

Oslo – Grorud Senter, Norge

City : Oslo
Location : Grorud Senter
Population : 500 000 inhab
Study site : 15 ha
Site of project : 5,5 ha

TOPICS

- **Multimodality**

The competition will focus on facilitating an improved relationship between public - and pedestrian traffic and the centre. The site area also includes the connection to the motorway system.

- **Spatial management of cars**

The existing parking facilities at the centre, occupies a large area and is not used to its capacity. The new development will need further parking facilities and one must strive to reduce the impact of cars in the public domain at the same time as the centre and the public transport node maintains an accessible and sufficient car parking system.

- **Novelty on public spaces**

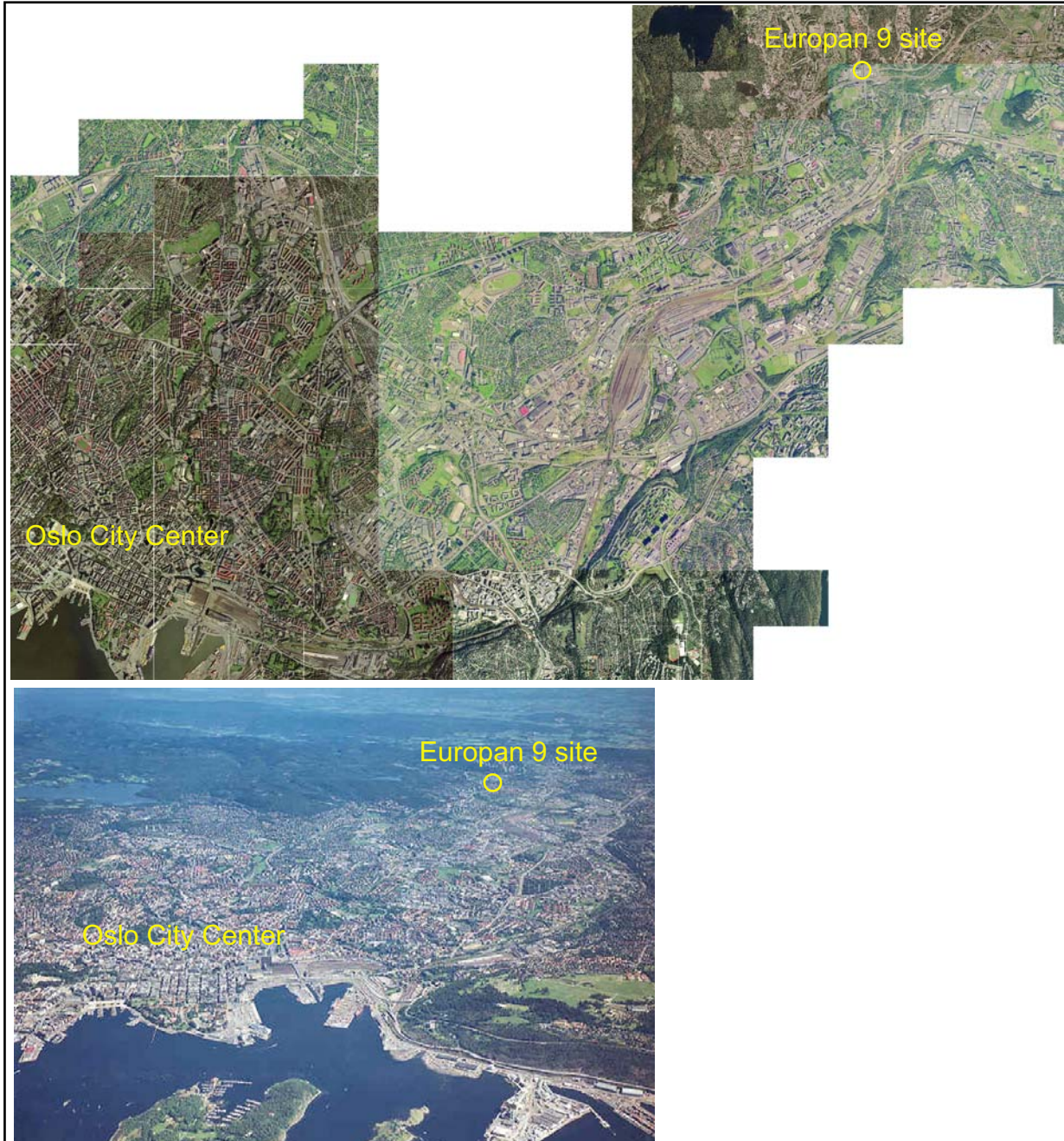
The public space/boulevard linked to public transport terminal should be given new ideas and be developed as central parts of the programming in general.

