

Final touches for the German Garden

The International Horticultural Exhibition Floriade Expo 2022 will open on 14 April

Hamburg, 3 March 2022 - On 14 April, Floriade Expo 2022 will open its doors in the Dutch town of Almere. Germany is also taking part in this horticultural Expo near Amsterdam. The construction and planting work is well underway and the final touches are being made to the German Garden. In the 60-hectare exhibition grounds, until 9 October, around 100 national and international participants will focus on the theme 'Growing Green Cities' and the worldwide growth in metropolises.

Germany will present sustainable solutions, ideas and concepts for modern urban horticulture under the name 'BIOTOPIA - Growing Community', making a valuable contribution to the exchange of ideas about one of the most important themes for the future. Urbanisation is advancing rapidly and more and more people in the world are living in urbanised areas. The exhibition presents new technologies, innovative products and examples of optimum realisation with a special emphasis on sustainability.

Sustainability also in the construction

Germany is also making a visual statement with its wooden pavilion. The cubist shapes of the wooden construction placed all around the 2000 square metres of the German Garden can be seen from a distance. Wooden beams from sustainably managed forests have been used for this, totalling more than 3,000 metres in length. When looking at possible solutions, these designs were chosen because of their minimised CO₂ and reversible construction, achieving a sustainable way of building. And all the materials used can be reused after Floriade ends.

The spacious roof terrace is not only for growing fruit and vegetables; it also lowers the outside temperature, absorbs rain and improves air quality.

Plant diversity ranging from grasses to a sequoia and a bee colony

More than 3,000 perennials and grasses, 200 woody plants and almost 300 climbing plants can be found in the German Garden. The garden is also filled with plants that attract insects, making a home for a bee colony. Another striking element is a large natural water garden covering 18 square metres. An ecologically valuable living space absorbs rainwater, stores it and lowers the outside temperature through evaporation. And more than 70 plant-covered trellises on the German pavilion provide shade and coolness.

Successful connection between garden landscape and urban life

In addition to the visible façades, roofs and roof constructions, the vegetation forms the transparent structure of the pavilion, the light, transparent exhibition spaces and the roof garden, one of the architectural cornerstones of the German contribution to Floriade Expo 2022. The message behind this is that the garden landscape is making its entrance into the urban world so it becomes healthier, more attractive and more liveable.

About the International Horticultural Exhibition - Floriade Expo 2022

Floriade Expo is a themed variant of the international horticultural exhibitions and has been held in the Netherlands every ten years for the last 60 years. With the theme 'Growing Green Cities', and sub-themes of Green, Food, Health and Energy, Floriade Expo aims to raise awareness of urban sustainability and to offer fitting solutions.

Organisation behind implementation of the German Garden

The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture is responsible for the German Garden at Floriade Expo 2022 in Almere. The ministry commissioned the Hamburg Messe und Congress GmbH for the implementation. The design and concept of the German Garden is in the hands consortium ARGE consisting of insglück Gesellschaft für Markeninszenierung mbH, gtp2 Architects and Studio Grünrau Landschaftsarchitektur GmbH.

You'll find more images and information at www.floriade2022germany.com and also on Instagram at [@floriade2022germany](https://www.instagram.com/floriade2022germany)

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