

## Project

# PLACE DE LA MONNAIE

## Architects

MSA

## Address

Place de la monnaie, Rue des Princes, Rue de la Reine, Rue Léopold, 1000 Bruxelles

## Programme

Reorganization of the Place de la Monnaie and its surrounding area.

## About

The place de la Monnaie is one of the most central public spaces in Brussels on one of the busiest pedestrian streets in Europe. This large space could therefore be intensively used for events, festivities or daily uses. However a fragmented development from the early 70s prevented a clear reading and easy and convenient use of the space.

The project aims to restore a simple and easy reading of the public space allowing various uses and to showcase the Theatre as a monument.

To do so, significant underground work was performed in order to:

- cover the vents and transfer the hot air sideways into a chimney integrated into a roof;
- establish a simple ground topography, showcasing the Theatre thanks to a continuous slope between the high point and low point of the space.

The ground is covered with a continuous blue stone surfacing, also pedestrianizing rue Léopold and making it possible to perceive the public space as a whole. The street furniture (benches, railings, etc.) has been specifically designed by MSA-Technum to emphasise the idea of a continuous reading of the space. The brass inserted into the ground around the Theatre brings out its spatial dimensions. The result is an open space, allowing multiple uses, and whose design makes it possible to build a minimal landscape highlighting the urban space.

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## OTHER PROJECTS :

Tram stop, Porte de Flandre  
- 2004 2006  
- Bruxelles

Bridge of Thuin  
- 2003 2006  
- Thuin

Social housing in Schaerbeek  
- 2012 2015  
- Schaerbeek

Footbridge in Schaerbeek  
- 2010 2014  
- Schaerbeek

## Typology

Landscape, urban areas

## Status

Built

## Conception

2007

## Delivery

2012

## Client

Ville de Bruxelles

## Total budget

3.000.000

## Per square meters

200

## Co-author

Technum



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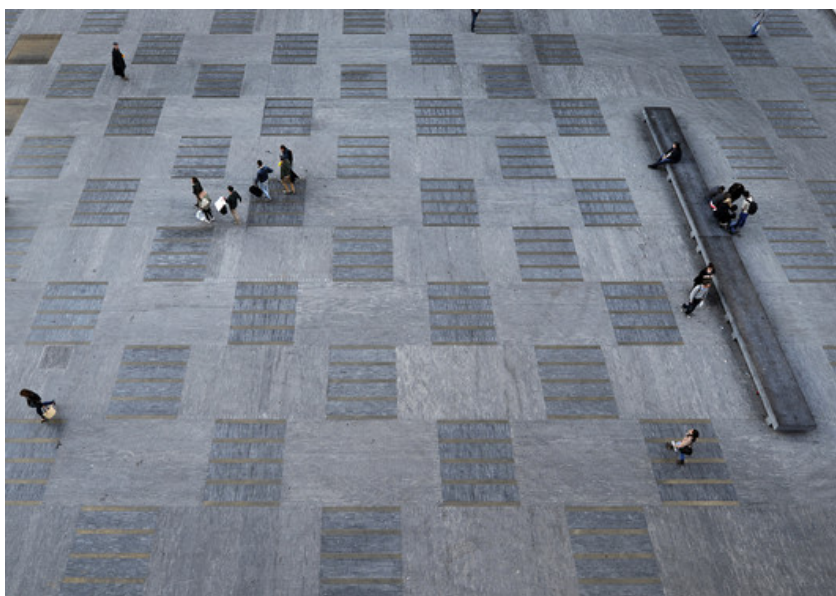
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