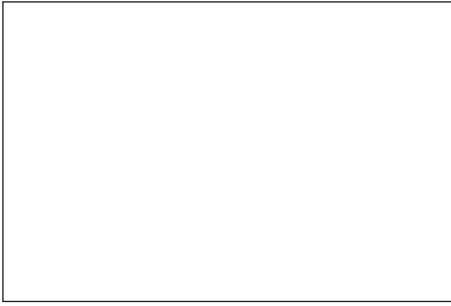




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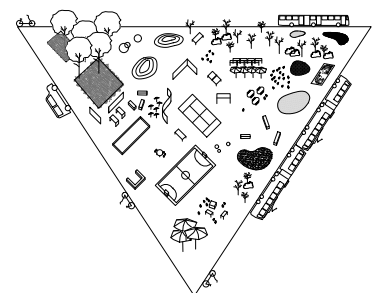
Located in the Madrid metropolitan area, within a dynamic economic and institutional context, the urban landscape of Getafe reflects the social transformations driven by rapid growth throughout the 20th century. The city transitions abruptly from residential neighborhoods with a sense of community to dense building blocks, expansive industrial areas, and large event venues, all embedded in carefully managed green spaces. Over time, these large-scale infrastructures have become increasingly detached from the everyday life of residents, while industrial zones remain under-integrated into the urban ecosystem.

Therefore, it is important to re-examine the mediation within this urban fabric and explore mechanisms that foster programmatic flexibility across different land uses. The project aims to re-establish exchanges between large-scale events and daily urban life, particularly across the border between residential and industrial areas, reinforcing the possibility of future connectivity. This transformative need presents a unique opportunity to reimagine the Getafe bullring not merely as a local facility, but as an experimental site capable of extending its impact across the entire city.

## URBAN AREA: A SHARED ASSEMBLAGE

Throughout its history, Getafe has occupied a strategic geographical position at the heart of the Madrid metropolitan area, sustaining a robust commercial and economic network shaped by specific needs and waves of investment. Just as the bullring and the city of Getafe exert a regional pull, there is also a strong tradition of reciprocal influence: the surrounding communities have played an equally significant role in shaping the city's social fabric. In the transformation of the bullring area, the challenge lies in integrating nearby facilities into the urban core while revitalizing the surrounding neighborhoods. Achieving this requires a practical and adaptive model—one that fosters continuous dialogue, spatial interdependence, and programmatic flexibility.

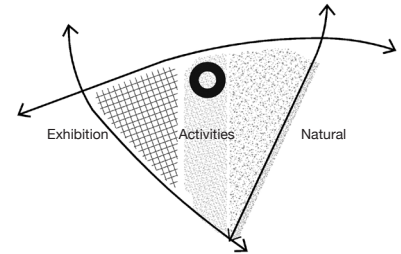
Drawing on the concept of assemblage as articulated by theorists such as Anna Tsing, Gilles Deleuze, and Félix Guattari, the urban fabric can be reimaged as a non-hierarchical constellation of coexisting and coevolving elements. Within this framework, we envision the emergence of a new urban zone that does not isolate its components but instead recognizes them as interconnected entities. The buildings, the park, and the recreational programs could collectively form an assemblage—whether through material



flows, planted environments, or social interactions—each influencing and being influenced by the others through multilayered relationships. This interdependence enables the formation of new synergies that enhance the adaptability and resilience of the entire area.

### Regeneration from the Existing

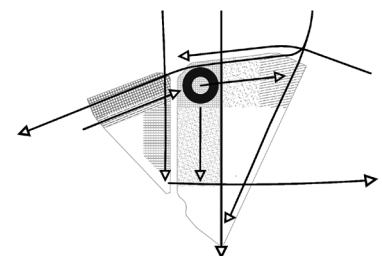
The regeneration strategy is based on respecting the original site structure, preserving its essential characteristics while adapting to future development possibilities. The site will maintain the transition from the urban area to green space. The exhibition site itself will be retained and optimized, with the Andalucía Park enhanced birthing biodiversity. And the green space at the southern end of the bullring converted into a buffer zone, aiming to promote interaction between



the bullring and the community and enhance residents' quality of life. The proposal keeps almost the trees in the same place, grass area left in their existing shapes, paths reduced but otherwise untouched, changing the pavement, etc. The inner boundaries of the three areas of the project will be weakened to enable seamless connectivity between different spaces, creating an open and connected atmosphere. At the same time, the surrounding areas of the site will also undergo some renovations. All fences around public buildings are recommended for removal—as they create unnecessary distance between the community and the park—and bicycle lanes will be added, pedestrian paths improved, and squares and gardens incorporated. In this way, we significantly enhance accessibility while preserving the site's potential to transition from large-scale events to public green spaces.

