



ALLIED JOINT FORCE COMMAND BRUNSSUM
PROJECT 'EXTEND H-106' FACTSHEET



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HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The decision to close Joint Force Command Lisbon was taken during the 2010 NATO Summit. Additional responsibilities were placed on the two remaining NATO Joint Force Commands, Brunssum and Naples, resulting in an uplift to JFC Brunssum personnel by 150 posts. Project 'Extend H-106' was created to meet the requirement for additional office space, Project 'Enhance HQ Entrance' was created to meet the requirements of coping with the additional staff flow and enhanced secure access control. In order to reduce costs and the impact on NATO operations, the two projects were amalgamated into one, Project 'Extend H-106'.

TECHNICAL DETAILS:

Project 'Extend H-106' includes the construction of a new wing to the existing HQ facility, Building H-106, including two floors of office space (2,510 m²), enhancements to the HQ Main Building entrance, a staff restaurant, and conference facilities. The new wing will be linked to the existing building via 5 bridges/corridors, thus enhancing internal circulation.

CONTRACT TIMELINES:

NATO HQ approved the concept in January 2012 and the completed facility plan was presented to the Host Nation MoD, in May 2014, for a cost estimate. NATO HQ granted budget approval in February 2015 and the Host Nation issued an International Competitive Bidding (ICB) invitation, a NATO version of European Tender, in April 2015. The ICB included aspects for: most economical value up to 40%; impact on NATO operations; information sharing; and processes for ensuring timings and quality. The contract was awarded to Laudy, based in Sittard, and was signed on 22 December 2015.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contractor commenced preparations on 04 January 2016 and on-site work commenced on 18 January 2016. A ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for 14 March 2016 and a technical hand-over to NATO is scheduled for March 2017. It is anticipated that NATO will commence operating from 'Extend H-106' during the summer months of 2017.

FINANCE:

The building contract amounts to approximately €10,000,000 with an additional budget of €2,500,000 set aside for Architectural & Engineering fees, Administration, Furniture, Communications and Information Systems equipment, etc..

BENEFITS:

Completion of these projects will provide suitably equipped and sized working areas for staff assigned to work at JFC Brunssum, releasing office space reserved for additional staff during operations, exercises, and training and enabling core staff to be co-located in one building. Modernisation of the Akerstraat entrance façade is being provided at no extra costs and the headquarters' restaurant is being constructed and refurbished to modern standards. The conference facilities will be modernised to facilitate the hosting of non-classified conferences with external participants and/or press. The new facility will enhance JFC Brunssum's ability to conduct its primary tasking.