Slope Stabilization for German Road Bypass

The picturesque town of Idstein, northwest of Frankfurt in Germany, is a popular destination with a stunning church, palace and castle. In 2002, the area’s transport authority was keen to build a new connecting road to improve traffic conditions around the historic location. As the topography of the site required extensive filling works in combination with a retaining structure on the side facing the town center, the tender requested the inclusion of a concrete retaining wall. However, a greener and more cost-effective solution lay in using a geogrid reinforced soil structure.

NAUE offered and deployed an alternative design, using its Secugrid® geogrid solution to reinforce the earth slope. This provided economic and environmental benefits impossible with a concrete retaining wall solution.

Choosing the geogrid reinforced soil solution rather than a concrete cantilever wall enabled a reduction of more than 80% of CO2, cut project costs by half, reduced construction time, and provided a more aesthetically-pleasing solution for a town renowned for its beautiful buildings.

Company: Naue
Client: City of Idstein
Location: Idstein, Germany
Application: Stabilizing earthworks around a new road system with a geogrid-reinforced slope
Benefits: Carbon emission reduction, cost and time savings, conserves natural resources

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