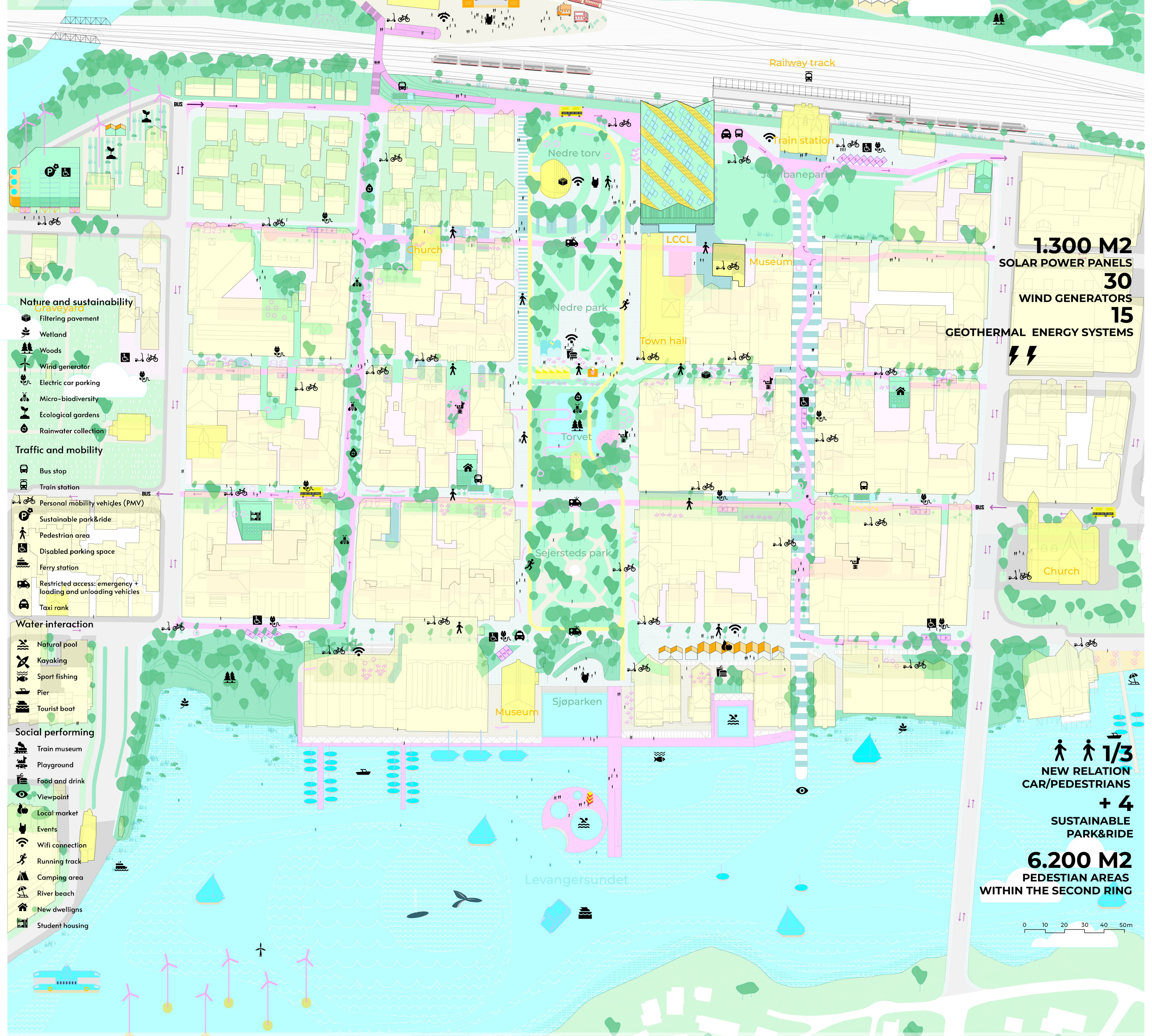
HELLO, WOODS!

a new, sustainable era for Levanger

Hello, Woods! welcomes a new era for Levanger. The future of the city is circular, accessible and sustainable. A time in which cars are replaced by trees; roads and parking lots by commercial and cultural public spaces; smoke and pollution by fresh air; and you can listen to birdsongs and the river flow instead of the noise of a busy city.

