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FUTURE LAB IBA PLANT

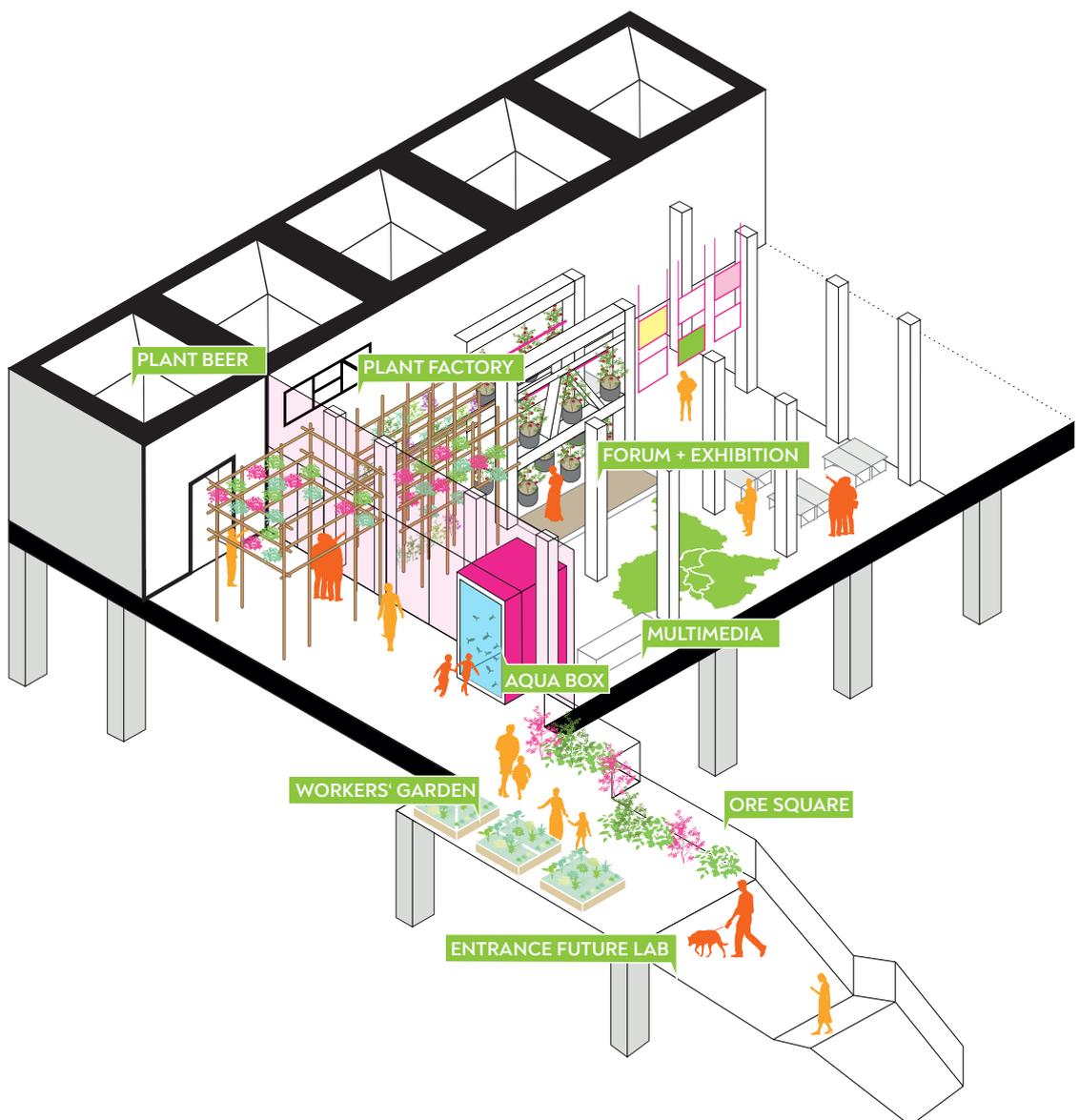
A participatory future lab will be taking place in the ore shed on the Völklinger Hütte UNESCO World Heritage site.

Being the first curators of the Future Lab, the Pre-IBA Team, in cooperation with the Saar School of Architecture - Plan B, will exhibit the topics of the Pre-IBA phase in the the ore shed in the time between April and September 2021.



