



CATEGORY urban / architectural
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE architect

LOCATION KUOPIO - Hatsala
POPULATION City 105 000 inhab. Conurbation 123 676 inhab.
STRATEGIC SITE 40 ha, **SITE OF PROJECT** 9 ha
SITE PROPOSED BY City of Kuopio
OWNER OF THE SITE City of Kuopio and Savonia University of Applied Sciences

COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION
Urban planning, design of public areas and / or building design.

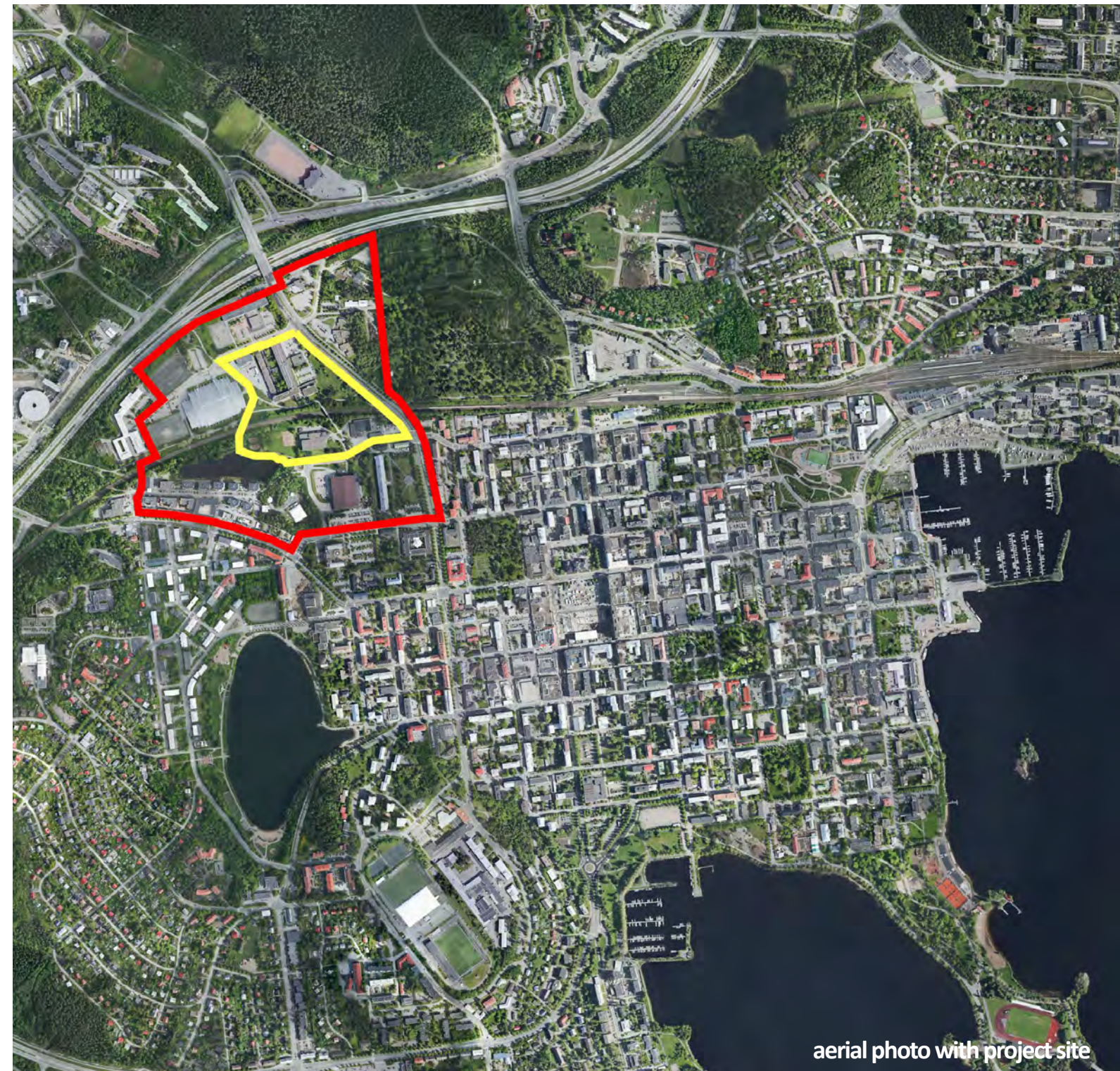
HOW THE SITE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE ADAPTABLE CITY?

The competition area consists of a school property built in the 1970s that is being made available for other purposes, sports buildings from the 1960s at the end of their life cycle, as well as a railway cutting between these.

The challenge is to find new uses for the former campus area and its buildings, to unite the split area, as well as better connect it to the city center.

CITY STRATEGY

The City of Kuopio, as the hub of Eastern Finland, is aiming in its urban strategy for attractiveness, competitiveness and growth. The focus will be placed, for instance, on a future-oriented and sustainable urban structure, as well as resident-oriented and preventive services.



