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City: Berlin

Location: Südkreuz (southern junction) Inhabitants: 3.4 million inhabitants

Study site: 170 ha

Site of project: individual areas to be selected by the

participants

#### **TOPIC**

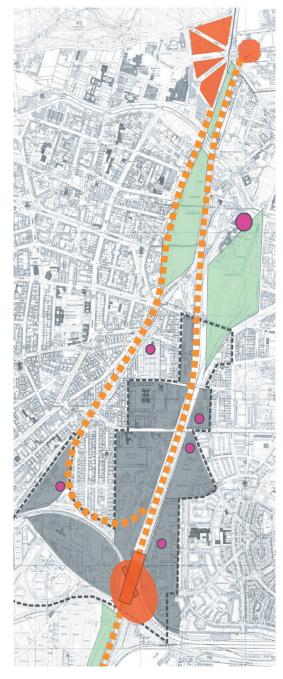
The Südkreuz area has both very good infrastructural connections to the city and the region. However, the inner development of the area is insufficient, even foot and cycle paths end at its outer edges. The existing traffic links (railway, motor vehicles) only run through the area at the present time, city train users use the station to change trains but not as a destination. The station is hardly used by railway travellers.

In order to overcome this insular situation, a subordinated development concept is necessary which integrates both public properties and the numerous fallow private properties. For an integration into the urban context, the so-called "Schöneberger Schleife" (Schöneberg loop), a foot and cycle path, is planned, which will lead from the so-called bottle neck via Südkreuz back to Gleisdreieck/ Potsdamer Platz/Tiergarten. By interlinking the public spaces and integrating the already existing parks and sports facilities, it is planned to interweave the mosaic-like structure of the quarter into a whole and to link it to the city centre.

#### **TERRITORIAL SCALE: CONURBATION**

Berlin, situated in the northeast of Germany is the capital city and the seat of the government. The competition area, located south of the Berlin city centre, lies at a distance of approx. 3.5 km from Potsdamer Platz and 1 km from the Tempelhof Airport. As a former supply site for the city (gas, electricity, large-scale industrial sites etc.), the area has good traffic links: In addition to the motorway exit "Schöneberger Autobahnkreuz" (Schöneberg motorway junction) which provides a connection to the surroundings and the city centre, two city train lines, the Berlin circle line, and the north-south long distance railway traffic line run through the new Südkreuz station. As Berlin's second largest station, it is the new hub of the area.

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By restructuring the fallow areas (railway routes, industrial and commercial buildings etc.), it is planned to integrate the area as an extension of the city centre by means of a subordinate free space and infrastructural concept.

### **URBAN SCALE: STUDY SITE**

The competition area is a project area of the promotion programme "Stadtumbau West" (city redevelopment west). The area is composed of railway structures, former supply areas (gas corporation), barracks and private commercial spaces of very different kinds. It is in the interest of both the city and private investors to revaluate the area.

### Programmatic intentions:

To support the new path (Schöneberger Schleife) through the quarter, it is planned to reuse some of the commercial structures and to create an east-west connection, including bridges over the railway routes. A subordinate general concept for the "Schöneberger Schleife" shall be developed to close the gap between the existing and planned green spaces.

### PROXIMITY SCALE: SITE OF PROJECT

As part of the urban pre-studies, the area was divided into individual areas to which their future use was allocated to gain a clearer profile of the quarter: office and residential use (Schöneberger Linse), services, commercial zones, leisure time/culture (gasholder). As a backbone, the "Schöneberger Schleife" will interlink the different uses of these segments and connect them to the Berlin city centre. It is planned to improve the living quality of the adjacent residential quarters and to position the area in Berlin's tourism sector.

### Programmatic intentions:

Individual measures alongside this path connection are planned to initiate the gradual realisation of the "Schöneberger Schleife". Individual detailed study areas focusing on different themes and programmes will be proposed for projects which must be integrated into a strategic general concept.

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