



E17 JURY STATEMENT

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REPAIR AND CARE

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1st stage assessment - local commission: The proposed project presents a robust and well-developed strategy that emanates from public spaces and regards Wiener Straße as a focal axis for densification. Particularly noteworthy is the consideration of hydrological aspects and the interconnection of socio-ecological notions.

Noteworthy is the approach that takes public space as a basis for the strategy and focuses on the redistribution of private and semi-public spaces to public areas (school open space and castle park) as catalysts. The new Waterfront area forms the heart of the entire site. Here, it becomes evident how the developed concept is consistently expanded and can span along this versatile open space. The consistent emphasis on water as a central element is commendable and can be seen as an urban as well as an open space design tool. Likewise, the various green spaces along the waterfront are well imaginable as future scenarios, however a detailed representation of a certain part at the scale 1:500 scale would have helped for a deeper understanding of the atmospheric quality of the place. Furthermore, a thorough exploration of how to address the terrain and the underpass would have been preferable.

The transformation of Wiener Straße is well-thought-out, as it not only envisages the reduction of street lanes and the establishment of green corridors, but also integrates building mass into the street space, thereby creating sustainable densification. The conversion of mobility areas into building areas is viewed by the jury as a robust and promising strategy.

The work is considered convincing not only in terms of design but also strategically. It's evident that the team has put considerable thought into mobility transition and participation processes. Furthermore, the future visions regarding social connectivity and the integration of public spaces appear capable of addressing the complex requirements and challenges in Gösting. "Repair and Care" is seen as a project that has a lot of potential even, when not implemented in its entirety.

Final assessment - international jury: The title of the entry already suggests the project is not focusing on the topic of building up the city as we know it but on how do we repair our past mistakes and take care of the environment as an integral part of a city.



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The team makes evident that the green and blue infrastructure are taking dominance in shaping the city as opposed to the mineral and motorized mobility infrastructure. The City of Graz is wondering how the Gösting town centre and the spaces along the Wienerstrasse will change after the implementation of the mobility hub and the car-centred town will be serviced by soft mobility. The projects Repair + Care takes this restructuring as a central focus of its proposal and develops it in terms of social and environmental impact.

The most prominent feature of the project is the repairing the "mistake" of culverting and regulating streams leading from the hills on the west side of the town flowing to Mur-river. It "daylights" the hidden streams and designs their new banks in a way to slow the flow and provide for high flow storm events. As the streams become part of the (urban) landscape again, social space regains access to the water and its dynamics and climatic influences, redefining public space as a complex urban and natural milieu.