XDGA’s competition winning design for the Place Rogier in Brussels and its surroundings takes place on a number of levels. On the square itself, a generous patio is carefully excavated into the subterranean levels. The patio not only provides daylight to what are traditionally dark and artificially lit spaces but also acts as a connector, linking and facilitating the smooth interchange of passengers to and from street level to the intermodal transit hub.

An enormous 64 metres diameter floating canopy covers not only the patio but also a bus stop, a significant portion of the square and even a part of the Brussels inner ring road. Together with the redesign of the square and its surrounding streets the project represents a daring new approach to the relationship between public space and public transport in the city.

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**PLACE ROGIER AND SURROUNDINGS**

- **city**: Brussels, Belgium
- **client**: Brussels Capital Region
- **program**: renewal of Place Rogier and the Boulevard Botanique, with the regeneration of the Rogier underground station
- **procedure**: competition, 1st prize
- **total floor area**: 45,000 m² (square 9,000 m² + underground 7,000 m² + Boulevard 29,000 m²)
- **landscape**: Michel Desvigne Paysagistes

**Concept diagram**
- 1 patio
- 2 metro
- 3 parking
- 4 congres
- 5 square
- 6 strip
- 7 canopy

**View on the Rogier Square arriving by car**
(entering the tunnel underneath the Boulevard Botanique)