



Sports facility concept

Considering a sustainable and economically-ecologically sensible cost-benefit ratio, our concept for the privately financed Rhein Ruhr City 2032 initiative focuses on almost 90% of existing sports facilities in the metropolis Rhein/Ruhr which are needed for the Olympic Games. Ten stadiums are currently available, five of them have a capacity of more than 45.000 spectator seats. 24 large sports arenas with a capacity of more than 3.000 spectators are available as well as golf courses, regatta tracks, riding facilities, tennis courts and over 700.000 m² exhibition space that can be used for the different indoor sports. As comparison: Paris, where the 2024 Games will take place, has 470.000 m² of exhibition space, Los Angeles, which will host the 2028 Games, has 68.000 m² exhibition space. More than 640.000 spectators can now take their seats simultaneously in the existing arenas and stadiums in the Rhein-Ruhr region. The radius of the sports facilities in the region in 2032 is 63 kilometres. By comparison: in Los Angeles, where the 2028 Games will be held, the radius is almost the same size with 62 kilometres.

The value of sport

The existing sports facility concept of the Rhein Ruhr City 2032 makes it possible to present sports in front of an audience in a way that will no longer be possible before and after these games. The most popular basketball or handball games are, for example, in the Merkur arena in Düsseldorf, where up to 50.000 spectators can watch the games. For the smaller games, there are arenas like the Telekom Dome in Bonn, the ISS Dome in Düsseldorf or the König Pilsener Arena in Oberhausen. The VELTINS Arena, where a temporary swimming pool is built, create the opportunity that over 50.000 spectators will be able to watch the competitions of the swimmers and high diving. Hockey in Mönchengladbach in front of 45.000 spectators, horse riding in Aachen in front of 40.000 spectators or gymnastics in the Cologne LANXESS Arena in front of almost 20.000 spectators: With the present sports facility concept, there is a unique opportunity to give back the value of sport to the Olympic Games without having to build a large number of new sports facilities that will not be used afterwards.

Often the question is raised if the arenas and stadiums will still be fit and up to date in 2032. Most of the existing sports facilities are operated privately and are in weekly, monthly or annual use. Ongoing investments are being made in the maintenance and modernisation of these sports facilities, and this is completely independent of possible Olympic and



Paralympic Games in 2032. For example, the fairground Cologne will invest almost 700 million euros in the modernisation of the exhibition centre by 2030, regardless of whether the Olympic fencing competitions are held there in 2032. The LANXESS Arena is also investing in the modernisation of its infrastructure, just like the CHIO Aachen or the Signal Iduna Park in Dortmund, in order to be able to remain competitive in the future.

Millions of sports fans living in the Rhein/Ruhr region identify with the existing arenas and stadiums, which they visit weekly, monthly or annually. This creates a high emotional connection between the people and "their" sports facilities. The Olympic and Paralympic athletes meet with immense enthusiasm in NRW, which is characterised by a large mass sports base.

NRW is the number 1 sport region!

Almost 19.000 sports clubs with over five million members make region Rhine-Ruhr located in North Rhine-Westphalia the number one sport region in Germany. Sport makes an important contribution to society and connects people, especially from the perspective of inclusion. Mass sports is the basis from which individual talents make the leap into competitive and top-class sport. Without mass sport, competitive sport would not exist in its present form. Competitive sport serves as a model and objective for many young athletes and is often a motivational aid for active participation in mass sport. The exemplary function of competitive sport benefits the mass sports.