This is what the new children's hospital in Bydgoszcz will look like

ERBUD and the Antoni Jurasz University Hospital presented a visualization of the new pediatric hospital that will be built in Bydgoszcz. The project was presented in an unusual way – a model of the expanded facility was made from gingerbread by patients of the current hospital.

The new facility will consolidate all pediatric clinics, specialist outpatient departments, the operating block, and the full diagnostic base in one location. The building will have six above-ground floors and one underground level. The hospital at 9 Maria Skłodowska-Curie Street will offer 128 beds, including a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit with eight stations, a highly specialized Bone Marrow Transplant Unit with six isolation rooms, and the Clinic of Pediatrics, Hematology, and Oncology. These units will form a modern and comprehensive children's oncology center.

One of the key elements of the investment will be a modern operating block with four operating rooms, equipped for robotic surgery and featuring an intraoperative CT scanner. These solutions place the Bydgoszcz facility among the most technologically advanced pediatric hospitals in Poland.

As part of the preparations for the start of construction at the Antoni Jurasz University Hospital No. 1, special Christmas workshops were held for the youngest patients. ERBUD, the general contractor of the project, together with the hospital management and consortium partner EBUD Przemysłówka, invited children to participate in a creative event, during which a gingerbread model of the future hospital was created. The educational partner and facilitator of the event was the team from the Living Gingerbread Museum in Toruń.

– *Children who come to the hospital often have to face experiences no child should ever go through. They spend days, weeks, sometimes even months here. We wanted to give them a moment of carefreeness, creativity, and smiles. This hospital is being built with children in mind, which is why, together with ERBUD, we decided to create its model out of gingerbread,* – emphasizes Jacek Kryś, the hospital director.

The scope of work carried out by ERBUD and EBUD includes the construction of a new building, demolition of technical facilities, reconstruction of roads and infrastructure, development of green areas, modernization of the boiler house, and conversion of the steam installation to an electrical system. The contractor is also responsible for supplying medical equipment. The completion of the project is planned for late autumn 2027, with the contract value totaling nearly PLN 200 million.

– *Such events hold a special significance for us. They remind us that we are not just building walls and corridors, but a space where doctors will save the health and lives of the youngest patients. These are moments that show the purpose of our work. As a company from Toruń, we are experienced in building hospitals, but also in gingerbread, which is why*

we came up with the idea for such a unique way to start the collaboration, – says Mateusz Janion, contract manager at the ERBUD Group.

The ERBUD Group started its operations over 35 years ago in the Kuyavian-Pomeranian Voivodeship and today is one of the leading construction companies in Poland, executing projects also in Germany, Belgium, Lithuania, and the Netherlands. The company specializes in healthcare investments – over the past 10 years, it has participated in the construction or modernization of more than 50 hospitals across Poland. Key projects include, among others, the expansion and modernization of L. Rydygier Hospital in Kraków, South Hospital in Warsaw, the Center for Non-Invasive Medicine in Gdańsk, the Katowice Oncology Center, and the Silesian Clinical and Scientific Center named after Prof. Zbigniew Religa in Zabrze.

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