THE HÜTTE

The Völklinger Hütte UNESCO World Heritage site in the Saar valley orchestrates the story of its great past as a source of inspiration for a multilateral future. In just under 40 years the former ironworks has become a venue showcasing not only culture, but also nature. In doing so it has completed its metamorphosis from imposing legacy of the heyday of industrial Saarland to participating in a post-industrial present. But the Hütte is more than just a temple for exhibition-goers. The juxtaposition of art exhibitions, events, architectural heritage and the culture of memory have transformed this old industrial plant into a world-unique venue with a special connection to its region and the collective perception of its heritage. The narrative of the past is the one reliable guide to the future, for the present is characterised by uncertainty due to the constant innovations of an ever faster-moving world that is being driven asunder by the centrifugal forces of globalisation. The matter of what the future holds is less predictable than it has ever been. Every era has its catastrophes, but never before has humanity been so close to its own destruction due to the devastation of its living environment that it has itself wrought. Thus the Völklinger Hütte is a place of the past, the present and the future and embodies the process of transition from today to tomorrow.



PRE-IBA-GREATER REGION

With the Pre-IBA workshop lab the Saarland government is gauging the feasibility of an International building exhibition (IBA) in the Greater Region. The current Pre-IBA phase serves to discuss focal topics and contents, to build networks, to develop a communication concept and to find a conceivable structure for an IBA-GR. Such a structure could form a think tank on future regional development and be tested within the „IBA platform“. IBA means a temporary state of emergency and acts as a intermediate organisation outside the normal planning hierarchy. In the Pre-IBA workshop lab visions can be developed, which can be transformed into an open process with great public participation.

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„The dynamics of structural change, certainly one of the major themes of the IBA, is inherent in this exceptional place of emergency of the Anthropocene, just as the themes of the environment and climate are,“ said Ralf Beil on 08 October 2020 in the blast furnace hall of the Völklinger Hütter on the occasion of the event „The Case for an IBA“. (www.iba-gr.eu)

Dr Beil wants to initiate a FUTURE LAB in the former ore shed of the World Cultural Heritage Völklinger Hütter and thus to offer the opportunity to think conceptually about the future at a prominent site of the past. The Pre-IBA workshop lab of the htw saar will initialise the FUTURE LAB as an IBA PLANT from April to September 2021. The intended double meaning „PLANT“ of industrial plant and organic plant also thematises the delicate plant IBA as well as the Pre-IBA motto: „(MAIS) IL FAUT CULTIVER NOTRE JARDIN“.

This initiative is necessary at a time when a global pandemic goes hand in hand with growing protectionist and nationalist thinking and action worldwide, is leaving the global community increasingly hopeless and lacking a future. Europe has the moral, political and financial wherewithal to take a global pioneering role in shaping the future.

Dr Ralf Beil has invited the Pre-IBA workshop lab led by Prof. Stefan Ochs to curate and devise the FUTURE LAB in the ore shed. „It (the curatorship of the Pre-IBA workshop lab in the FUTURE LAB) will be the programmatic prelude to a whole series of future labs on the previously mentioned and many other themes“.

CLIMATE REGION „LE JARDIN“

The necessary narrative of the prefiguration phase of an International Building Exhibition for the Greater Region has the motto:

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This concluding sentence of *Candid* published by Voltaire in 1759, reflects the restlessness of a global wanderer in search of earthly paradise. After his world-spanning wanderings, *Candid* comes to rest in Constantinople, in his little garden, and recognises the quality of his own soil. Is it abandonment, resignation or is it the dawn of the future? Thus it is the task of the IBA to recognise and develop the potential of the Greater Region within this state of emergency. The future of the Greater Region could make a contribution to overcoming the global climate crisis and move forward as a leading example. Thus, topics and projects of a globally unique „climate region“ are gathered under the following focal points with the heading „climate change labour“:

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Isometric view
ore shed

Countryside and Climate: Large-scale reforestation, new water bodies, management of post-industrial and agricultural land.

Borders: Border acupuncture points, utopian places, third places, transnational border spaces with new living, work and tourism concepts, Borders = unique features.

Town and Country: The urbanisation of rural areas, the metamorphosis of towns and cities into

verschärfung *f*; Planken *f/pl.*
plank·ton *biol.* ['plæŋkton] Plankton *n.*

plant [plɑ:nt] 1. Pflanze *f*; (Betriebs)Anlage *f*; Betriebsmaterial *n*; Fabrik *f*, Werk *n*; *sl.* Falle *f*, Schwindel *m*; 2. (an-, ein)pflanzen (*a. fig.*); ~ o.s. sich aufpflanzen, (auf)stellen, (auf)setzen; anlegen, errichten, gründen; ansiedeln; *sl.* Schlag verpassen; Land bepflanzen; Land besiedeln; ~ s.o. on s.th. *sl.* j-m et. andrehen.