Environment and energy are the centerpiece of the proposal, going over the opposition between city and nature. Hello, Woods! enhances every natural ecosystem and cycle in Levanger: the river Levangerelva, Levangersundet or the woods, as well as the parks inside and around the city. In addition, energy consumption and environmental footprint will be reduced by means of solar, wind and geothermal renewable and clean power.

The cultural heritage of the wooden town of Levanger and its building tradition will be respected and taken care of at all times. **Hello, Woods!** new buildings are inspired by the current ones in both aspects of construction materials and shape, but using the newest 4.0 construction methods in terms of prefabrication, circular economy and sustainability. With the above, the idea is to increase population density within the town centre, implementing house developments while not losing the particular and historical identity of the city.



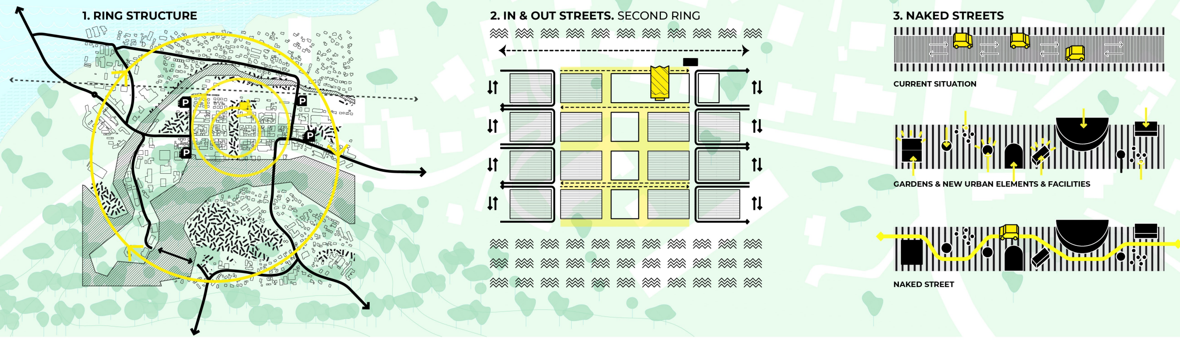
LESS CARS, MORE PEOPLE, MORE TREES...

Hello, Woods! will put an end to cars within the city center, opting for the improvement of public and bike transportation. It intends to create a city in which you can reach, in less than 15 min by foot or bike, any place of the old town. Surely, Levanger will become more sustainable, clean and welcoming for people and animals, boosting business and the vitality of the whole city.

A progressive limitation of cars will be implemented following a ring-like strategy:

The ring around the Park Axis will be completely closed to private car circulation. Only buses, emergency vehicles,loading and unloading commercial vehicles will be allowed in this area. The second ring will be used only by residents of the city centre, with speed reduction elements such as urban furniture, trees, gardens, resting areas and winding paths (naked streets).

To allow people to come and visit the old town by car, a few park-and-ride buildings will be placed at the edge of the third ring, in strategic empty places.



