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What is it all about?

IABR–Atelier East Flemish Core Area breaks the covenant between population growth and the further consumption of space. A narrative for the future is constructed through concrete demonstration projects that use growth to make room for ecosystems, energy production, water systems and shared mobility.

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The Oost-Vlaams Kerngebied (Eastern Flemish Core Area) is a network of cities and municipalities in the conurbation around Ghent. The population is expected to grow by 15 to 25 percent by 2050. This demographic growth puts a lot of pressure on the region. But we can also use growth as an opportunity to literally and figuratively make way for the major challenges concerning ecosystems, climate, energy, water, open space, housing, economy and mobility.

During initial exploratory workshops, Studio 018 Paola Viganò created a series of inspiring future scenarios for the region. The future images serve as a starting point for work sessions and debates in which we, along with supra-local administrations, Flemish agencies, knowledge institutions and various stakeholders, want

to build a concrete work agenda for the region. But we also want to test and do it immediately. That's why, in addition to the work sessions in WTC I, we are also working in Eeklo, Lievegem and Merelbeke, where we work in co-creation with citizens and local stakeholders on answers to specific challenges for the Eastern Flemish Core Area.

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