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Wien Westbahnhof, a former important railway infrastructure for the city of Vienna, is being heavily transformed for urban development. Part of the railway tracks will be dismantled and a new mixed-use development will be built. Aim of the project was to define a master plan for the entire area and to design a new large park as the core of the new urban development. Confronting with the complex existing morphology of the site, the park - Freie Mitte - is a new artificial topography, with different playgrounds, leisure and relax areas, bars, artists' atelier, exibition areas, and a Cinema Theatre. The new undulating landscape acts as the connecting tissue for the new development. Thanks to the varied system of open spaces, and their different functions, the park establishes new relations with the nearby urban districts, thus transforming the railway premises - a cut in the compact city - into a space of connectivity.

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A_UNDER THE BRIDGE PLAYGROUND

A_ONDER THE BRIDGE PLAYGROUND This area is located under the **carriage bridge** and adjacent to the new school centre, converted into a playground for diffe-rent types of users. There is a skatepark, a basketball area and two sand pits. In the latter ones you can also find the arrival of slides, which have been thought as an alternative way of de-scent for the youngest.

B_COMMUNITY CENTRE PLAYGROUND Playground made reusing materials from **abandoned storage**. The existing wall units have been modified to create different game situations. In addition, the wall ele-ment has been redesigned as possible seats in different scale. Therefore what used to be trashy comes to new

life, so it can be useful and liveable.

