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NCC commissioned to build the Viiala comprehensive school according to Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria

NCC has been commissioned by Akaa town to build the new Viiala comprehensive school according to strict safety and environmental criteria. The project will apply for the Nordic Swan Ecolabel certification. The turnkey contract has an approximate value of EUR 19 million.

The school that will accommodate 750 pupils will have geothermal heating and is due to be inaugurated in August 2023.

“We’re very pleased to finally begin construction of a brand-new, modern school in Viiala in Akaa. The school should prove to be a major pull factor for Viiala. Cooperation with NCC in building our new well-being centre has been excellent, and we trust that cooperation will work equally well in this project,” says Mayor of Akaa **Antti Peltola**.

Construction will place with an emphasis on safety and environmental factors. Building work will be conducted under a weather cover, protecting both the roof and the walls.

“Modern school construction combines know-how from experts in a wide range of fields. Construction of the Viiala comprehensive school will adhere to the strict requirements of the Nordic Swan Ecolabel, which indicates that responsible building practices have been used. Several standardized operating methods will also be used to control construction quality. Cleanliness category P1 will be applied, as well as Kuivaketju10 and Healthy House moisture control criteria,” says NCC acting Area Manager Janne Alho.

The project includes construction of a raised passageway between the school and the adjacent sports hall. Geothermal heating wells near the sports hall currently under construction will provide energy to the comprehensive school as well.

Prominent use of wood in the interior

The school building is mainly a concrete and on-site masonry construction. However, the largest hallway and gathering spaces have been designed for prominent use of wood in ceiling structures, art walls, interior doors, windows, and other areas.

“We’re pleased to continue cooperation with the town of Akaa after the well-being centre is due to be finished in June, with its on-site staff transferred to the Viiala comprehensive school project. Construction work will begin in August, and the pupils will be able to start the autumn term of 2023 in a new school,” Alho says.

NCC is responsible for project planning and construction. The contract will be registered in the Building Nordics business area in the second quarter of 2021.

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