Project	# DEVELOPMENT OF THE LEFT BANK QUAYSIDES OF THE SAMBRE IN CHARLEROI
Architects	L'ESCAUT ARCHITECTURES
Address	Quai de Flandre et quai de Brabant, 6000 Charleroi
Programe	Full development of the left bank, to transform it in a shared space, with construction of a footbridge
About	The project is developed as a shared space, mainly dedicated to recreation and soft mobility, it does allow vehicle access, but only at low speed (20km/h) and for a local use. It replaces the former 19th avenue lined with plane trees, by a series of urban and landscape sequences, separate by their character and the type of use they offer: Vegetable pockets treated as shady groves, multiple seating areas, giant swing and entertaining space shaped as a small heap, solarium with sun loungers area, bus parking near the hotel and great esplanade opposite the train station, where cafés will take place. Below the quay, a reinterpretation of towpath reconstructs the missing link of the cycling promenade network passing along the water and extending beyond the borders of the city. Perpendicularly, at the center of the docks, fits a footbridge crossing the River. It widens to form a new public space, suspended above the water, which can host outdoor cultural events. This new work of art is renamed "placerelle" to account for its hybrid nature between infrastructure and public space. From the train station, the new development of the quays underlines the visage of the city. The white concrete of the floor, as the transparency of foliage and punctuation of voids reveal the clarity of the facades of the city of the 19th century. Between the white facades and magnitude of releases, the new face of the city on its southern flank is designed to capture the light.
Typology	Landscape, urban areas
Status	Built
Conception	2010
Delivery	2014
Client	Ville de Charleroi
Total budget	7 000 000
Per square meters	580
Area	12000
Co-author	V+



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OTHER PROJECTS :

Cultural hall Victor Jara
- 2005 2009
- Soignies

Development of the left bank quaysides of the Sambre in Charleroi
- 2010 2014
- Charleroi

Artothèque
- 2010 2015
- Mons

Housing units-studios for artists ?Cheval Noir?
- 2003 2010
- Bruxelles

Architects	Michael Bianchi, Annachiara Eliseo, François Lichtlé
Stability	Passerelle : Bollinger + Grohmann
Stability	Quais et chemin de halage : Greisch
Special techniques	Greisch



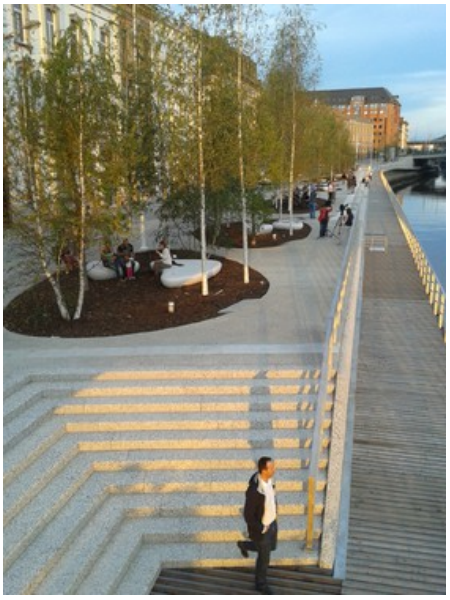
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