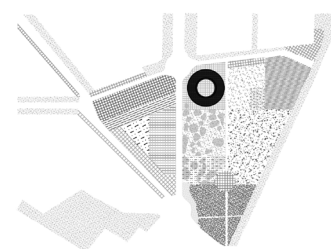
### Restructure a continuous landscape

This proposal aims to enhance the perception of the urban landscape by creating a coherent sequence of interconnected spaces and reaffirm links from the Getafe central to the Railway line C3 station. It responds to the bullring's role as a key metropolitan cultural venue with its surrounding areas. The transformation follows three fundamental principles: 1. Strengthening the visual connection between Palestina Street and Martín Gato Avenue. 2. Extending the spatial continuity from bullring to surrounding public areas. 3. Improving connectivity along C3 railway and the industrial zone. Opening the city through a seamless sense of continuity, the project seeks to foster a fluid and integrated relationship across the entire urban fabric.



### Redensification the collective ground

This strategy aims to create a dynamic, interconnected space that accommodates diverse uses, mainly from daily activities. The exhibition area will be renovated as an accessible and adaptable platform, an open stage for multiple urban uses. The activity area, southern of the bullring, will be equipped with a series of different space for outdoor activity. As part of the renaturalization of Andalucía Park, adding plants for natural ecological succession, to provide a more natural landscape. The children's playground and service facilities will move to the northern entrance to improve accessibility. By introducing flexible urban functions, the area will become



a vibrant, inviting space that fosters interaction, knowledge sharing, and community engagement—transforming it into a hub for collaboration rather than just passage.

## BUILDING AREA: A ROOM IN THE CITY

The transformed bullring is based on the concept of an open frame for multiple urban uses, to encourage communication and interaction between the various groups of people, now a shared facility, promotes interaction among students, staff, local residents, and visitors. With its the new facade enhances interior visibility and provides direct accessibility. By combining typically separate functions like a restaurant, cafeteria, and sports facilities, it creates a welcoming space for connection. Its flexible design responds to urban transformation, providing a framework that meets current needs while allowing for future adaptation.

### From daily activities to event

The building functions as a dynamic hub, hosting a variety of activities—from daily uses like school, sports, community services, and commercial spaces to temporary and periodic cultural events. It is thoughtfully designed to accommodate a wide spectrum of experiences, from large-scale outdoor gatherings and city-wide events to more intimate, everyday indoor activities. This flexibility ensures the space remains active and adaptable throughout the year and all seasons. This creates an inviting gesture that warmly embraces the community and reinforces a seamless integration between the building and the city.

### Multi functionality

A building that accommodates multiple activities requires multiple circulation routes to allow different groups of people to use the building at different times. Therefore, precise functional zoning has become a necessity. Public cultural facilities are located in the mezzanine, with the transparent façade showcasing these activities, enhanced by a series of welcoming external staircases. To maximize the separation of people for the temporary event, the ground floor has separate entrances with its independent administrative and logistics spaces. Commercial spaces are located on the ground floor to invite community engagement and vitality.

### Modularity and adaptability

The concrete structure of the bullring is well-preserved. The project proposes reducing it to its essential elements—columns, beams, and floor slabs—which will be repaired and slightly extended outward to increase usable space and support a more flexible layout. The new column grid structure follows the existing architectural grid, reinforcing continuity while introducing a clear and coherent spatial logic. This system offers both structural order and spatial flexibility, enabling a wide range of uses. Spaces can be shaped, combined, or subdivided to accommodate everything from large collective functions to smaller, more independent activities. Its simplicity enables faster, more efficient construction without compromising design integrity. At the same time, the grid offers a robust and adaptable framework that supports future extensions, allowing the building to evolve with shifting needs and uses.

## Circular economy

The project involves using demolition materials found on site as aggregates or elements in the formulation of new floor coverings and landscape gabion fences, highlighting the impact on the material life cycle. This approach inevitably raises questions about the history of the materials used, tracing the successive stages of their transformation back to their origin and drawing on the site's unique potential. Additionally, shared spaces and equipment further emphasize waste reduction by minimizing resource consumption. The façade's shading and ventilation system also enhances the building's environmental efficiency throughout its life cycle.



## CONCLUSION

The project reimagines Getafe's urban landscape by seamlessly integrating architecture and nature, forming an open and adaptable system. At the heart of this transformation is the adaptive reuse of the bullring—redefined as a multifunctional civic space with a transparent and inviting presence. Supported by a flexible column grid system, the structure accommodates a wide range of uses, from everyday activities to large-scale public events, while allowing for future extensions and evolution over time. Its blurred physical and functional boundaries open the building to its surroundings, reinforcing its role as an accessible and active social platform. Through open public spaces, modular strategies, and thoughtful reuse, the project becomes a living model for urban regeneration—one that embodies inclusivity, sustainability, and adaptability. Deeply rooted in the local context, it both preserves Getafe's architectural heritage and welcomes its dynamic, collective future.