

Realstadt

Wishes Knocking on
Reality's Doors

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Realstadt Wishes Knocking on Reality's Doors
Exhibition in the disused Power Station Mitte in Berlin
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Wishful thinking from all over Germany coalesces into a temporary city in the exhibition Realstadt. Wünsche als Wirklichkeit [Realstadt. Wishes Knocking on Reality's Doors].

An array of around 250 architectural models on all scales and 65 exemplary projects from all parts of Germany testify to the wish for change and improvement in urban living – and to the energy needed to make it happen.

In response to a nationwide call, these models were submitted by local authorities, town planning offices, universities, planning initiatives and individuals. They include blueprints for extensive urban redevelopments and pinpoint interventions, realized concepts and shelved competition entries, participatory processes and bold individual statements.

Realstadt. Wünsche als Wirklichkeit is staged in the disused turbine hall of the power station Berlin-Mitte, which was built in 1961. For Realstadt it is making its debut as an exhibition venue. Its stark austerity lends overwhelming resonance to the exhibition's urban impulses, which are put on show on two floors. Differences in scale and in perspective underscore the central importance of cities for our society.

What also becomes apparent in the exhibition is the wide range of options open to the many actors involved in the development of our cities.

The exhibition has been conceived and is realized by Martin Heller (Heller Enterprises Zurich) as Artistic Director, together with Angelika Fitz (Curator) and Tristan Kobler (Architect). It is organized by the Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development (BMVBS).

The exhibition's supporting programme consists of events organized by the great number of project partners.

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