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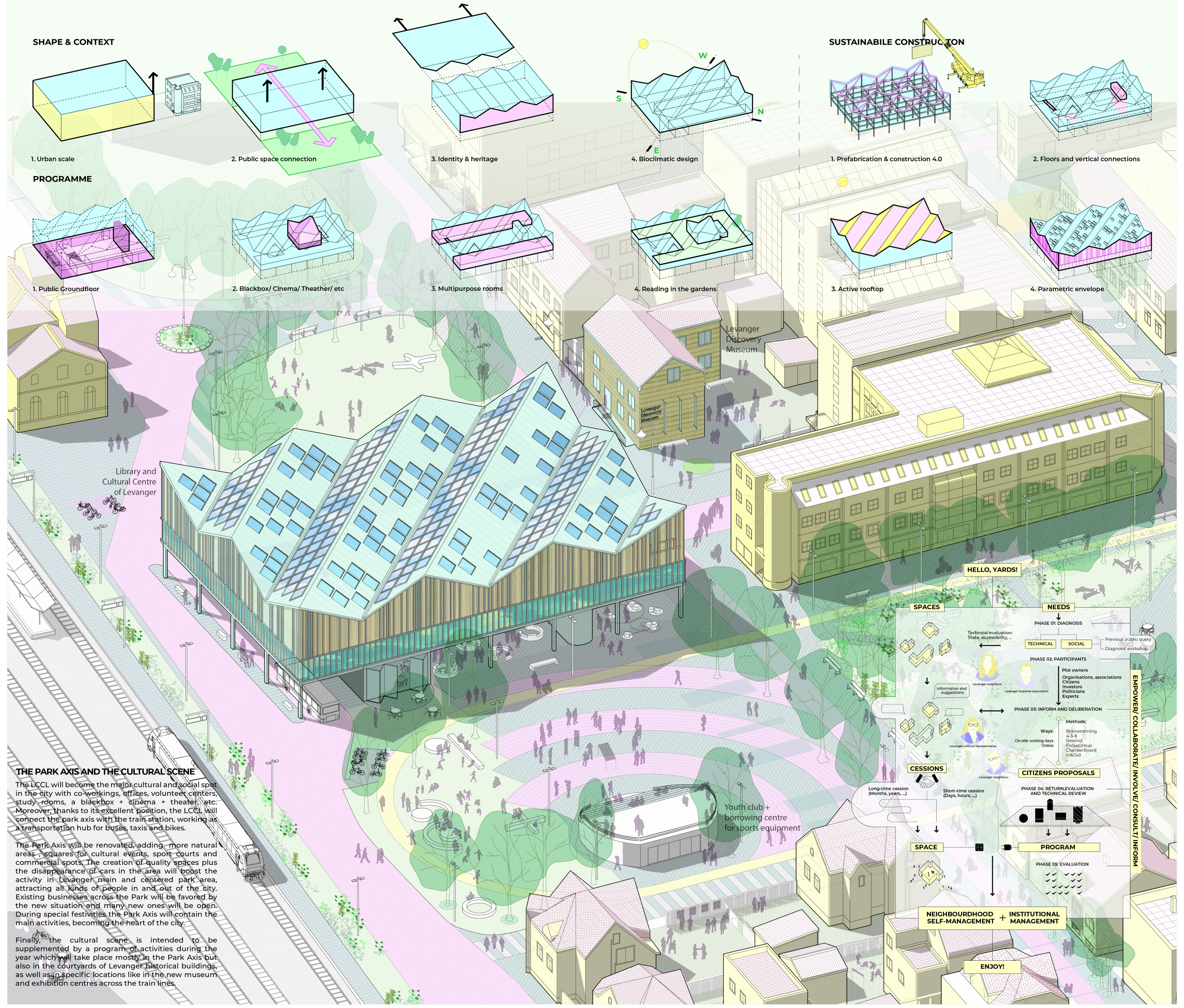

THE PARK AXIS AND THE CULTURAL SCENE

The LCCL will become the major cultural and social spot in the city with co-workings, offices, volunteer centers, study rooms, a blackbox + cinema + theater, etc. Moreover, thanks to its excellent position, the LCCL will connect the park axis with the train station, working as a transportation hub for buses, taxis and bikes.

