

Press release
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Køge Nord Station:

Greater Copenhagen's new landmark for green mobility opens

The inauguration of a new transportation hotspot Køge Nord Station is taking place today, introducing a spectacular pedestrian bridge, a station and parking facilities to the public. Køge Nord Station is not only a significant crossing for sustainable mobility but also a unique example of Danish architecture and engineering – created by COBE and DISSING+WEITLING with COWI as the leading consultant.

An international architecture competition for Køge Nord Station was issued in 2014. Five years later, the project has reached its climax; the new public transportation gate to Copenhagen has become a reality, bringing crowds effectively to and from the Danish Capital. Køge Municipality and the rest of the region now have a landmark of international dimensions: a futuristic 225 meters long pedestrian bridge and station running above highspeed train tracks and an eight-lane motorway.

Dan Stubbergaard, Architect and Founder of COBE states: "Together we have created this landmark to support the development of Køge region that is happening right now. Development of innovation, pioneering spirit and guts, that has materialised in new kind of station in the form of a bridge and an architectural attraction. Køge Nord Station will be a remarkable catalyst for the region's plan to attract a talented workforce through effective and sustainable transportation infrastructure. We believe that Køge Nord Station can contribute to this vision."

The station's architecture and technical design both cater for the good travel experience where people passing the pedestrian bridge can enjoy an open view to the North yet having a calming wooden construction to the South for intimacy. The bridge has dedicated zones for both movement and for sojourn.

"People use a large part of their lives on transportation. Our goal has been to give the bridge a quality beyond just functional and practical: warm and friendly surroundings for both transit and waiting. We simply wanted to create an inviting space for the people using the station – not just a standard transportation facility. The warm interior balances well with the cool and smooth exterior of steel and aluminium, giving the bridge its futuristic infrastructural feel." says Architect and Partner at DISSING+WEITLING Architecture, Jesper B. Henriksen.

Jens Sandager Jensen, Senior Vice President for Bridges Scandinavia at COWI concludes: "Køge Nord Station is a complex bridge construction raised above challenging building conditions over railroads and highway. To lift and install the segments for a 225 meters long and 9 meters wide steel bridge while minimising disturbance of the traffic required thorough premeditation of solutions, safety and timing. As consulting engineers, it will be a great pleasure to witness the many passengers use the station in their daily lives. And enjoying the result of combining advanced technology with innovation.

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Fact sheet attached.

About DISSING+WEITLING

DISSING+WEITLING creates mobility projects, bridges and buildings of all scales. The company's architecture has transcended barriers for cities and environments all over the world. Several of the firm's projects such as the National Bank of Denmark, the Great Belt Link and the Bicycle Snake in Copenhagen have gained iconic status. The DNA of DISSING+WEITLING architecture's design originates from the world famous Danish architect Arne Jacobsen whose design studio has lived on as DISSING+WEITLING architecture since 1971.

About COBE

COBE was founded in Copenhagen in 2006 by architect Dan Stubbergaard. The firm's projects are shaped by the specific potentials of each given site and insist on generating added value for the future users and the surrounding environment. This approach is manifested in some of the firm's distinctive projects, including the award-winning library and culture center in Copenhagen's northwest district; the transformation of Nørreport Station – Copenhagen's busiest station; and the development of Copenhagen's Nordhavn (North Harbor) district – Scandinavia's third-biggest urban development to date.

About COWI

COWI is a leading international consulting group with competencies within engineering, economics and environmental science. We have offices around the world and are working on more than 14,000 projects at any given time. The company has more than 85 years of experience in engineering consulting and employs 7.300 dedicated professional building sustainable solutions together with our customers.