EVALUATION
Up to 80,000 people frequent Stephansplatz every day. The forty years old pavement was renewed, the square restructured as a whole. The concept merges seamlessly into the part of the pedestrian precinct in the Vienna city center that was already set up in 2008/09. Outdoor public space is the stage for people’s activities, its subtle yet robust design forming the backdrop for all conceivable usages. The intervening Schanigärten were redimensioned and restructured to provide more space, walking comfort and clarity for all users. The deficit in freely available seating was resolved, the lighting renewed and improved. The non-directional space of the square was planned using the Roman paving technique pattern with differently colored, flagged granite slabs and ornamental stones in abstract cruciform arrangement. Thus the newly designed pedestrian precinct is a unique, attractive urban space for both residents and tourists in the heart of Vienna.

»Stephansplatz with St. Stephen’s Cathedral is the center of the city and a magnet for thousands of tourists. It is all the more important and pleasing that the public space has now been completely refurbished and given a new surface. The project is very successful; Stephansplatz is back in a state that is appropriate for the place«
– Mag. Maria Vassilakou, Vice Mayor of Vienna