

Ready for the Future: maincubes Successfully Completes Land Purchase for New Data Center Campus in Nauen

Frankfurt am Main, October 21, 2024 – maincubes, a leading developer and operator of data centers in Europe, has successfully acquired a 14-hectare plot of land in Nauen (Havelland) on the outskirts of Berlin. The site will host a campus of modern data centers designed for cloud services, high-performance computing, and artificial intelligence (AI). The first phase of the development is set to begin in 2025 with construction of the first building.

The planned campus (BER02) will feature a grid supply connection of 200 MVA. For maincubes, BER02 represents the next step in serving its growing contingent of international hyperscale customers, following the successful commencement of the FRA03 site and the acquisition of a brownfield location south of Frankfurt (FRA04) in 2024.

Following over twelve months of highly productive cooperation between maincubes and the AM:PM Grund Group (the Nauen campus project developer), along with a joint planning team, relevant authorities within the city of Nauen and the state of Brandenburg, has enabled swift progress in securing zoning rights and grid connection for the future campus. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of all parties the project has enjoyed rapid fulfillment of key requirements for the development of the new campus. The legally binding development plan is expected to be finalized by the end of this year (2024), with work on the new on-site substation starting immediately thereafter.

There are also future plans to feed existing and future renewable energy (generated by solar and wind power plants) on the Nauener Platte directly into the new substation, which potentially in combination with a battery energy storage system (BESS), could provide a direct source of renewable generation to the data center campus. Further the campus plans for waste heat generated to be made available to the city of Nauen and other users through a heating network. The site provides ideal conditions for a more sustainable data center campus development.

Construction expected to start in summer 2025

"Digitalization, Cloud Services, and Artificial Intelligence present transformative opportunities for our economy and society in general but to fully unlock this potential, we need secure and sustainable data centers - and this is exactly what drives us," says Oliver Menzel, CEO of maincubes. "Our new location in Nauen is an ideal step toward achieving this vision. Strategically situated near Berlin, which is quickly becoming Germany's second major digital infrastructure hub alongside the Rhine-Main area, and well supported by regionally generated renewable energy, it aligns perfectly with our mission to create the smartest places for our digital future."

"We are delighted to have found in maincubes a professional, solution-oriented partner with an understanding and appreciation of local conditions and will work with us to advance renewable energy and sustainable development for the data center industry in this region," says Patrick Lieberkühn, Managing Director of the AM:PM Grund Group.

Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2025, with the first data center of the BER02 campus expected to be operational by the end of 2027. This new facility underscores maincubes' growth ambitions: the company is currently pursuing four major construction projects in the Rhine-Main region and Berlin/Brandenburg, which will collectively provide over 250 MW of data center capacity in the coming years.

About maincubes

European provider maincubes develops and operates data centers in the leading regions of Frankfurt, Berlin and Amsterdam. These data centers offer clients maximum security, certified sustainability, high quality standards, and flexible solutions tailored to individual needs. With state-of-the-art technology, maincubes ensures uninterrupted availability of its customers' IT infrastructure. Its clients include the public sector, national and international blue-chip companies, and global cloud service providers that value sustainable, reliable, and high-performance digital infrastructure. Founded in 2012, maincubes is headquartered in Frankfurt am Main.

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