

IBA PLANT

FROM 05.05.2021 TO 3.09.2021

THE ORE SHED AT THE VÖKLINGER HÜTTE WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The IBA PLANT, simultaneously vegetation and production plant, is a temporary installation in the Future Lab at the Vöklinger Hütte World Heritage site. As an exhibition site and venue, the IBA PLANT raises and conveys some decisive issues we need to consider to answer the fundamental questions “How do we want/will we live tomorrow?”.

As part of the prefiguration phase for an international architecture exhibition (Internationale Bauausstellung, IBA) in the Greater Region (the partners being Lorraine, Luxembourg, Rhineland-Pfalz, Saarland and Wallonia), the IBA PLANT and ideas factory is proposing a number of visions and diverse topics to debate while creating a green paradise. This is to illustrate an emblematic, desirable transformation of the Greater Region into a unique, Greater Region-wide climate region.

« (MAIS) IL FAUT CULTIVER NOTRE JARDIN »

For its motto the Pre-IBA-Werkstattlab has borrowed the final sentence of Voltaire’s *Candide*.

“(MAIS) IL FAUT CULTIVER NOTRE JARDIN” - (But) we must cultivate our garden - reflects the helplessness of the global wanderer in his quest to find paradise on earth, which he ultimately finds in his own garden.

The Greater Region could make a contribution to overcoming the global climate crisis and lead the way by setting an example. The themes and projects are organised around the following key areas and subjects:

Countryside and Climate

Reforestation, water bodies, food production, horticultural show.

Country/Town

Lively villages, green cities, adjusted densities, urban attractions.

Construction

Land recycling, local building traditions, new types of buildings and construction methods.

Borders

Border acupuncture points, transnational border spaces, borders as unique features.

Supplies

Renewable energies, mobility, networking, local food production.

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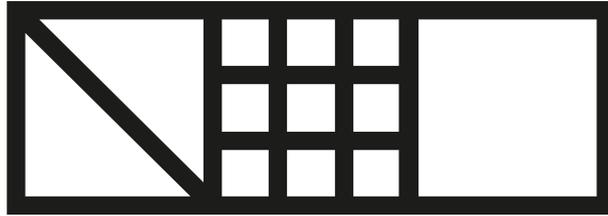
In the Future Lab of the Vöklinger Hütte the Pre-IBA-Werkstattlab has been inspired by the English term “plant”, which means plant as in vegetation, but also a factory or production facility, to create an artistically transformed garden, with a dual presentation in the form of a traditional allotment and an aquaponics facility. And so in the dystopian setting of the former steelworks a new life cycle and a garden of Eden have emerged.

In the prefiguration phase of a Greater Region international architecture exhibition different future-related topics are being debated in a participatory process.

The Future Lab will be catalysing, under the curatorship of the Pre-IBA-Werkstattlab, the process of transformation of the former Vöklinger Hütte for six months, turning the industrial historical monument into an incubator, a place for discourse and a process workshop.

IBA PLANT program and events can be found online at www.iba-gr.eu and on the YouTube channel: Prä IBA-GR

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LOCATION

future lab in the ore shed at the Völklinger
Hütte world heritage site Völklingen

DIRECTION

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