SITE DEFINITION

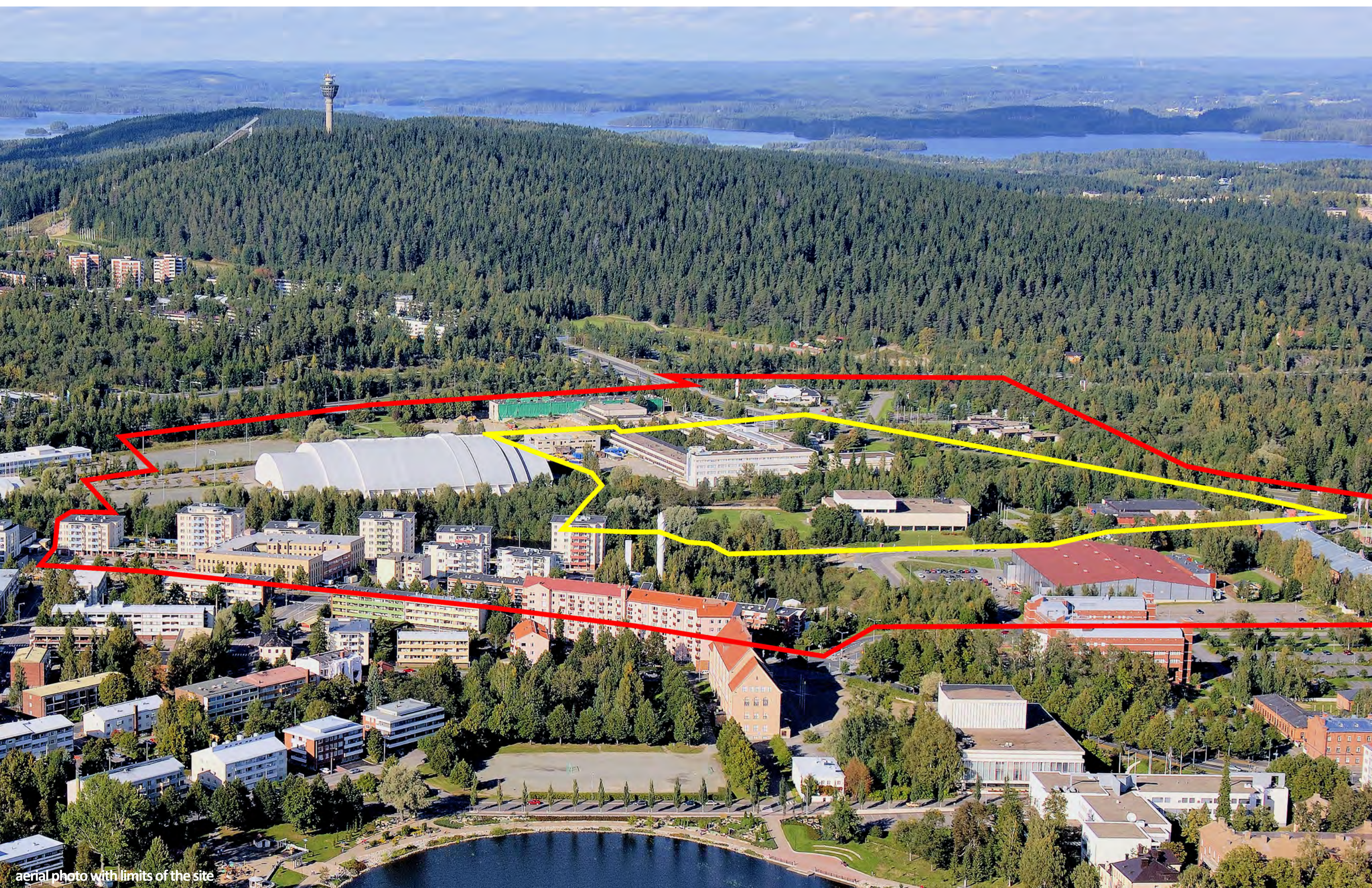
The area is located at the north edge of the city centre, along the entrance traffic artery, as part of the public service zone of the master plan. The competition area consists of a school property built in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s that is being made available for other purposes, sports buildings from the 1960s at the end of their life cycle, as well as a railway cutting between these. West and south of the area are sports halls and school buildings, and on the east side is a museum and cemetery. The motorway functions as a backbone for the ribbon-like urban structure, with its exits immediately to the north of the planning area.

ADAPTABILITY: MAIN ELEMENTS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

The objective is to defragment the urban structure with possible super-imposed infill building above the railway line, to look for ideas for the reuse of the educational institutions and sports facilities that are becoming vacant, as well as to improve the urban image. The proposed ideas for activities can – in accordance with the urban strategy – be housing, services and work facilities supported by the existing recreational services in the city centre and vicinity.

By building over the railway tracks, the Hatsala campus becomes more tightly linked as a part of the adjacent Kuntolaakso sports area and the city centre.

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aerial photo with limits of the site

