



Leipzig (DE)

transforming neighborhoods

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Team composition: architect/urbanist/landscaper

Location: Leipzig, Germany

Population: 609.870

Study site: 115 ha

Project site: 17 ha

Site proposed by: City of Leipzig

Actors involved: City of Leipzig

Owner(s) of the site: City of Leipzig, Various Cooperatives, Municipal Housing Association (LWB), Private Housing Companies

Commission after competition: in the on-site workshops after the competition, the results are to be discussed on site and adapted if necessary. The next planned step is to commission the winning team(s) with urban planning studies.



Project site with neighborhood square «Jupiterplatz»



Study site

INHABITED MILIEU'S CHALLENGES

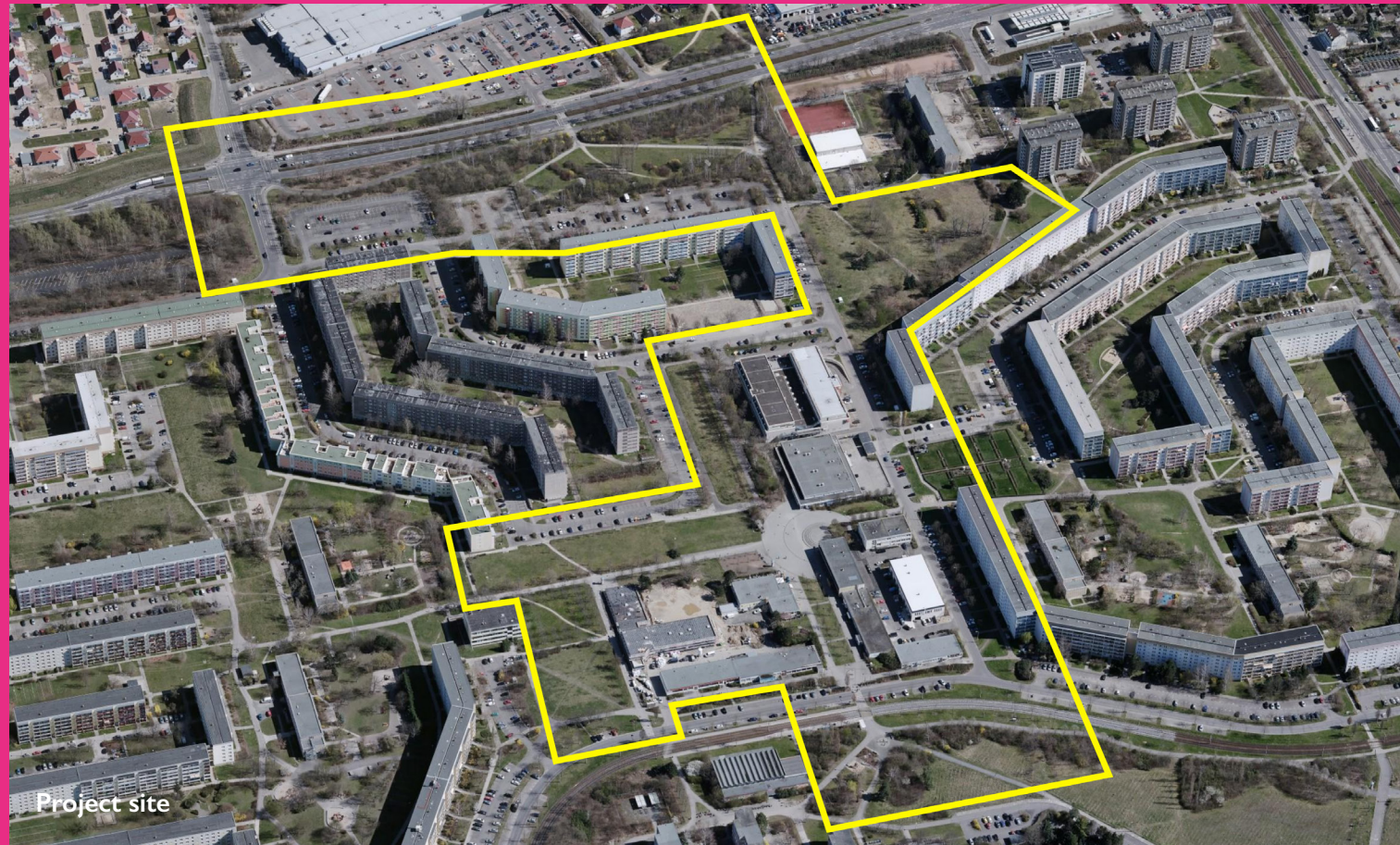
Based on the Jupiterstraße neighbourhood centre in Leipzig-Grünau, spatial development concepts are being sought for the suburban settlements of the steadily growing city of Leipzig. With the Leipzig-Halle conurbation and a population of over one million people, Leipzig is the economic centre of eastern Germany. The 23 lakes around the trade fair city of Leipzig, newly created as a post-mining landscape, shape the image of the city on the waterfront in the metropolitan region of Central Germany.

Exemplary models for combining living and working in a large housing estate are to be developed that contribute to local supply, meeting places and culture. Decisive impulses for lifelong learning in the neighbourhood are desired, as are green and open space concepts that go beyond the district. A new school building is expected, as is a critical examination of the site, new building and spatial typologies, and proposed solutions for a contemporary approach to the inadequate scale in the area.

An identity-forming concept and, in particular, a long-term vision are sought for the project site, which is characterised by demolition, abandonment and loss of function. This vision is to be exemplary for the future change in the significance of Grünau, a district in the west of Leipzig that appears largely isolated from the rest of the city. In addition, the visions to be developed should be exemplary for the transformation of central service areas into large housing estates of post-socialist urban development in Europe.

HOW CAN TRANSFORMATIVE MODELS FOR POST-SOCIALIST NEIGHBORHOODS, WITH A FOCUS ON COMBINING LIVING AND WORKING CONCEPTS IN SUBURBAN AREAS, STEER THE «PLANETARY QUARTER» INTO A NEW ORBIT?

WHAT IS THE VISION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRERS IN THE LONG TERM, AND HOW DOES IT AIM TO BECOME A MIXED, DENSE HUB OF LIVING, WORKING, AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES?



QUESTIONS TO THE COMPETITORS

Under the guideline of the fifteen-minute city, the awarding authority expects proposals for short-, medium- and long-term measures to overcome the current lack of effectiveness and identification plaguing the Jupiterstraße neighbourhood centre. Which strategies and visions are needed to create a vibrant urban space with cross-district appeal?

How can the urban layout be developed for contributing to the debate on multicoding, re-densification and the mixing of the social with the functional while strengthening a community perspective for careful urban growth? Also in terms of both functionality and urban development?

What are spatial strategies and typologies of integrating small-scale and flexibly usable areas for business, services, and cultural and social offerings, and how is it expected to impact the mix of uses? What is the expected outcome of the critical examination of the site in terms of the development of new building and spatial typologies, and how will they promote an urban spatial quality that invites appropriation to address the current lack of scale? Also, in what ways should the designs facilitate orientation and identification, particularly in areas adjacent to neighboring quarters?

How are the uses of open spaces and areas of vegetation intended to be intensified, while existing green structures are preserved and qualified to create cross-district opportunities for all generations and population groups?