The Park Axis will be renovated, adding more natural areas , squares for cultural events, sport courts and commercial spots. The creation of quality spaces plus the disappearance of cars in the area will boost the activity in Levanger main and centered park area, attracting all kinds of people in and out of the city. Existing businesses across the Park will be favored by the new situation and many new ones will be open. During special festivities the Park Axis will contain the main activities, becoming the heart of the city.

Finally, the cultural scene is intended to be supplemented by a program of activities during the year which will take place mostly in the Park Axis but also in the courtyards of Levanger historical buildings, as well as in specific locations like in the new museum and exhibition centres across the train lines.

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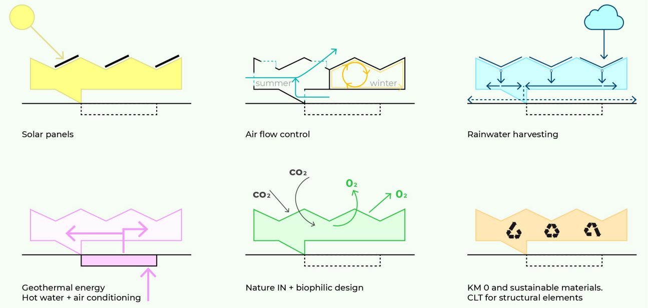
LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER OF LEVANGER

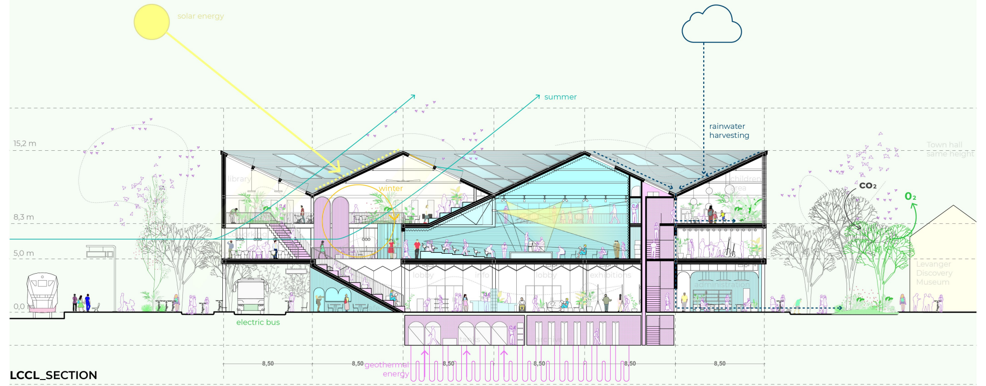
The **LCCL** is called to be the cultural and activity node of Levanger. It will be the starting point of the project, containing the concepts of sustainability, respect and circularity that lie in every inch of **Hello, Woods!**

The exterior shape and aspect follows the gable roofs of the historical buildings in the Park Axis and the rest of the city. The highest point of the roof is equal to the height of the city hall building next door.

From an energetic point of view the building is self-sufficient. It generates electricity thanks to the solar power plant installed on its rooftop, which explains why the gables are oriented to the south -45° degrees from the façade. The roof also allows air flow control by opening and closing its skylights, reducing the energetic demand during the year. In addition, hot water and air conditioning are supplied by the clean geothermal station in the basement.

The **LCCL** will use prefabricated systems to save construction time and reduce the C02 footprint. Following this construction methodology the Library and Cultural Centre of Levanger will be completely circular and positive.





