

# Headquarters Building IKK-Südwest, Saarbrücken (GER)

project                   **Construction of the new Headquarter of the  
'IKK-Südwest' in Saarbrücken (district 'Eurobahnhof')**

client                   **IKK Südwest, Saarbrücken (GER)**

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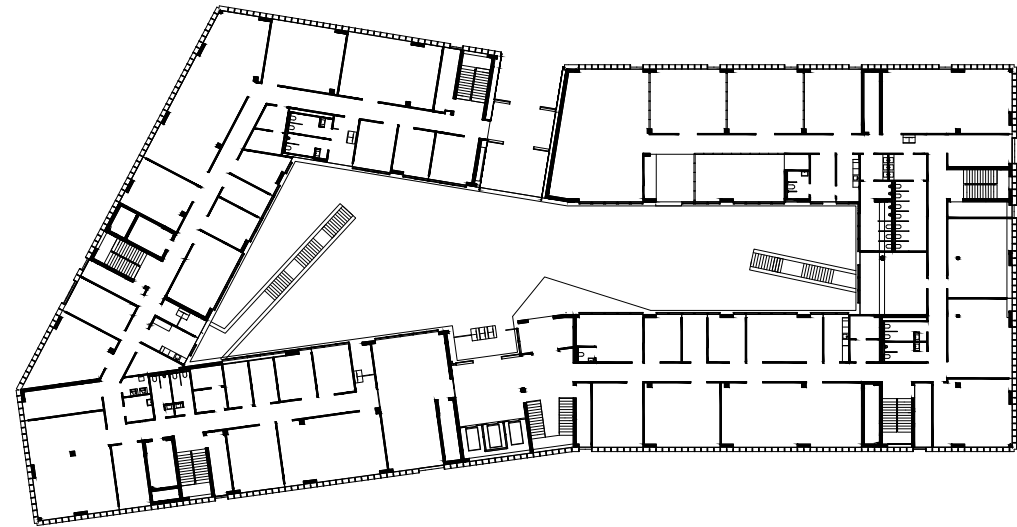
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facts

- 1000 workspaces
- DGNB silver
- conference area also for external usage
- cafeteria

dates and numbers

gfa                   **21.500 m²**  
ufa                   **14.500 m²**  
gv                   **92.000 m³**  
net construction c. **33.440.000 €**  
start of planning   **04/2015**  
realisation         **2015 - 2019**



ground floor

IKK Südwest is planning a new administrative complex at the Eurobahnhof in Saarbrücken, which will combine IKK locations currently staggered around the city. The new buildings will be built on adjacent properties and will meet high sustainability standards. The design goal is to create a campus-like complex that visitors immediately recognize as two new buildings that together represent IKK Südwest. The parcels has been combined in a new layout for this purpose. The two buildings at this place are designed differently due to the different plot sizes and property lines layout. Despite their differences, the detailing, colour scheme and façade pattern aim to establish a unity between the two buildings.

The land intended for the IKK administrative building is located in the Eurobahnhof quarter, a development area on the north side of the main station, within walking distance of the Saarbrücken city centre. The construction project occupies the most prominent position at the end of the Europaallee, which opens on to the area as a central axis. The construction project is divided into two buildings: the main building and the annex. A former water tower building listed as an historical site is located on the smaller of the two plots.



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### The Main Building (HG)

In addition to the ground floor, the main building has a tiered floor system for stories two to five and a basement. There is an underground car park for employees and company vehicles in the basement, as well as space for plant rooms and archiving. A meeting / seminar centre and the building's postal facilities are located on the ground floor. A sales office temporarily known as the 'Back shop' is located there, serving as catering facilities for employees. The other floors feature the office workstations with break rooms, meeting rooms, tea kitchens, cubicles, as well as storage and copy space. The building is being developed with differentiated vertical separation as a sculpted building volume surrounding two covered atriums. On the west and east sides, spacious open spaces of two floors interrupt the storied structure - and provide areas for informal meeting and communication zones. This creates high-quality spatial distinction, compared to the standard ground plan design. Their simultaneous connection to the atriums creates a specific spatial structure.

The facade features circumferential horizontal bands that are interrupted at the meeting areas on the front by large glass surfaces.

On the ground floor the facade is more structured. The halving of the façade grid, combined with the lower pilaster strips of the post and beam construction system, ensure greater privacy of the meeting rooms and offices at street level. At the same time, a link is established with the annex building, whose façade follows the same grid pattern. The horizontal arrangement of the parapet strips is interrupted in some areas like the main entrance, the meeting areas and at the elevators, so that these functions become visible from the outside. Thus, the atrium forms a connection with the exterior space. The façade of the atrium follows the horizontal outline of the outer façade, but continues with a sandstone cladding, thus invoking the facade materials of the adjoining building.

### The Annex (NG)

The Annex consists of two above-ground storeys and a partial basement, in addition to its ground floor. Archiving areas and plant rooms are located in the basement. The IKK Südwest customer centre is located on the ground floor with offices on the upper floors. The outbuilding forms a link with the adjacent water tower building through its comparable scale. The design of the façade picks up the ground floor theme of the main building and continues to develop it vertically. At the same time, the use of sandstone, as a local building material, creates a relationship with the environment in the façade. The entrance to the Annex follows along a visual axis to the entrance of the main building. The interior design of the main and annex buildings follows the same principles, so that the two are connected in terms of materials and design.