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Wellner Universität Aue

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Project info

Basics /Background

The thesis relates to the student competition „Messeakademie 2010“ in the city Aue, Erz Mountains.

The assignment is to generate a new use scenario for the former business site of the cutlery factory Wellner and to integrate it into the urbanistic picture.

My analysis led me to the conclusion that Aue is in need of trendsetting projects, higher education facilities and attractive workplaces.

In order to fill this gap the development of a new “engine” is required, which can empower the local businesses, patronize companies, bundle the know-how of the region, makes the town attractive to people and offer former students to improve skills.

A private university offers new jobs in the service section as well as for teachers and administrative officers. At the same time the average age of citizens is reduced by students/trainees.

The building site

The approximately 19.000m² sized ground is situated on a hillside close to the city center. Currently the factory buildings lie idle in a very bad condition and were approved for pulling down. Only the listed main building with its impressive art nouveau cladding needs to remain.

The surrounding hosts administration buildings and houses from the period of promoterism.

The building

The base for the University building is a rolling structure, which perfectly fits into the landscape.

By connecting the accessible greened roof with the given road system, access points and areas for relaxation are joint resulting in a hardly noticeable combination of the site and nature.

The clearly structured entrance area invites visitors to enjoy the exhibition in the foyer.

The cafeteria in the head of the building offers room for students and workers from the surrounding companies.

Thanks to the discrete but coeval eye-catching use of shape used for the building, the newly staged main building of the old factory is used as creativity center and can be reviewed from all sides. Students are offered to use this area to prepare for their independence.