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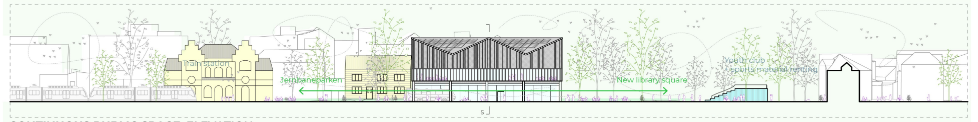
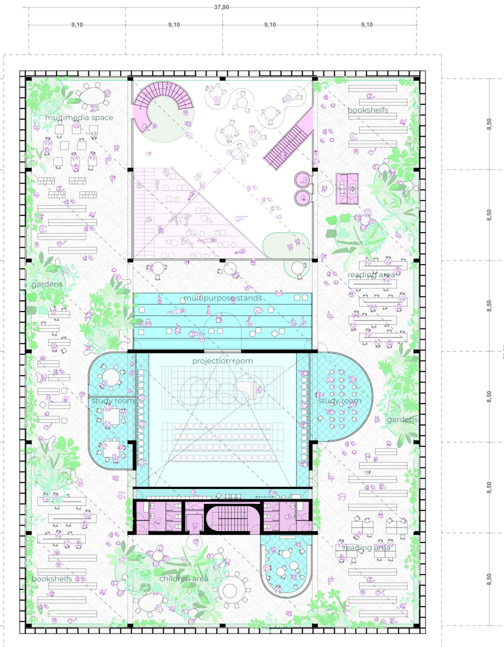
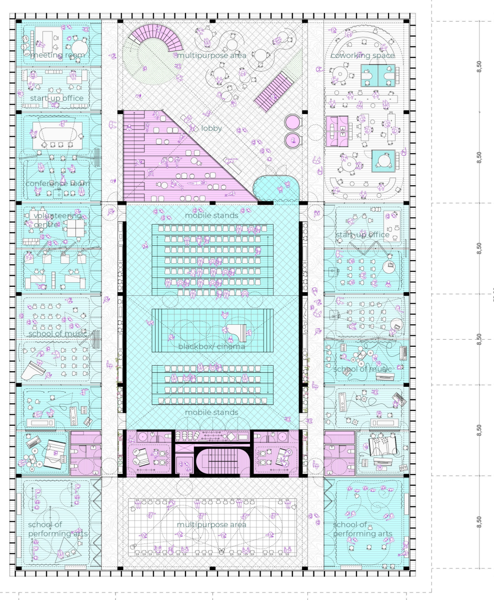


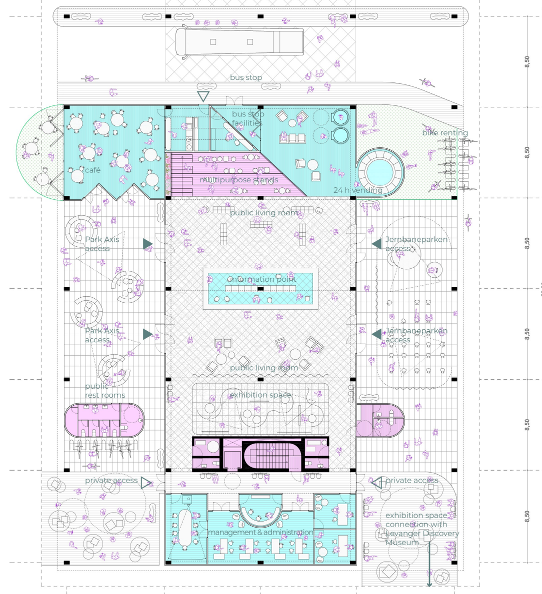
CONTINUOUS PUBLIC SPACE_ELEVATION



THE GARDENS_SECOND FLOOR
LIBRARY/ GARDENS/ STUDY ROOMS/ READING CLUB/ CHILDREN AREA/ MULTIMEDIA SPACE/ BLACKBOX STAGE & PROJECTION ROOM



THE FACTORY_FIRST FLOOR
CINEMA & BLACKBOX/ COWORKING SPACE/ START-UP OFFICES/ CONFERENCE ROOMS/ VOLUNTEERING CENTRE/ SCHOOL OF MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



THE SQUARE_GROUND FLOOR
INFORMATION POINT/ ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT/ CAFE/ BUS STOP AND FACILITIES/ 24H VENDING/ EXHIBITION SPACES

SCALE: 1.250