

## DÜSSELDORF CITY COUNCIL CHOOSES ASTA POWERPROJECT TO MANAGE ITS PLANNING APPLICATION PROCESS AS A PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS.

In a recent survey, the Hamburg based economic research institute 'Feri' rated Düsseldorf as having the strongest economy out of 60 cities surveyed. The survey focused on how Germany's large cities are its economic engines. Düsseldorf is an economic centre for fashion, IT services and telecommunications.

The city has made considerable efforts to maintain its status among investors and to encourage businesses to set up offices in the city. This effort has included a focus on improvements in the planning process. Until recently some planning applications could take two years or more to gain approval and the delays had an obvious effect on the economic development of the area.

The slow planning process was making the city look less attractive to investors. The town planning department is responsible for all building approvals including housing, commercial office space, industrial buildings and infrastructure.



*Multi-project planning is what we do. A further requirement was that it had to integrate with our existing infrastructure. We needed not only to compile project information in the project management system but also to associate it simply using only links. We were able to address all these requirements with Asta Powerproject."*

Düsseldorf City Council invested in a 75 user system consisting of 25 concurrent client licences running enterprise server. This means that all projects are stored on a central server and all project managers have real-time access to project data. Security is built into the system ensuring that people involved in creating plans have read and write permissions whilst those in the City Planning Department have read only access.

Having a flexible, yet standard (off the shelf) product was vitally important to the City Planning Department. They did not want a product that would need to be customised to their needs, favouring instead a flexible solution that met their problem solving, project portfolio and resource management needs.

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