- **Functional mix**

The programming of the new development will set the new trend for the area. Mixed use, potentially with high density is one of the main challenges for the site. The cultural aspect of the programming can bring new ideas and point out important issues for the future of the centre.

TERRITORIAL SCALE: CONURBATION

The Grorud Valley is an extension of the Oslo city from the 60-s with about 130.000 of the capitals inhabitants. The valley is a fully occupied urban site. The residential areas are located in both sites of the valley facing up towards to the nature. The lower part of the valley is part of the main highway system and huge industrial areas. Oslo is expanding through increasing density and large city/state-subsidized urban renewal program is about to be launched for the Grorud Valley.



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URBAN SCALE: STUDY SITE

Grorud Senter is located in the north eastern part of the valley with good connectivity to the centre of Oslo city by bus, subway and motorway. Social residential building scheme are arranged around a market square, Grorud Torg, now an indoor shopping centre. The study area represents a needed opportunity to create public spaces. The study area represent complexity both in structure, functions and undeveloped areas. City is owner of several plots, including the site, but it is important to make partnerships with private owners.

Programmatic intentions :

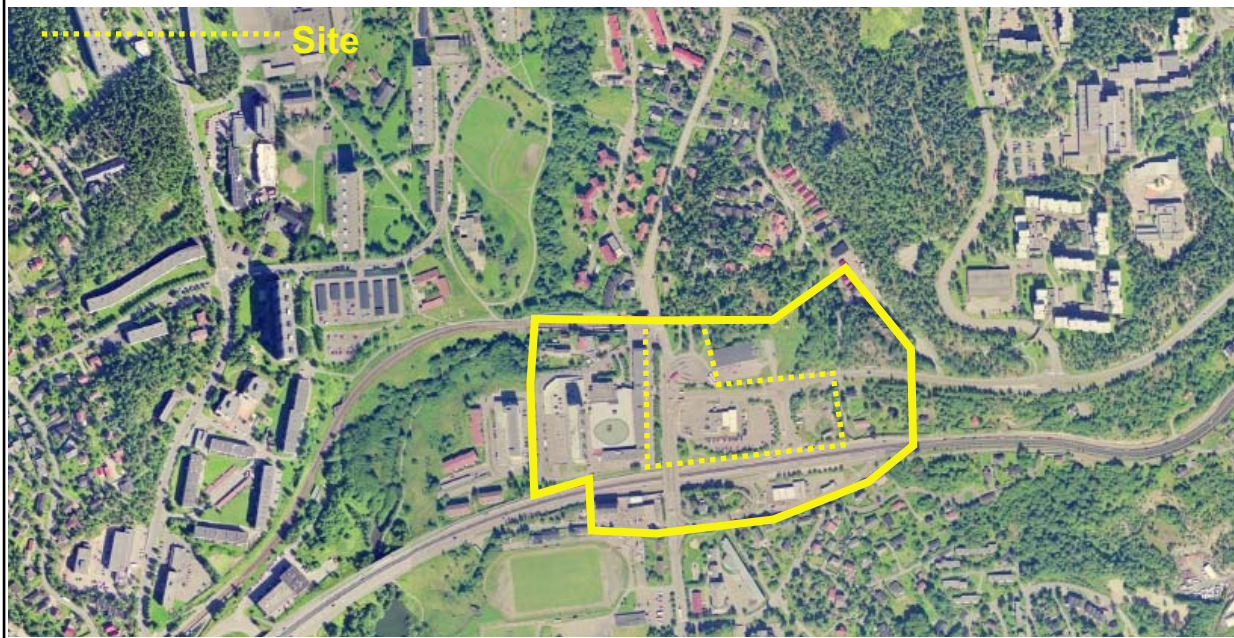
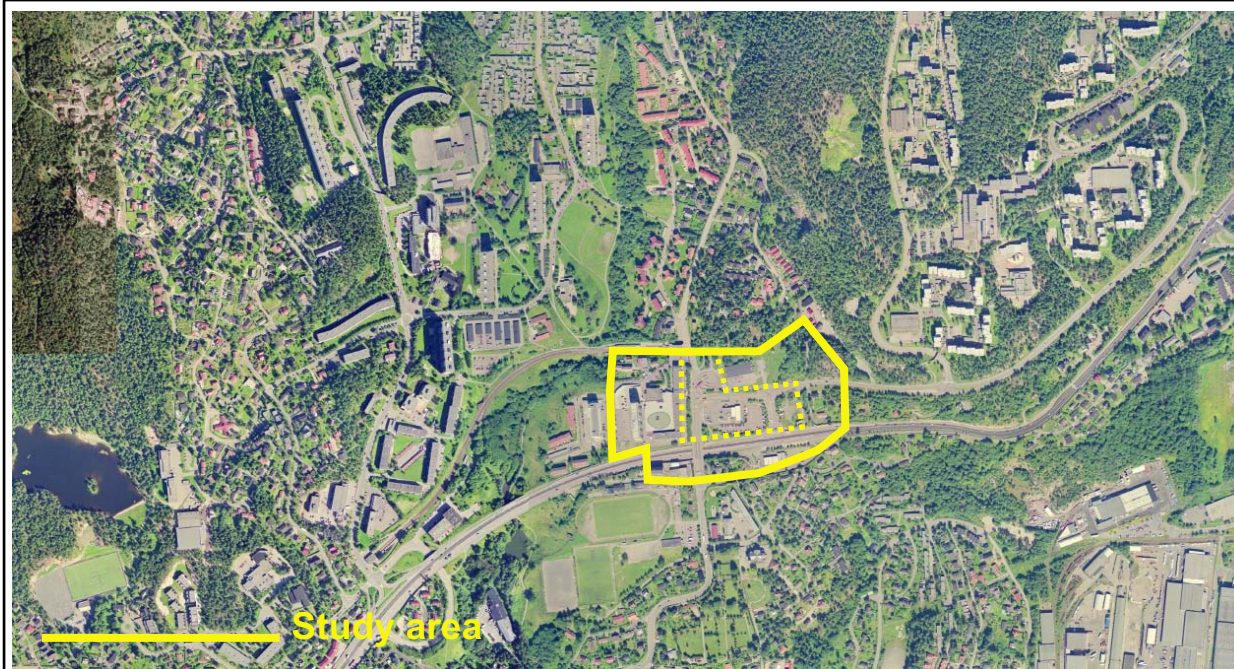
The new urban development should promote a diverse, multifunctional structure that, by articulation of strategic connections to the collective transport systems and public spaces can promote a positive growth for both culture, local businesses and social.

