and the outstanding view to the west and east, as well as to the city silhouette, are the reasons for the varied use interests for this undeveloped area.

To the south of the quay and to the east of the existing paving slabs, the 'Christinenhafen' is presently a fallow, which is mainly covered with gravel or granules and is used as a parking area.

With a development of the area many parking lots, which have today temporary character and discharge functions for the city center, are cancelled. The existing parking lot problems in the entire area will intensify by every further development and intensive use.

The area is currently examined as a location for a maritime center. A study on the possible classification of the buildings is available. In addition, in September this year, there will be a public decision about the mooring of Rostock's 'Traditionsschiff'. Currently there is the shipbuilding and shipping museum on the approximately 160 m long ship, which is located in the district of Schmarl. It is going to be decided on a transfer of the ship to the city harbor.

In the Workshop itself proposals should be worked out, how to insert a maritime center into the location and how to link this center with the necessary terminal for the small cruise ships and also for a possible integration of the 'Traditionsschiff'.

How can the public and restricted areas (guest areas) be arranged sensibly? How and where can stay-quality be created for non-paying visitors? What are the suggested solutions for the parking lot problems? How can the functional relations between the city, the port and the water be improved? Which conditions must be created to attract the city harbor for small cruise liners? How can the terminal be also used outside of the cruise season?

In addition, ideas and measures for the short-term revitalization of the city harbor are being discussed in the city administration. The decision-making process, which precedes the development of the area, takes several years. The workshop should also provide answers on how the 'Christinenhafen' can be changed into a vivid and upgraded place in short term, so that cruise liner passengers arrive already in an attractive environment before the Maritime Center is built.

The arrangement of future buildings should show respect for the development of the Old Town of Rostock and the historical and topographical urban development. At the same time they must develop their own contemporary character. Especially in this central area a special claim should be raised to the architecture of new buildings. In the workshop, guidelines for architectural qualities in the city harbor should also be developed. How should be the scale, the character, the material choice?