plan·tain¹ & ['plæntin] Wegerich *m.*

plan·tain² & [ˌ] Pisang *m*; Banane *f.*

plan·ta·tion [plæn'teɪʃən] Pflanzung *f*; Plantage *f*; Ansiedlung *f*; **plant·er** ['plɑ:ntə] Pflanze *m*; Pflanzmaschine *f*; **plant·louse** Blattlaus *f.*

plaque [plɑ:k] (Schmuck)Platte *f*; Agraffe *f*, Schnalle *f*; Gedenktafel *f.*

ler(voll) *m.*
plate...: '~-glass Spiegelglas
'~-layer ㊦ Streckenarbeiter *m.*
plat·en ['plætən] *typ.* Drucktiegel
(Schreibmaschinen)Walze *f.*
plat·er ['pleitə] ⊕ Plattierer
Sport: minderwertiges Rennpferd
plat·form ['plætfɔ:m] Plattform
geogr. Hochebene *f*; ㊦ Bahnhofs-
m; *Am. bsd.* Plattform *f* am Wag-
ende; Podium *n*, Rednerbühne
pol. Parteiprogramm *n*; *bsd.* *Am.*
pol. Aktionsprogramm *n* im Wahl-
kampf.

plat·i·num *min.* ['plætinəm] Platin

plat·i·tude *fig.* ['plætɪtju:d] Platt-
heit *f.*

pla·toon ㊗ [plə'tu:n] Zug *m.*

plat·ter ['plætə] Servierplatte *f.*

plau·dit ['plɔ:dit] *mst* ~s *pl.* Beifall
klatschen *n.*

plaus·i·bi·lity [pləʊzə'bɪləti] G

green living spaces with densities adjusted accordingly.

Sustainable building: Circular-economy thinking in energy-efficient building with land recycling and sustainable materials, building culture and local characteristics, integral approaches, experimental building, new types of buildings and construction methods.

Supplies: 100% renewable energy, progressive mobility, cross-border healthcare provision, sustainable local food production.

This list of topics is not yet exhaustive. Further points could be discussed and explored within the framework of the FUTURE LABS.

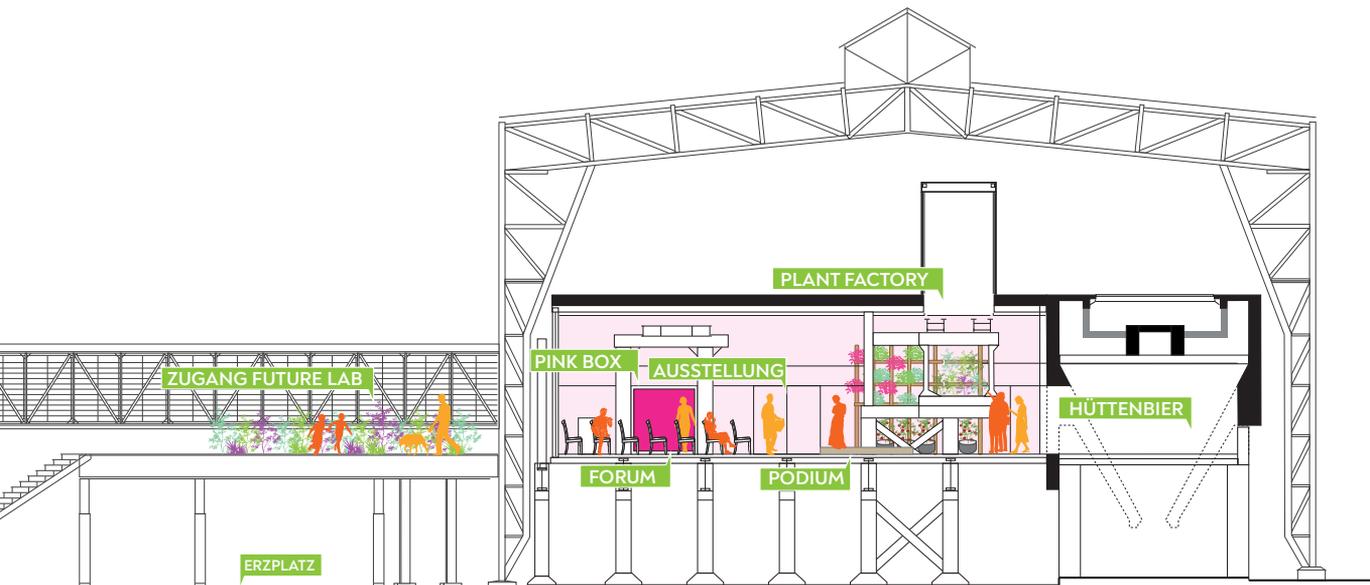
„Plant“
Langenscheidt
pocket dictionary,
English-German
German-English

Langenscheidt
publisher, Berlin

„PLANT“

The Pre-IBA workshop lab initiates the FUTURE LAB at the Völklinger Hütte using the term „PLANT“ and its meaning for an organic plant, a factory or a production facility, among other things.

