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### **Art-Intervention between buildings**

The ensemble of the Joanneum combines three buildings from different historical periods, which originally all had a different function. Our project maintains the significance of each individual building while at the same time creating a coherent access situation and a consistency of the new spaces. The only direct intervention almost disappears in the urban surroundings. While Graz is particularly appreciated for its picturesque rooftop landscape, we, in contrast, developed our project underground: We installed a new mineral flooring surface that stretches across the entire area between the existent buildings covering the new space beneath it. With this project, one of the intentions of the Universalmuseum Joanneum was to encourage a dialogue between art and the city of Graz. The new museum square becomes a centralized entry area for the museums and at the same time creates a common space for artistic interventions in public space.