

Population

747.000

1.500.00 conurbation

Location

Riga 1

Study area

40 ha

Site area

15 ha

Theme

Part of damaged city structure must be redeveloped in new modern architecture but with the great respect to the historical city environment.

The planning process is actually started and competition should come in time when main ideas of overall spatial strategies should be worked out in draft plan.



Conurbation

Riga is very centrally located and together with its agglomeration accumulates about a half of total number of inhabitants of Latvia. Riga is the biggest city in Baltics and is developing as multifunctional centre of larger region.

In 1997 the Historic centre of Riga is inscribed into the World Heritage List of UNESCO. This recognition requires special attention to cultural heritage for all kind of developments in the particular area.

Site

Site is located in the place where medieval part of the city meets the 19th century structures but still keeps remainings of medieval street pattern with narrow streets and irregular building blocks.

During th 2nd World War Old Riga suffered from the bombing. Some whole building blocks were destroyed and never rebuilt during the time when all land belonged to the state. Nowadays the restitution of property rights occurred and some of previous owners are eligible to have certain rights to develop their properties. Part of the site belongs to the municipality and the state.



Programme

The aim is to develop new spatial and functional qualities in the Historic Centre of the City by guiding active development forces. The site should be developed to allow a large variety of mixed functions. Spatial shaping and redesigning with high quality of urban design is needed and architectural composition and design principle proposals for several new buildings in valuable and complex historical environment have to be worked out.

Issues

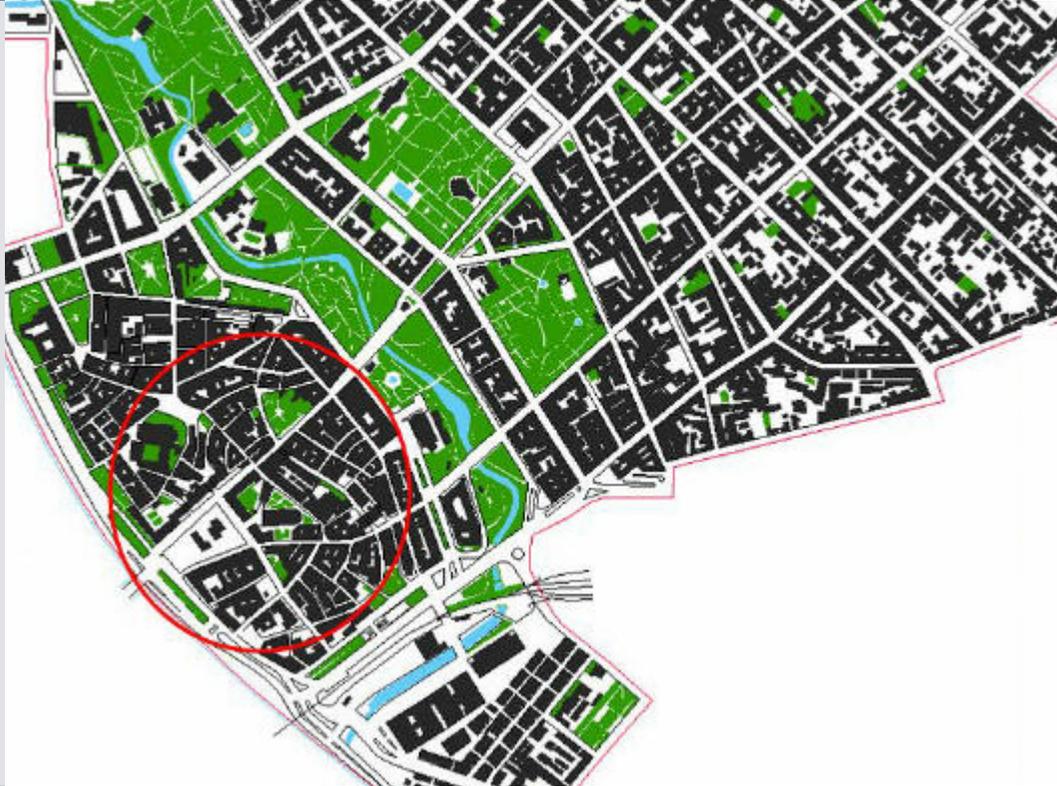
functional : The challenge is to use very active private economic driving forces under strong guidance by municipality and state Heritage Protection authorities to rise urban intensity and quality in very significant site which is now trying to develop without common concept of spatial and functional development.

social : Housing diversity could be one of themes to propose the solutions because housing function is now very significantly decreased and must be partly renewed in the new development.

perceptual : Sustainable process will be ensured by municipal activity with working out "The Riga Historical Centre Conservation and development Plan".









theme

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