

Press release

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Sustainable construction for innovation in Nantes

The French Post Office's Maison de l'innovation has been awarded the Austrian Green Planet Building Award.

An IT centre of excellence offering attractive working conditions and a low-tech energy concept, a timber-hybrid building that confidently blends into its historic surroundings and is designed for the longest possible use: all this is the Maison de l'innovation in Nantes, France.

Communication and accessibility characterise the building designed by Baumschlager Eberle Architects, both inside and out. Just as its architecture interacts with its surroundings, so do the sustainability aspects interact with the design of the timber-hybrid building. The combination of an energy-efficient building envelope, passive cooling, night ventilation and ceiling fans makes it possible to dispense with conventional air conditioning. The building makes efficient use of existing energy sources – waste heat from server rooms covers

75 per cent of the heating requirements. The local district heating network, powered by 100 per cent biomass, is used to cover peak loads. The versatile floor plans allow for a flexible design of the working environment and are designed for longevity. A biodiversity concept was successfully implemented through urban agriculture, a honey meadow on the roof and nesting sites.

The Austrian Green Planet Building® (AGPB) Award focuses on energy efficiency and the supply of renewable energy. This transfers the objectives and criteria of the national climate protection initiative klimaaktiv for the construction and property industry to an international environment. AGPB honours the outstanding achievements of Austrian planning offices, consultants, construction companies and production companies abroad in the field of sustainable building.



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Project description, photos video, factsheet and press release:

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