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Population 117,000

Location

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Study area 13 ha

Site area 4.3 ha

Theme

Competition site is to be considered as site intended for realistic innovative development, as the city is eager to realize this project immediately. The aim is to create generator of urban change, which would transform larger area from mono-functional lowdensity area into area of bigger urban intensity and diversity. Competition site should be transformed by means of typological and programmatic innovations into area of hybrid urbanity, enabling new, emerging lifestyles.





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Conurbation

Maribor is the second biggest town of Republic of Slovenia. It is located in northeast of the Country only 18km from Austrian borderline. In eighties city was one of the biggest industrial towns of former Yugoslavia. In the beginning of nineties started the process of transformation from industrial into post-industrial city with emphasizes on education, commerce and tourism. Upcoming EU expansion will place Maribor even more into a power-full regional network of German, Austrian, Hungarian and Croatian Cities.

Site

Competition site is located on the city edge, adjacent to city-ring. At the moment, site is flat patch of undeveloped rural land. There is a large single-family low density housing area on the northern side of site. On the south, there is programmatically and typologically heterogeneous area, typical for suburban development, consisting of large parking areas and various large volumes containing apartment blocks, shopping center, new church and youthrehabilitation center.





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Programme

Commercial programs, services, housing and parking are to be planned at competition site. Larger percentage of building would consist of non-profit rental units intended for young families together with innovative social spaces and local services. Smaller percentage of intended programmers would consist of commercial and public programs various types and scales. For instance: those programs could represent permeable zone between housing units and adjacent City-Ring. The plot ratio is 0,4-0.6.

Issues

functional: The goal is to create balanced multifunctional area with emphasis on housing. Clear hierarchy of open public spaces linked to adjacent recreational areas should be created and complemented with commercial programs and services.

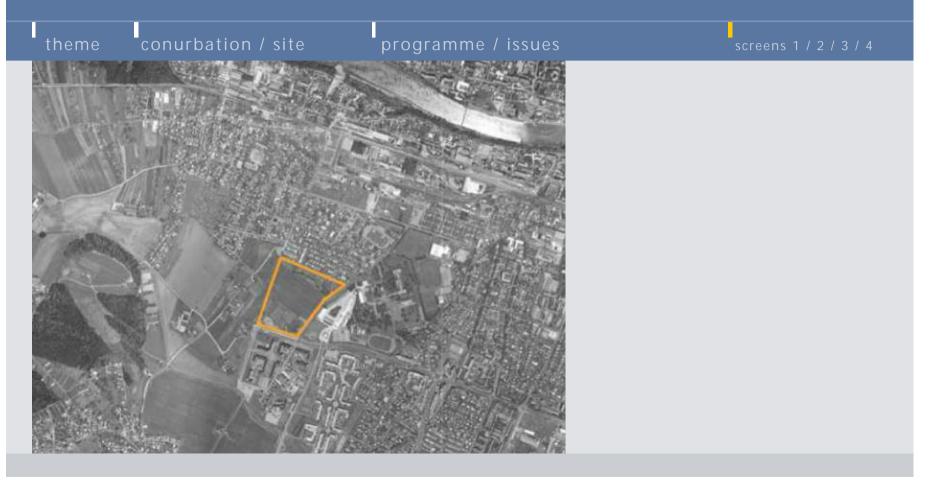
SOCial : Approximately 300 units intended for young population -singles, couples with or without children should emphasize typological diversity and programmatic and spatial reinvention of social space.

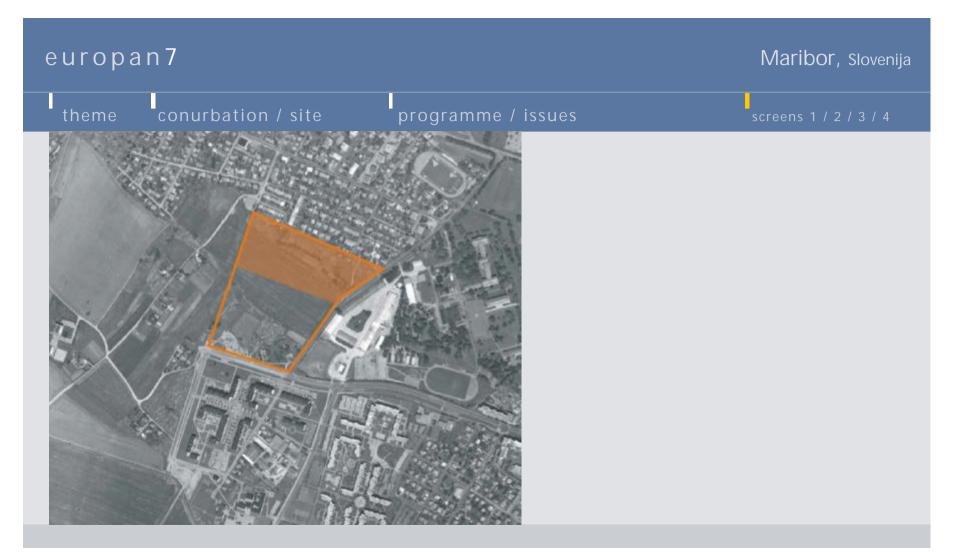
perceptual: Site is attractive as a contrast between dynamic space of City-Ring and diverse, though quiet housing area. Large recreational areas in vicinity are important advantage. Towards south mountaintops can be seen.



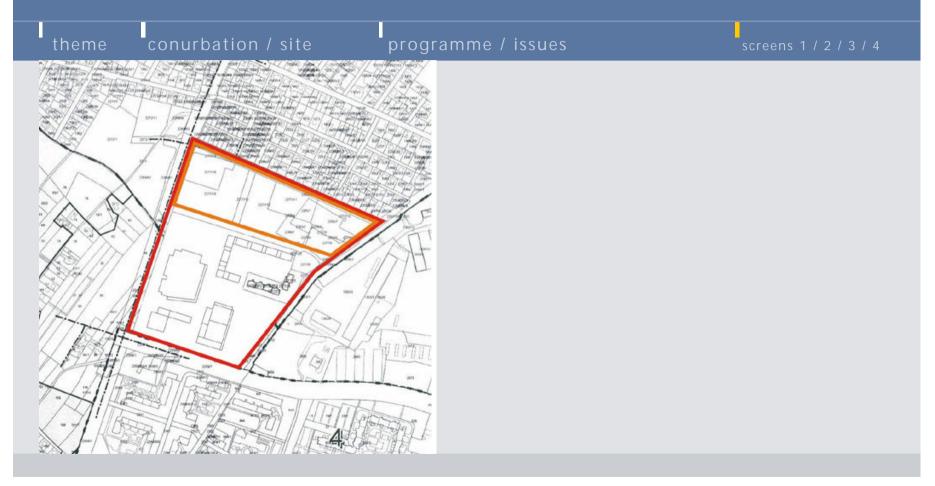


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