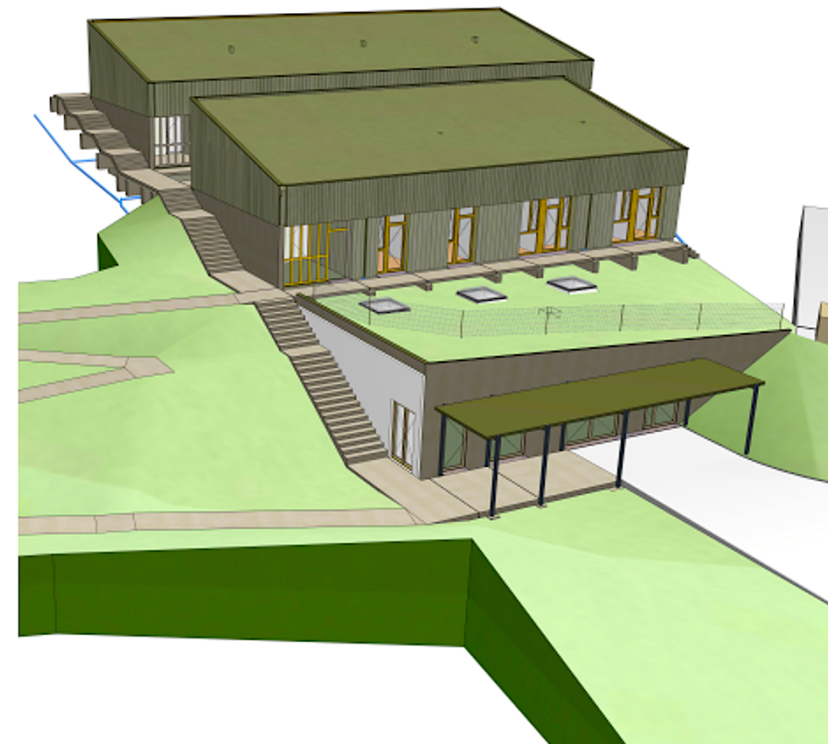
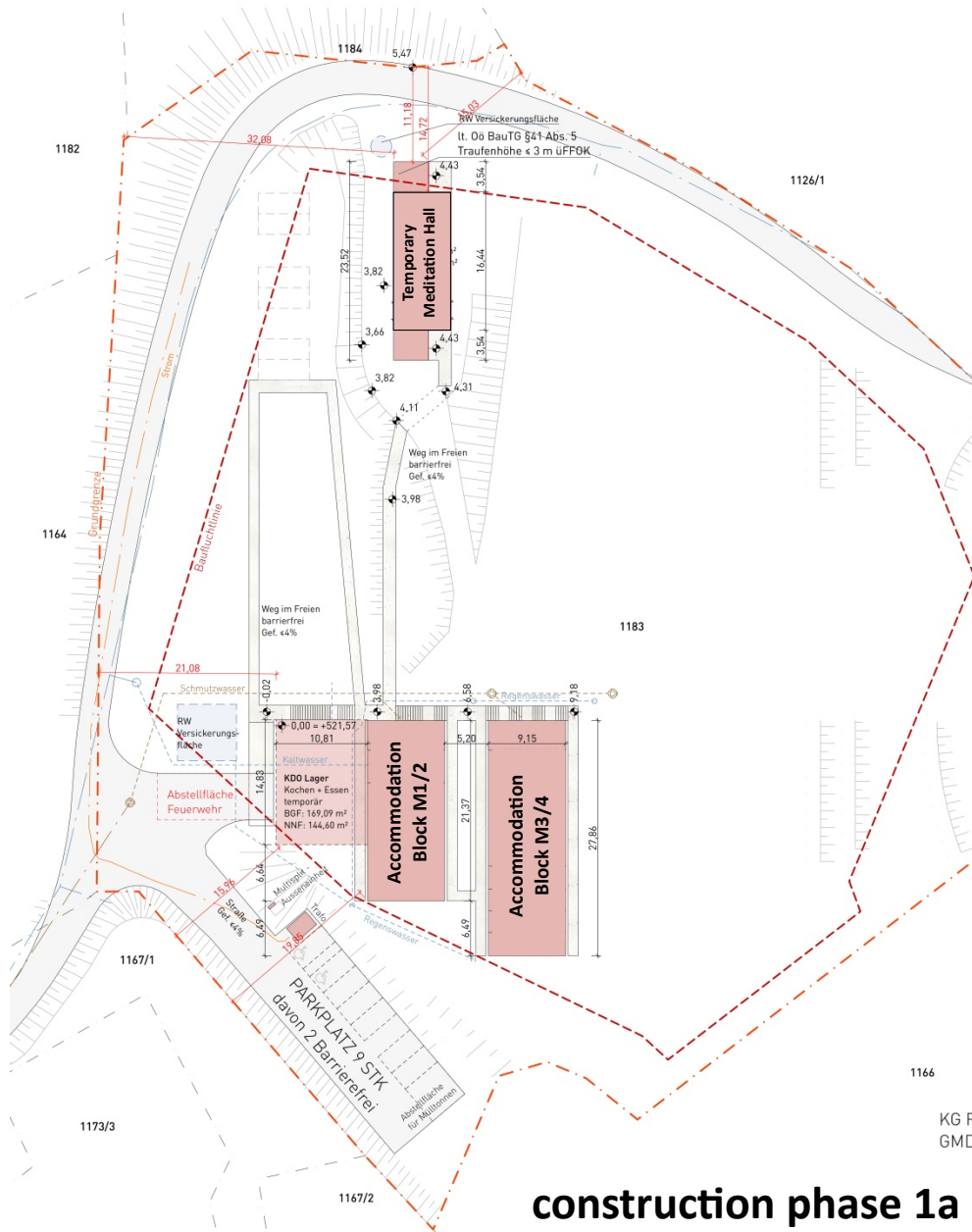


