



**SCALE:** XL/L/S - territory / urban + architecture / architecture + context  
**TEAM REPRESENTATIVE:** Architect / landscaper / urbanist  
**SITE FAMILY:** IMPLANTING – Productive Mileus  
**LOCATION:** Hilden, Ratingen, Solingen and Wülfrath-Düsseldorf  
**POPULATION:** ~ 58,000, ~ 92,300, ~ 159,000, ~ 21,200  
**STRATEGIC SITE:** 16.7 ha, 91.9 ha, 20.7 ha, 48.42 ha  
**PROJECT SITE:** 2.8 ha, 43 ha, 42.5, 12 ha  
**SITE PROPOSED BY:** Bergische Struktur- und Wirtschaftsförderungsgesellschaft mbH  
**ACTOR(S) INVOLVED:** Hilden, Ratingen, Solingen and Wülfrath, Bergische Struktur- und Wirtschaftsförderungsgesellschaft mbH  
**OWNER(S) OF THE SITE:** Various  
**COMMISSION AFTER COMPETITION:** Urban layout plan

### HOW CAN THE SITE CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRODUCTIVE CITY STRATEGY?

The cooperation space “between Rhein and Wupper“ wants to initiate regional and local urban quarter developments on basis of a common future concept of the project “Future Quarters between Rhein und Wupper”, that include the possibilities and challenges of the technological and social changes in a constructive way. Within this framework, four cities from this cooperation space – Hilden, Ratingen, Solingen and Wülfrath – pose a common question for the European 15 session. Objective and task are to design specific spatial strategies and images and, additionally, create an international momentum for the development of urban quarters in the region.

The four sites differ in position, size and basic conditions: from the large city Solingen to the small district Düsseldorf in the city of Wülfrath, from the transformation of a former industrial area to a new development on a green field.

All sites are located at existing or soon to be build public transport stops that should connect different scales in the region. The common objective should be answered on a strategical level for all four sites not only to gain specific solutions for the specific sites but also to generate common qualities and actions for the whole cooperation space.





Hilden



Ratingen



Solingen



Wülfrath

## SITE DEFINITIONS

### 1. Hilden:

With respect to the city plan of the “Gründerzeit”, a building concept for the area between city centre and train station should be developed that combines new forms of living with commercial, freelance and suitable productive uses side by side.

### 2. Ratingen:

The city wants to initiate an extensive restructuring process with a potential new suburban train station. The given site should act as an integrational element for the train stop and a future link between the western city and the city centre. It should also act as a prototype for the cooperation and coexistence of working, living and productive uses. The task is not about demolition and rebuilding but about creating a process of change in the

neighbourhood. New interdependences and requirements between working and living, open spaces and mobility should be researched through this transformation.

### 3. Solingen-Wald:

There are several scenarios for the subsequent use of the former industrial area although the adjacent building with housing should be taken into account. The city envisions an urban quarter of living and working with a mixture of innovative undisturbing commercial and productive uses, housing for the young and the elderly, services and other complementary uses as well as attractive open spaces with playgrounds for the kids and high quality places to stay. They expect an urban quarter with high quality urban design and architecture. The topics of “ecological resources”, “new mobi-

lity” and “equity” are also main topics of the sustainability strategy of the city. The site should become a showcase for sustainable city development in Solingen and the region.

### 4. Wülfrath-Düssel:

A new district should be developed that preserves the uniqueness and specific quality of the place. Given that, it is necessary to take the housing areas which serve the larger cities into account but to preserve the grown qualities of social structures and building culture and develop them. Düssel should become a lively place at which living, working, suitable production and leisure can coexist. A certain challenge is to connect and interweave the new settlement area with the existing and partly historical structures of the district.



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