

“50Plus Kompakt “ plans settlement for and with refugees

Berlin: 50Plus Kompakt I

A small office space in Gotenstraße 76: Here Horst Renziehausen is sitting with a great idea.

He is planning a building project for and with refugees. The project originated in Aleppo, there the qualified bricklayer wanted to build a trade and commercial park with flats. The project was at the same time also intended as a professional education. But then the civil war broke out in Syria. "Why shouldn't we complete this basic idea here in Berlin?"

Horst Renziehausen says about the planned settlement for about 1000 inhabitants. After 35 years as an independent entrepreneur, he doesn't want to sit back and take things easy. Horst Renziehausen explained the advantages of the project. Because modules were used, staircases were built outside and the access follows via arcades, the cost are 20 percent less than commonly used in Germany. The construction period is short.

Groundbreaking would be carbon concrete composite. We are in contact with the technical university of Dresden. For their development of the new material which is lighter, more durable, more environmentally friendly and more flexible than the usual reinforced concrete, the Saxons won the "German Future Prize " in autumn of 2016.

People wanted

The project promotes the integration of refugees in several ways, Horst Renziehausen is convinced: architecturally by the pavilion with "Integrationscafé". In addition, the complex includes commercial and leisure rooms, a kindergarten and a school. Halfway through the roof areas will be used for horticulture for self-sufficiency. The refugees are helping to build the house. They acquire skills that they can use after returning to their homeland.

Horst Renziehausen was able to win about 65 supporters for his initiative "50Plus Kompakt", " so much high qualified people", construction specialists, engineers, nurses, social workers, architects, professors and even a criminal superintendent. The initiative has already invested more than 3,000

hours of voluntary work.

The idea has attracted interest at Berliner Immobilienmanagement GmbH and the State Office for Refugee Affairs. While they are examining the financing and the provision of suitable land, 50plus Kompakt is looking for other interested parties: crane operators, structural engineers, polishers, security guards, carpenters or plumbers. Later, an association will be founded. By launching a fund, in which the club members acquire stakes (shares), the initiative wants to quickly repay the investment to the state of Berlin.

At <http://bit.ly/2mEbeea> you find a 3D animation of the project. Further information you find at the web- page: <http://www.50-plus-kompakt.de/>. Horst Renziehausen can be reached at 0173/704 67 44.

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Horst Renziehausen with his settlement model (picture: KEN)