PROXIMITY SCALE: SITE OF PROJECT

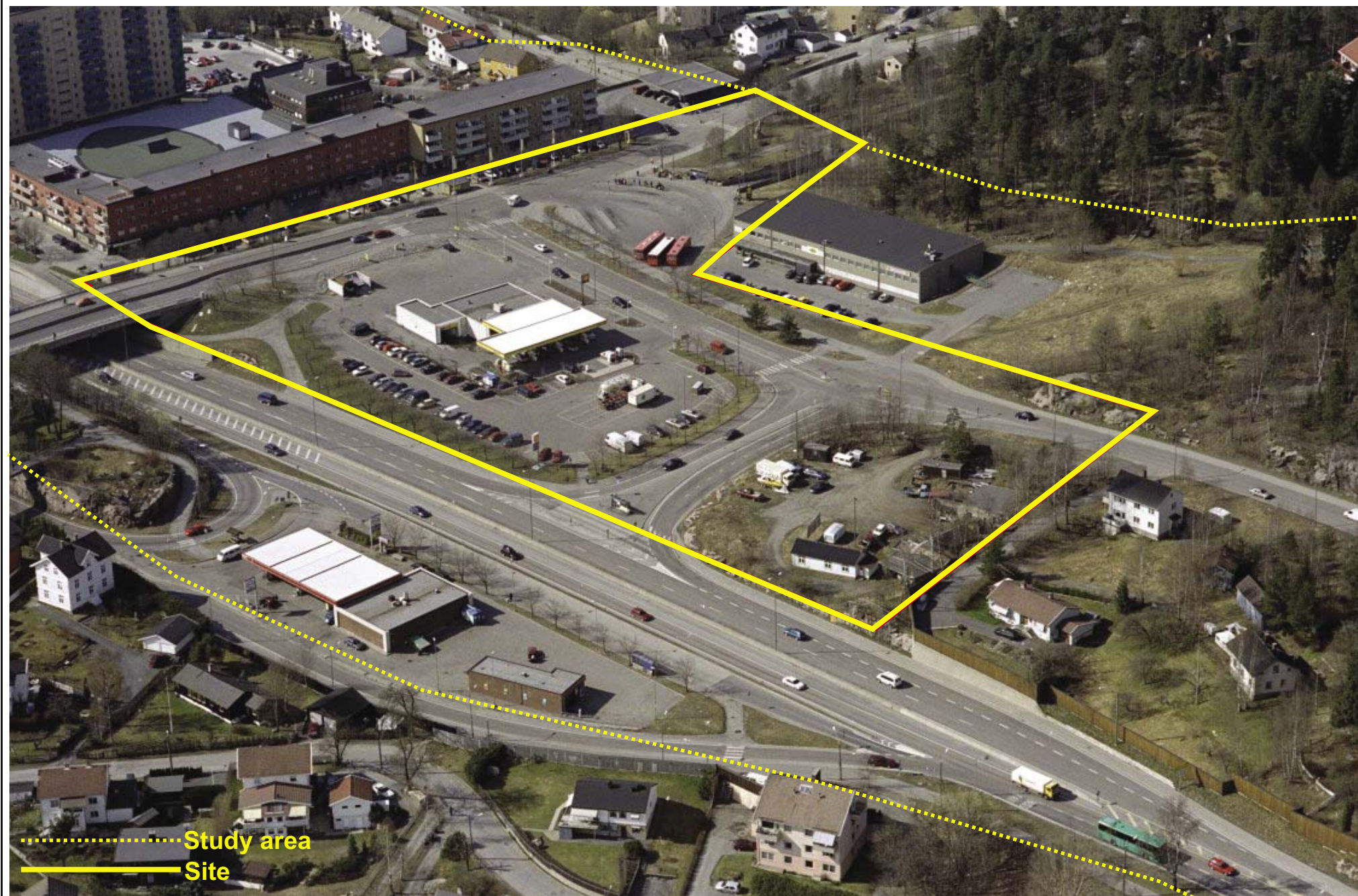
The site facing the existing Grorud Senter, including the old gas station, extended development area further east, the boulevard and the bus station. The site extends to the metro-station making communication between buss service, metro and the centre itself part of the challenge. The property is owned by the municipality apart from the petrol station area. It is the ambition of the municipality to develop the Grorud centre towards a dense urban area with a variety of cultural and public services.

Programmatic intentions :

The competition is a call for strategic urban structures and mixed programming which opens up a discussion on possible futures. There is a need of cinema/culture center, service, business, residential development and public spaces. The existing petrol station must be integrated with new developments.



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