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GSE Builds an XXL Warehouse Covering the Equivalent of 18 Football Fields



It's in Poupry, north of Orléans, that GSE is building France's largest ever logistical platform. The floor area of the warehouse itself will be 131,600 m² – i.e. 18 football fields – on a tract of land covering the equivalent of 50 football fields. The works will last 16 months, including 14 on construction, and will involve 250 people on site: twice as many as is usual for this type of project. The plot of land is larger than the whole village of Poupry.

Unprecedented surfaces call for an unprecedented project! Just the cladding material will total 31,000m²The warehouse has a

perimeter of 1.6 km and its construction requires 120 km of electric wiring, 47 km of sprinkler tubes, 4 km of fencing, 10 km of sheaths, 7,000 m³ of timber framing, 30,000 m² of firewalls, as well as 1,012 wall studs that – put end to end – would be as tall as 28 Eiffel Towers.

This new logistical platform designed by GSE for Carrefour Property includes 19 “dry” fire compartments and four more for flammable/hazardous liquid products. 6,000 m² of offices with patios, divided into three sections, will be built on the upper level, while ten loading dock offices will be spread out across the warehouse.

A high-tech construction site

GSE will use 3D modeling and augmented reality throughout the construction project. 3D planning enables engineers to follow the works day after day and to check the real progress accomplished against the model. These technologies also simplified the choice of office furnishings by providing the architect with 3D imaging, as well as the documentation of the technical equipment of all structures.



An environmentally responsible logistical platform

Applying an environmentally responsible approach, the project expects to receive a certifié BREAAAM Very GOOD e. It includes carpooling spaces, as well as charging stations for electrical cars. Rainwater is collected and used for the site's restrooms. An internal cycle path reaches all parts of the site.

"We paid special attention to the landscaping, planting 50,000 trees, bushes and other plants and creating havens for the wildlife: birdhouses, insect hotels, artificial habitat for bats..." explains Nicolas Flamme Obry, GSE's project manager.



Workers' wellbeing and comfort is also central to the project. The offices offer a variety of atmospheres, with a color scheme. The materials were chosen to optimize the acoustics and the employees' comfort. Patios, complete with trees, were created to improve the ambiance of the workplace.

About GSE

GSE is a major player in commercial property and is the leader in the "turnkey" market. GSE manages design, construction and/or renovation with a promise on price, deadlines and on quality.

The company is managed by Roland Paul. It employs 360 people and generated revenues of €480 million in 2016, carrying out a total of 70 projects.

GSE operates in Europe and China. The company has a network of 12 regional agencies located across France, making it France's largest Global Contractor network.

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