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Learning from Tilburg's station district: from inaccessible industrial site as barrier within the city towards a liveable urban hotspot as connector within the city

📅 Thursday, 27 November 2025
⌚ 09:00 - 11:15

SESSION 4A

SPEAKERS

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Research: densification of station districts

Which strategic design principles should be considered to improve the liveability while densifying station districts in the Netherlands?

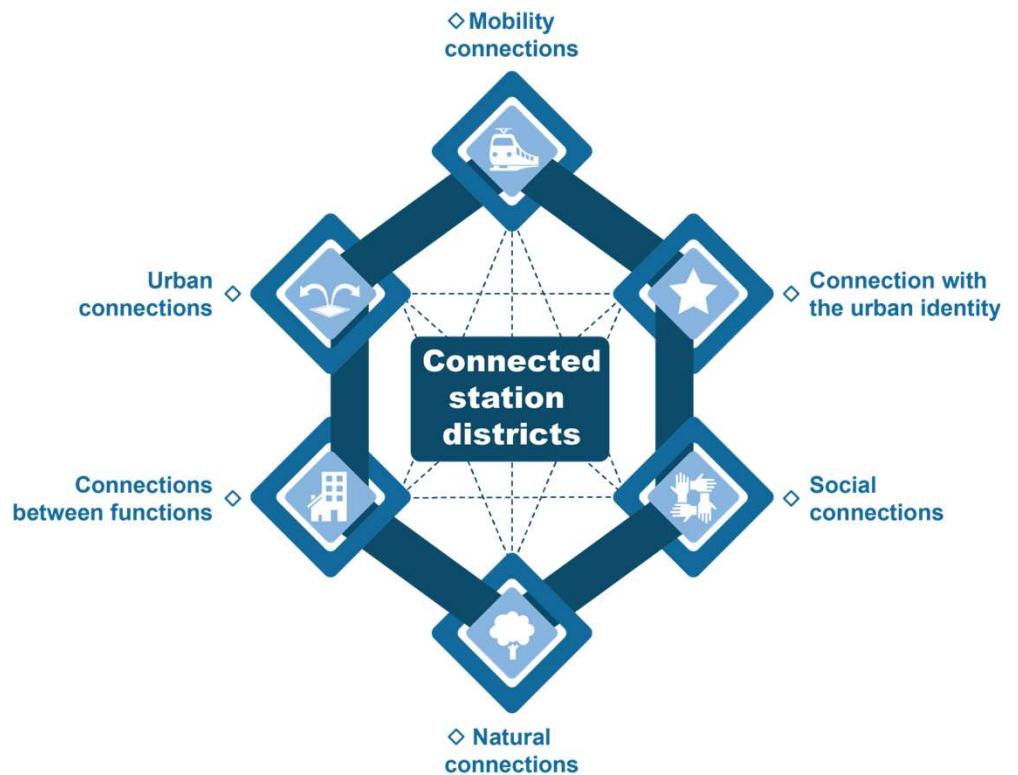


Research results: urban strategy

Functions of station districts



Connected station districts



Tilburg's station district "Spoorzone Tilburg"

Introduction

- (1)Fourth Memorandum on Spatial Planning
- (2)Tilburg: a major city in search for its identity
- (3)A large site became vacant adjacent to the railway station
- (4)From large-scale office space development to a fine-grained network of emerging and innovative entrepreneurship



An integral urban development



Lessons to be learned from Tilburg



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Lesson 1
Cross-connections beneath the railway to reduce its barrier effect



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Lesson 2
Enhancing connectivity through and between buildings with a focus on active mobility



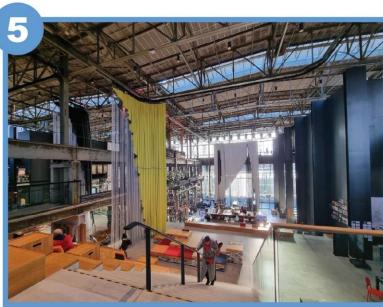
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Lesson 3
Utilizing historical development for mixed-use regeneration, supported by the collaboration between education, government, and entrepreneurship



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Lesson 4
Programming temporary uses from day one



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Lesson 5
The LoCHal as a driver and catalyst for urban development



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Lesson 6
Free north-south passage through Tilburg station as a public inter-district connection



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Lesson 7
Comprehensive community engagement during the development phases



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Lesson 8
A strong and committed local government supported by political agreement



Thank you for your attention!

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