

CHEMNITZ INSIDE: UPGRADE + CONNECT

European Architectural Competition for Students

Response to Questions Regarding the Competition Brief

Space Program

- 1. In terms of the open ideas competition: Is there a possibility to propose alternative concepts to a large-scale sports and event hall—concepts that still enable high-quality sports and cultural use and flexibly address the city's needs?*

The multifunctional hall is part of the competition task. The ideas area relates to the surrounding spaces within the competition site.
- 2. Would it be conceivable within the open competition to also consider the realization of a smaller sports hall (e.g., with a capacity of 4,000 to 6,000 seats) that meets both sports and cultural requirements?*

No, the competition task is based on the needs of many stakeholders, including the basketball club Niners. The space for sports use should accommodate 8,500 to 11,500 spectators.
- 3. What events other than Niners games are planned? And what infrastructure is required for these?*

The area is intended for multifunctional use, meaning it should serve both sports and cultural purposes. The infrastructure arises from the design and the uses described in the space program.
- 4. Regarding 2.3 Ownership: Is it correctly understood that the privately owned parcel 783 (232m²) does not have to be shown in the same place, but can be located anywhere within the competition site at the discretion of the author?*

This restriction does not apply within the scope of the ideas competition.
- 5. Regarding 2.4 and 3.3 Traffic Access: Stationary Traffic: Is it assumed that the currently available parking spaces for stationary traffic must be included in the parking space planning and do not need to be demonstrated additionally?*

Yes. A total of 500 car parking spaces must be demonstrated.
The reduction in the number of parking spaces due to the nearby public transport (ÖPNV) has already been considered.
- 6. Regarding 2.4 and 3.3: Is it correct to assume that the required parking spaces for buses refer to standard travel bus sizes?*

Yes, the required bus parking spaces are for standard travel buses.
- 7. Regarding 3. Competition Task:*
The site has the potential to develop into a "Sports and Culture Campus."
The space program focuses mainly (but not exclusively) on sports use.
Is it possible to propose additional ideas, spaces, or building sections especially for cultural use? Can cultural use be understood to include music, speech, exhibitions, performances, and art?

It is explicitly encouraged to offer cultural uses as well.
The given space program for a multifunctional hall for 10,000 guests serves as a guideline and includes specifications such as minimum sizes for sports areas and details about artist/dressing rooms.
The hall should be designed to allow a wide range of different uses.
Additional uses or functions can also be added within the competition area.

Underground Garage

8. *How deep below ground level are the underground garages on the planning site that would be demolished in case of redevelopment?*
For the purposes of the competition, the existing underground garage can be considered non-existent.
9. *Is it possible for us to be provided with plans of the existing buildings? This would be very helpful, especially for concepts aiming at maximum preservation of existing structures, particularly regarding the underground garage (location, size, depth, etc.).*
All available plans of the existing buildings can be found on the website www.baukultur-chemnitz.de. The existing underground garage is not relevant for the competition.
10. *Is the existing underground garage of the "Parteifalte" currently at full capacity?*
See above.
11. *What will happen to the building services of the "Parteifalte" if the underground garage is demolished?*
The building services of the "Parteifalte" will be relocated elsewhere. In the context of this ideas competition, the focus is not on building services systems.
12. *How should the underground garage be dealt with?*
See above.
13. *Is it required to indicate the location of the access to the underground garage?*
The access to the newly planned underground garage must be shown in the design plans.
14. *Should the design of the multifunctional hall be aligned with the structure of the existing underground garage, since there might already be foundations, or can the hall be freely positioned on the site?*
See above.

Competition Deliverables

15. *Are there existing plans for the underground garage?*
No. See above.
16. *Can the deliverables be modified? The site plan at 1:1000 scale is too small to provide adequate details of the open space design and its connection to the surrounding ground floors. Can the site plan be submitted at 1:500 scale instead?*
Yes, the deliverables will be modified as follows:
- The site plan showing the multifunctional hall must be provided at a scale of 1:500.
 - The site plan at 1:1000 scale is no longer required.
 - The depiction of the surrounding area of the ground floor plan can be limited to the necessary details due to space constraints.
 - The number of A0 sheets must not exceed 2.
17. *Can the number of plans to be submitted be increased?*
No. See above.
18. *Is it possible to extend the A0 format in one direction? That is, either increase the height or the width?*
The required plan format must be adhered to as specified.

19. *Is the requested file size of a maximum of 25 MB set for both plans in total or for each plan separately?*
The required maximum file size of 25 MB applies per plan.
20. *Is a safety concept required for the hall (escape routes, controls, etc.)?*
This is an ideas competition. Escape routes and staircases must be provided in sufficient dimensions and numbers.
21. Given the information on the registration form, it is assumed that teams for the competition are limited to a maximum of 4 people. Does the mentor's name also need to be included for a four-person team?
The number of participants in the authors' declaration can be extended to include additional participants. Participants refers to students, not the supervisory staff. However, the supervisory staff can be mentioned in the authors' declaration.
22. *To whom should the "registration form" (authors' declaration) for the competition be submitted?*
The authors' declaration must be submitted with the requested documents. Submission is done digitally via WeTransfer link to the email address:
competition@baukultur-chemnitz.de.

Provision of Additional Planning Documents

23. *Is it possible to provide a 3D model of the area?*
The City of Chemnitz has a digital 3D model available. It can be accessed at:
<https://www.geodaten.sachsen.de/downloadbereich-digitale-3d-stadtmodelle-4875.html>
24. *Is it possible to obtain historical maps?*
Historical maps can be found on the website of the City of Chemnitz. Additionally, historical maps of Chemnitz are available at: www.geoportal.sachsen.de.
25. *The organizer does not have any additional historical maps. Is it possible to review the feasibility study for the multifunctional hall?*
The feasibility study is currently being prepared and will be published at a later date.
26. *Is there a catering concept?*
No.
27. *Is there a traffic concept for handling the peak traffic volumes during events?*
No.
28. *Is a park-and-ride concept with public transport connection considered, instead of providing 500 parking spaces and bus spaces on-site?*
A park-and-ride concept is generally possible, but it is not part of the competition task. The 500 parking spaces must still be provided.
29. *Is there a plan showing the underground areas?*
No.
30. *Which parts of the outdoor facilities are under heritage protection? Is there a heritage protection map available?*
The open spaces between the Parteilafte and Brückenstraße are under heritage protection. The monuments and heritage-protected areas and structures can be found

in the City of Chemnitz's thematic city map: <https://www-10.stadt-chemnitz.de/mapapps/resources/apps/Themenstadtplan/index.html?lang=de>

31. *Downloading the DWG files provided on the website is not possible. How can I obtain these files?*

This issue does not seem to be an isolated case.

The files will be re-uploaded to the website shortly. If the problem persists, please send a short message to: competition@baukultur-chemnitz.de.

Evaluation

32. *How will the integration into the surrounding neighborhood be considered in the evaluation?*

Urban integration with the surrounding districts is an important evaluation criterion. (See section 3.5 of the competition brief.)

33. *How would it affect the evaluation if no multifunctional hall were planned?*

The multifunctional hall is a mandatory part of the competition requirements. Failure to include the hall will lead to exclusion from the competition.