

## NEWS

### **Implenia celebrates successful completion of tunnelling work for new U5 line – The “Bärlinde” tunnel boring machine reaches Brandenburger Tor station**

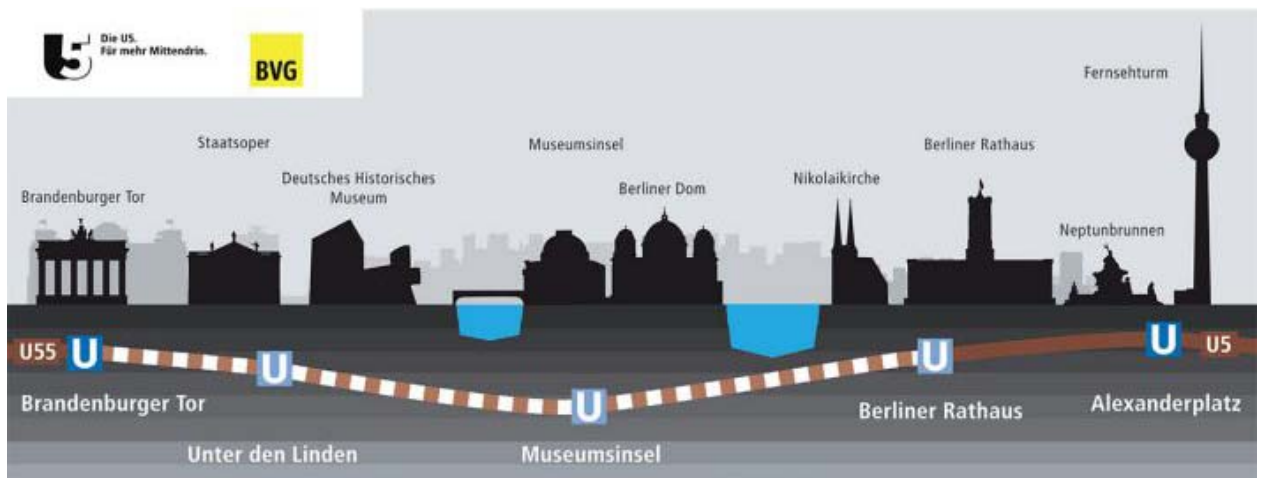
**Dietlikon, 14 October 2015** – Implenia has been working since 2011 on the new U5 underground railway line for the Berlin Transport Authority (BVG). The project includes extending the existing U5 line from Alexanderplatz to the Brandenburg Gate and linking it up with line U55, which has already been completed (see map). Implenia is responsible for constructing “Lot 1”, i.e. drilling the two tunnels, building the shell of the Museuminsel and Unter den Linden underground stations, and building the track switching system and start shaft. In April 2015, the “Bärlinde” tunnel boring machine made her second journey beneath the streets of Berlin. Now, half a year later, the 74-meter long, 700-tonne colossus has done its duty and drilled out the second tunnel between the Alexanderplatz and Brandenburger Tor stations. “Bärlinde” has created 1620 metres of tunnel and installed 1076 tubbing rings. This Wednesday the BVG, the U5 project implementation company and Implenia jointly announced the successful completion of the drilling phase. For Implenia, the U5 is one of the most important ongoing infrastructure projects in the European market. You can find out more about the project [here](#).



“Bärlinde” reaches its goal (left to right): Jörg Seegers, GF Projektrealisierungs GmbH U5/BVG; Dr. Evelin Nikutta, Chairwoman BVG; Stefan Roth, CEO Implenia Germany & Austria; Ute Bonde, GF Projektrealisierungs GmbH U5/BVG; Michael Greiner, Projektleiter Finanzen Implenia; Peter Hoppe, Gesamtprojektleiter Implenia; Klaus Schlüter, Vortriebsfahrer Implenia. (Photo: BVG)



The 74 meter long, 700-tonne tunnel boring machine "Bärlinde" drilled under the Spree River, on to the Humboldtforum and Spree Canal, below Unter den Linden and onwards to the U-Bahn station at the Brandenburg Gate. For more information about "Bärlinde" please go [here](#). (Photo: Antonio Reetz-Graudenz)



The "New U5" project includes extending the existing U5 underground railway line from Alexanderplatz to the Brandenburg Gate and linking it up with line U55, which has already been completed. This will turn the U5 and U55 into a single line: the new U5, which will then run all the way from Hönow to the main railway station. (Photo: BVG)

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