RIBEIRA DAS NAUS RIVERFRONT PUBLIC SPACE

Zone 1

PREVIOUS STATE OF THE SITE

Ribeira das Naus is a mythical site in the national and local identity. Partially produced by the collective imaginary, partially by the official culture. The myth is linked to the naval plant that operated on this site, and that, throughout centuries, produced various types of boats.

As a public space, Ribeira das Naus was itself, until very recently, turned into two distinct zones by a fast circulation road with four lanes that contributed to the destruction of the entire potential of this noble city area.

This laceration was strengthened by the existence of a fence bounding the Navy area and relegated to a peripheral and marginal condition the green riverfront space that, during the last decades, was the only pedestrian connection between the Praça do Comércio and Cais do Sodré. The existing promenade was in an advanced state of degradation, abandoned and dangerous.

From a functional prospective, Ribeira das Naus acts as a complementary area towards Praça do Comércio e Cais do Sodré, while a transition platform between points of daily departure and arrival of large flow/numbers of people to the centre of Lisbon city.