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Abstract

1. Hamburg's island district of Wilhelmsburg is the location for Germany's eighth International Building Exhibition (IBA). Developed over more than a century the general intention of the IBA is to generate innovative ideas on the shaping of urban life. Each has had a special theme and that of IBA Hamburg is "Cities and Climate Change", with the central goal of making Wilhelmsburg self-sufficient in energy terms.
2. Measures used for achieving this central goal of energy self-sufficiency include the setting up an "Energy atlas", i.e. a comprehensive study of the building stock and its suitability for upgrading in energy performance terms, and the implementation of three, very different local district heating networks serving the individual projects.