

COMPETITIONS



Buro Lubbers (3)

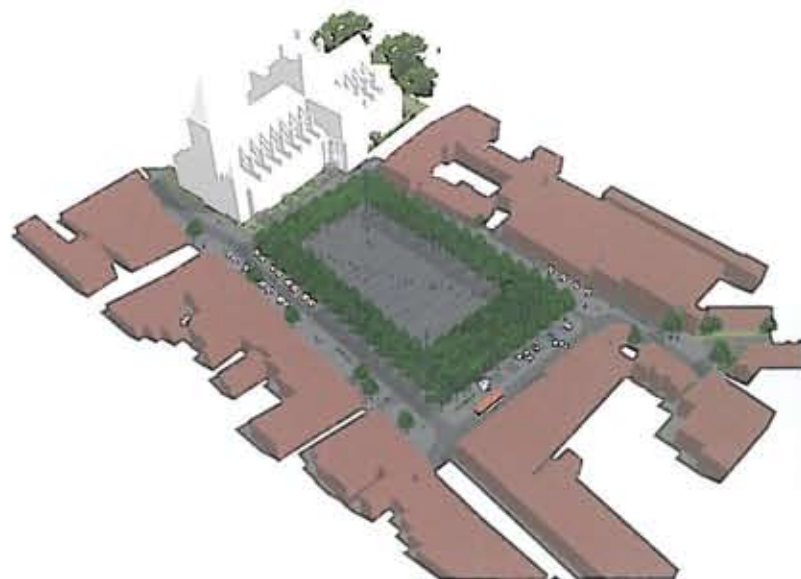
Facelift for the Parade in 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands

The Dutch landscape practice Buro Lubbers won the European competition for the design of the Parade, a public square in the centre of 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands.

The Parade is the historical and cultural heart of 's-Hertogenbosch, capital of the Dutch province Noordbrabant, where many events take place throughout the year. Against the backdrop of St. John's Cathedral and in front of the theatre, terraces and historical buildings, Buro Lubbers will realise a green, contemporary square that will host cultural events and serve as a meeting place. The Parade will be a self-contained space which is distinguished by its special surfacing of Belgian stone. The rectangle of trees will continue to determine the identity of the Parade. The existing chestnut trees will be replaced by fragrant, non-dripping lime trees. The green character of the Parade is further enhanced by the construction of a church garden around St. John's, lending emphasis to the cathedral. The rich cultural history and current use of the Parade is on display at the Parade Museum. A collection of models, a listening bank and interactive multimedia tools will tell the historical and contemporary story of the public square.

Five international practices were nominated to submit a preliminary design for the competition commissioned by the City of 's-Hertogenbosch: OKRA landschapsarchitecten (Utrecht), Atelier Quadrat (Rotterdam), Buro Lubbers ('s-Hertogenbosch), Studio 08 (Milano) and BB+GG architectes (Barcelona).

Out of the five schemes a professional jury selected the work of Buro Lubbers and Atelier Quadrat for further development. The public had the final vote: 68 per cent decided for the design of Buro Lubbers. The implementation of the design will start in the autumn of 2010.



Surfaced with Belgian stone and framed by lime trees, the historical heart of 's-Hertogenbosch – the Parade – will offer space for cultural events and serve as meeting place. A new garden around St. John's will lend emphasis to the cathedral. The design is by Buro Lubbers who won the competition for the Parade.