

Canton of Jura updates register of brownfield sites ripe for redevelopment

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Delémont - The canton of Jura has updated its list of industrial brownfield sites that are suitable for redevelopment as part of the SwissRenov project. The number of properties listed has risen from 30 to 70. The project, the only one of its kind in Switzerland, is intended to support the circular economy. It is being jointly implemented by the Haute École Arc and Creapole.

(CONNECT) The canton of Jura is committed to revitalizing its brownfield sites. As part of the SwissRenov project, the cantonal register of brownfield sites ripe for redevelopment has now been updated, according to a statement. In a first step, the aim is to provide companies and investors on the lookout for commercial space or interested in the redevelopment and modernization of industrial facilities with up-to-date and qualified information.

The first project phase saw around 90 brownfield sites recorded in 2019, around half of which have been renovated to date. Another 30 brownfield sites have now been added to the register. In its updated form, which can be viewed online, 70 brownfield sites are presently listed. Of these, 60 percent are located in the Porrentruy district and 36 percent in the Delémont district, with the remainder split between the Franches-Montagnes and Moutier districts. In its current phase, the SwissRenov project in the canton of Jura is scheduled for completion by 2028.

The SwissRenov project is being advanced by the Haute École Arc in collaboration with the cantonal spatial planning department and by Creapole SA, which is based in Delémont. It is being supported by the Federal Council, the Swiss federal government, via the Innosuisse flagship program and by CleantechAlps, a cleantech promotional agency based in Western Switzerland.

According to the information, the project, which is unique in Switzerland, is designed to support the renovation and restoration of industrial buildings in line with the principles of the circular economy. ce/ww



The land around Porrentruy train station is just one of the locations listed in the register of brownfield site suitable for redevelopment. Image credit: Roland Zumbuehl/Wikimedia