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Brochure on the Construction of the Vipassana Centre in Austria

**Content Update
Status November 2023**



Construction phases

In order to be able to start 10-day courses with less funds in view of the increased construction costs, construction phase 1 was divided into two sub-phases. **Construction phase 1a** now comprises the two long residential buildings and the southern annex of the KDO (Kitchen-Dining-Office building) where, among other things, the workshop was planned. This annex will house the kitchen and dining rooms for males and females for the initial period. With the construction of the KDO in **construction phase 1b**, this annex will be returned to its original purpose. Section 1a also includes the "garden hut", i.e., the wooden structure built in 2019, mainly with our own labour, which has since been used as a meditation hall and will remain the Dhamma Hall after section 1a. It will receive new lobbies on the outside in 2024 and will then be able to accommodate up to 70 course participants (meditators + servers). In construction phase 1b, the next residential wing upwards (towards the east), which actually belongs to construction phase 2, will be built in addition to the KDO. Thus, there will be more individual accommodation in view of the greatly increased capacity of the centre with the realization of the KDO, where more than 100 participants (meditators + servers) will then be able to attend the courses.

Costs and financing

Thanks to generous donations and loans from meditators as well as a bank loan, **construction phase 1a** can be realised from 2024 with total costs estimated at around 2.3 million €. We expect that this will enable regular course operations to begin in summer 2025, initially with 12 ten-day courses per year. With the donations that we can count on due to the course operation, the liabilities from the loans can also be serviced, however, in the first years we will hardly have much further surpluses to expect beyond that. For the **construction phase 1b** - i.e. the construction of the KDO - about 4 million € are needed according to the current status, which will probably have to be accumulated entirely through **new** donations and loans. The aforementioned third residential wing is to be built - apart from the foundation - predominantly by our own labour and should thus cause as little additional costs as possible.

Cost planning, status 11/2023:

- Until the realisation of regular course operation for 40 meditators and 5 servers, a total of approx. **3.5 million €** will have been raised through donations and loans with the completion of construction phase 1a.
- In order to realise the next construction phase 1b, after whose completion up to 96 meditators and 12 servers will be able to participate in courses, at least **4 million €** are still missing.

Donation account:

Verein für Vipassana Meditation

IBAN: AT16 3477 7000 0041 4359

BIC: RZOOAT2L777

Attention: New bank details

Please note: All donations received into the Austrian Dana account by 31 December 2023 will be automatically doubled by an Old Student.

Current opportunities to help with the construction of the centre

From 2024 onwards, apart from the regular work on the premises, there will be many very concrete opportunities to help with the construction of the centre:

- From March 2024, building work will be carried out on the current Dhamma Hall. This will include insulation of the walls, heating installation, installation of escape doors and addition of new lobbies, which will considerably increase the interior space. A period of ½ year is estimated for this work in the form of personal contributions of meditators.
- From summer / autumn 2024, the timber construction of the third residential building could possibly begin, provided that the foundations could already be built by then.

For both projects, a professional woodworker is available as a dhamma-worker for the supervision of the construction, he will be able to guide meditators to help. We are looking especially for experienced craftsmen and -women, but other motivated helpers are also very welcome.