



INTRODUCTION



The Project is trying to define a way to reactivate the Rakuunamäki area so it becomes an activity hub. A place where anyone can go and will always find something to do and see while enjoying the Finnish nature and escapes.

The intervention is also trying to attract a very fervent community that is already present in Lappeenranta: the international students. Cultural Exchange is very enriching for societies and this is an advantage that is easy to promote. By linking the university to the city center, more movement will appear - an idea that is always inspiring for all present generations. The building will not only become an exchange platform where the public space gains importance, but will also be able to accommodate a number of exchange students.

On the other hand, the building is looking for flexibility. In this search, a network is provided within the preexisting military rigidity. This is a grid that allows the building to easily adapt in the future, once the crucial changes have been made and the main new installations provided. The idea of resilience and future adaptation adheres to the search for sustainability. The objective is to keep changes to a minimum yet improving the spatial quality as well as keeping in mind the future in a twenty or fifty year scope making drastic changes possible without major material or resources consumption.