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The city Łódź is planning for the upcoming 10 years several larger investments to improve the standard of the city drastically. Here you find the main targets of the investment and information provided by the coordinator of EC1, Mr. Zielinski.

The aim of the New Centre Łódź program is to stimulate the economic and social revival of the central part of the city. This must be achieved by means of significant renovation and modernization, maintenance and restoration works, as well as development of public space in this area.

The 3 main projects:

1) Revitalization of the old industrial plant EC1: There is a distinction between the total revitalization of Łódź, which is called New Centre Łódź and EC1 Cultural Łódź. The latter one is concerned with the revitalization of the old plant and the multimedia project which will be executed by Skanska and Porr and finished before euro 2012.

EC1 is the oldest power plant in Łódź. It was opened in 1907 and functioned until 2001.

The main task in terms of planning and design is to create a public space that would link different elements of the EC1 area and enable its functional connection with urban spaces from the outside of the revitalized area. The place has remained almost untouched since the moment the power production stopped.

Some examples of what the building will offer:

- . library
- . lake of memories
- . planetarium
- . studios and workshops
- . gallery
- . theatre of sound
- . seats and offices of culture institutions
- . seminar and conference halls
- . viewing platform



2) Revitalization of the Fabryczna railway station: for the revitalization of the Fabryczna project, the negotiations about the conditions are almost finished. A closed tender has already been written out. The outcome of this tender will be announced in the beginning of 2011. The tender concerns a design & build format and has to be finished in 48 months, that is by 31 december 2014.

The transport hub will serve the city transport, as well as regional and international transport.

The platforms of the Łódź Fabryczna railway station are going to be located 16 meters below the ground, whereas a part of the bus station will be built 6 meters below the ground. On the same level, there will be a network of underground streets, very important to the whole station and its surroundings.

PKP S.A. and PKP PLK S.A. (the main investors and partners of the city in this part of the New Centre of Łódź. project) are planning to integrate the new Łódź Fabryczna Station into the urban transport hub. This means that the station can serve as well as regional trains as fast trains.

3) Tunnel from Kalisza railway station to Fabryczna railway station: The tunnel phase is still in the development phase and uncertain when this phase will be finished. The execution of this project also depends on available investments sources.

The activities of PKP S.A. and PLK S.A. related to the transformation of the station will be an element of the project entitled 'Modernization of the Warszawa - Łódź railway track'.

The following facilities will be built in the area that belongs to PKP SA:

- 1) a railway tunnel for the Łódź-Warszawa line and, in the future, high-speed trains,
- 2) a station and a tunnel that will consist of an underground part and an on-ground part,
- 3) complementary facilities (hotels, office buildings, commercial facilities, services, apartments) located directly above or next to the underground station,
- 4) transport and traffic infrastructure (street system, passageways, underground car parks, elevators)

During the renovation works in the Łódź Fabryczna station, other stations in Łódź will take over its functions (mainly Łódź Widzew).

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