The Team will develop a garden whose artistic conception follows the keywords Plant-Factory, Vertical Farming, Aquaponic, Circulation and Paradise Garden, amidst the dystopian backdrop of the former steel production factory. „Pink is green“ previously featured by AMO's and Rem Koolhaas' exhibition „Countryside, the Future“ in February 2020. This refers to future-proof food production that destroys CO², operates with renewable energies and is climate-neutral. The former place of burning energy and producing CO² in enormous quantities becomes a place of regenerative energy production and CO² destruction. In terms of content and structure, the FUTURE LAB at the Völklingen Ironworks fits in with the project of a large IBA region, in whose prefiguration phase the topics of the future are to be discussed in a participatory manner. Under the curatorship of the Pre-IBA workshop lab, the FUTURE LAB will catalyse the transformation process of the former Völklinger Hütte production site for six months. The historic industrial monument will become an incubator, a place of discourse and a process workshop.



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section, ore shed
with planned
interventions

PROGRAM AND THE PUBLIC

The Pre-IBA themes are implemented through an artistic installation in which exhibitions, culture events and communication are possible at the same time. In addition to an exciting interior space that breathes both the past and the future, the laboratory offers an extraordinary outdoor space for a social come-together: The place to be!

The keywords of the IBA-PLANT are:

PLANT, a food production laboratory,

FORUM, a space for lectures, workshops and events, and,

VISION, images and stories from the future.

From April to September 2021, Pre-IBA discussion forums will be held with contributions from architects, urban planners, politicians, environmental activists and experts from all thematic areas of the Pre-IBA phase. The programme of the Pre-IBA workshop lab envisages inviting experts from the Greater Region, citizens, politicians and artists, weekly in the time from April till September, to sound out „FUTURE“ in the FUTURE LAB incubator. The aim is to find conceivable pilot projects and their partners for an International Building Exhibition in the Greater Region. All events will take place hybrid, i.e. in the real and virtual world. A planned microbrewery, which will produce an „IBA plant beer“, will also create a temporary meeting place of high quality in combination with the outdoor areas of the ore square - a place of identification that will enable a permanent gathering of the community.

THE PUBLIC is achieved jointly on a large scale by the partners UNESCO World Heritage Site Völklinger Hütte and the Pre-IBA workshop lab. In cooperation with innovative companies, corporations and organisations, future topics, as listed above, are addressed, examined and, if necessary, new ones are generated. IBA-PLANT in the FUTURE LAB sees itself as a place of communication where concerts by artists from the Greater Region, performances, cinema and theatre as well as other summer events will take place.

FUTURE is celebrated here.



left side:
floor plan, ore hall
with the planned
interventions

PARTNERS

The FUTURE LAB : IBA-PLANT is looking for partners. The format offers a supra-regional stage for the presentation of future-oriented, innovative processes and visions. The UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site „Völklinger Hütte“ and the Pre-IBA workshop lab both have a strong presence in the media and the press. Cooperation partners have various opportunities to get involved in the FUTURE LAB : IBA-PLANT project.

Firstly, a participation in the installation and maintenance of the lab. (HARDWARE) The concept of the Pre-IBA workshop lab is to combine a „Vertical Garden“ with a forum and an exhibition of large-scale images of the future.

For this, cooperation participants who can support with their expertise or with materials for installation are welcome. Each participation will be documented with a logo, presentation board and individual self-presentations, both in the exhibition and on the internet.

Secondly, participation in the events and the associated expenses. Each participation will be documented with logo, presentation board and individual self-presentation. Own presentations in printed or medial form are possible, highlighting within the presentation is a matter of course, editorial participation in the event is possible, VIP tickets are provided. Participation in a major event in the blast furnace hall of the Völklingen Hütte with up to 400 people is conceivable.



right side:
FUTURE LAB:
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concept sketch

Thirdly: The implementation of own events of the cooperation participants in the FUTURE LAB. These should fit in thematically with the IBA-PLANT topics and will be accompanied and supported by the Pre-IBA workshop lab in terms of organisation or conception, according to individual agreement. A local presentation of the partners will take place in an appropriate form.

A large participation of fellow citizens in the process of the prefiguration phase of the IBA Greater Region is to be expected. The IBA-PLANT in the FUTURE LAB will be presented to the media public in a press event on 29 April 2021 and will be open to the public from 30 April 2021.

Support us on our way to the FUTURE and become a part of the IBA process.



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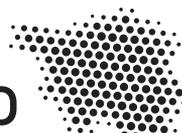
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