New Central Library of Helsinki

COMPETITION AUTHORITY: CITY OF HELSINKI
Participation in open international competition

BETAPLAN participated in this Finnish competition with 544 entries from around the world. The competition included full architectural drawings at preliminary design stage. In terms of both the cityscape and its symbolic significance, the Central Library will be located in the very center of Helsinki, the Töölönlahti ("Töölö Bay") area. The new building will form a cohesive totality with the Finnish Parliament building, Helsinki Music Centre, Finlandia Hall, Sanoma House and Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art.
The defining concept of the proposed new Library is the creation of a homogeneous building without «rear facade», a building that is transformed at each floor depending on its function, its relationship to the surrounding area, the views and the orientation. The building's transformation is expressed on the varied outline of each floor level which constitutes the defining element of its mass. Homogeneity, in the appearance and form of the building, is achieved by the use of only two materials on its facades (wood and glass).
Program floor area: 10,000m2

Estimated construction cost: 69,900,000 EUR.

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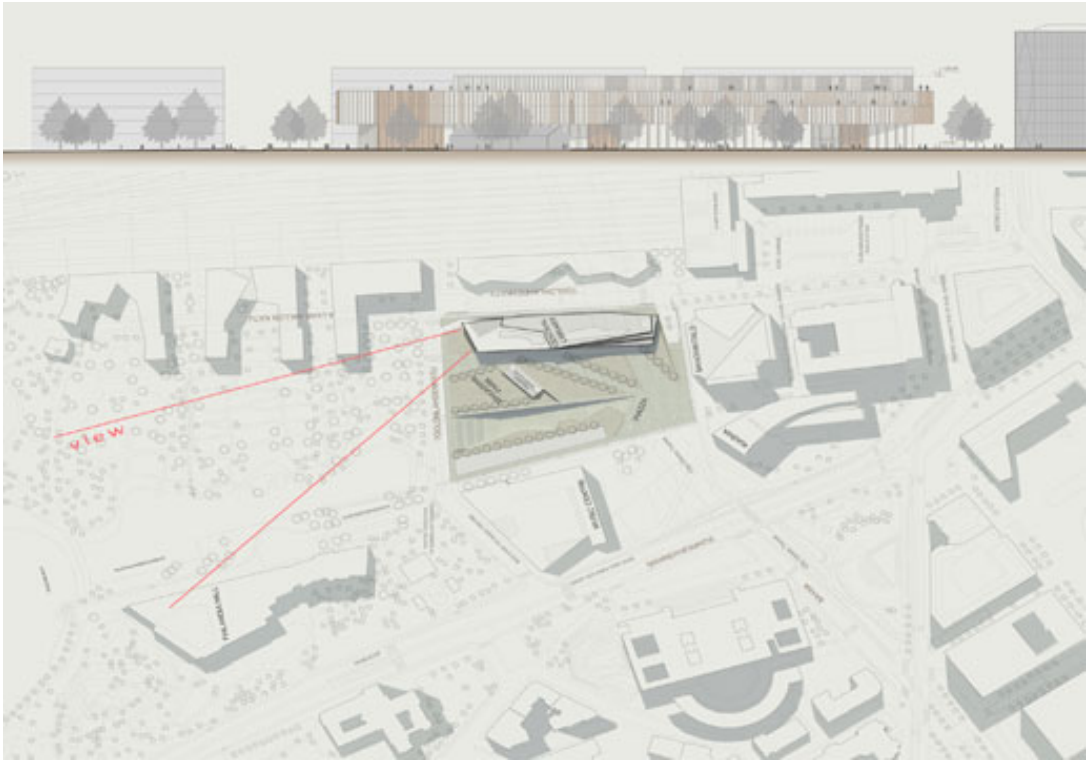
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