

ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION FOR DESIGN

NEW SCHOOL CHÝNĚ

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Open international bilingual architectural competition for the design of a new primary school in the Czech municipality of Chýně.

In Chýně, the residents are well aware that a new school is a long-term investment particularly for the future life of the town as a whole. They would like to use the architectural competition to find a suitable design meeting their sense of the environment where their children will be educated, but equally a social centre for all local residents to meet. The council of the municipality has contacted the Centre for Central European Architecture to serve as the competition organizer.

The mission of the school is not only to offer education for pupils of the first (1st-5th grades) and second (6th-9th grades) levels, but also to satisfy the social, cultural, sporting and educational needs of the entire local community. It should take its place as a magnet for communal life, and thus serve as the proposed centre of the new section of the township. In the past ten years, Chýně – situated on the immediate outskirts of Prague – has grown rapidly: the number of residents has, because of new construction, increased nearly four times over. The school will be situated close to the newly revitalised park complex of Višňovka.

"We would like to offer our children not only attractive spaces, but also modern teaching elements. Included in the school are a great many clubs and after-school activities, so we don't have to drive our children everywhere. I'm looking forward to when we can, for example, be waiting for their activities to end and find facilities for parents as well in the school", remarked local mayor Anna Chvojková about the future functioning of the school.

Up to the present, a feasibility study has been prepared, and CCEA selected as the competition organiser. The town is communicating intensively with the general public on the mission and function of the new school.

"For the period between 2004 and 2014, the only guideline for selection remained the lowest price for the project. What ensued were many necessary structures, yet these were designed and built without much consideration, and will prove a drain on the public budget when it becomes necessary for repairs or once the five-year or other limited period of their set lifespan elapses. Not even the projects for research centres or educational institutions have been immune from this trend. All the more important, then, is how the municipality of Chýně has taken the path of community work with an architectural competition, for which we are now looking for the ideal connection. Phase 0 has been prepared by Chýně with responsibility and with active public involvement", adds Igor Kovačević from CCEA.

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The announcement of the competition is 25th February 2015. The deadline for submission of designs is set at 4 May 2015. The competition will be open, public, single-round and anonymous, announced in Czech and in English.

Announcement of the competition: **25th February 2015**. Final inquiries: **18th March 2015**

Mandatory registration of competition entrants by: **22nd April 2015** by email to the competition secretary e-mail: **kovacevic@ccea.cz**

Submission of competition designs: by **29th April 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** in the filing office of the Municipal Office of Chýně.

In the competition jury, members of the local council will be joined by architects with a wealth of experience from practice and competition. The independent part of the jury is:

- Gabu Heindl (Austria), an internationally active architect who has just completed the reconstruction of a school building built in Wiener Neustadt in the 1960s using a participative method, involving teachers and children within the entire process;
- Martina Buřičová (Czech Republic), from the studio caraa.cz, holder of the Czech Grand Prix 2010 in the category of reconstructions;
- Pavel Nasadil (Czech Republic), from the studio FAM architekti, recent winner in the competition for a senior citizens' residence in Litomyš, Apart from numerous projects in the Czech Republic he collaborate with the British architectural office Feilden + Mawson;
- The alternate for the independent part of the jury will be Ondřej Píhrt from the studio RAP Partners, winner of the competition for new school buildings in Psáry and Dolní Jirčany.

Involved members of the jury on behalf of the municipality are:

- Mayor Anna Chvojková,
- Deputy mayor Petra Vacková,
- Alternate: Petr Štěpánek.

Prizes will be awarded to the three best designs. Financial rewards are set at 300,000 CZK (approximately 11,000 EUR) for first place, 150,000 CZK (approximately 5,500 EUR) for second place, and 75,000 CZK (approximately 2,700 EUR) for third place. An honourable mention sum is also assumed of 75,000 CZK for striking and original designs that did not make it into the final three.

Announcer of the design competition

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Organizer of the competition and preparer of competition conditions

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