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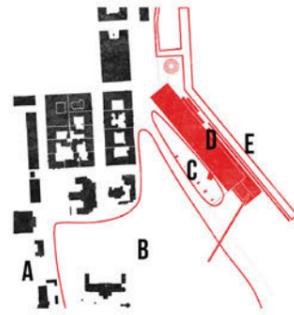
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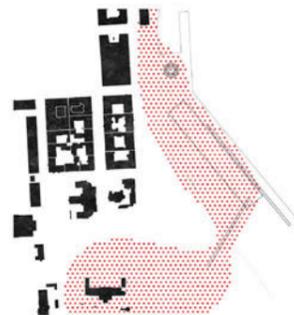
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The city's built fabric delineates a space inhabited by objects – mainly of public significance. The museum will be one of them.



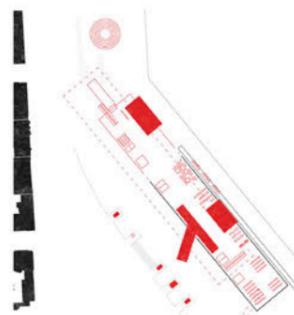
The museum is at the intersection of a range of spaces with different identities, establishing connections between them: a) city, b) park, c) yard, d) museum, e) quay.



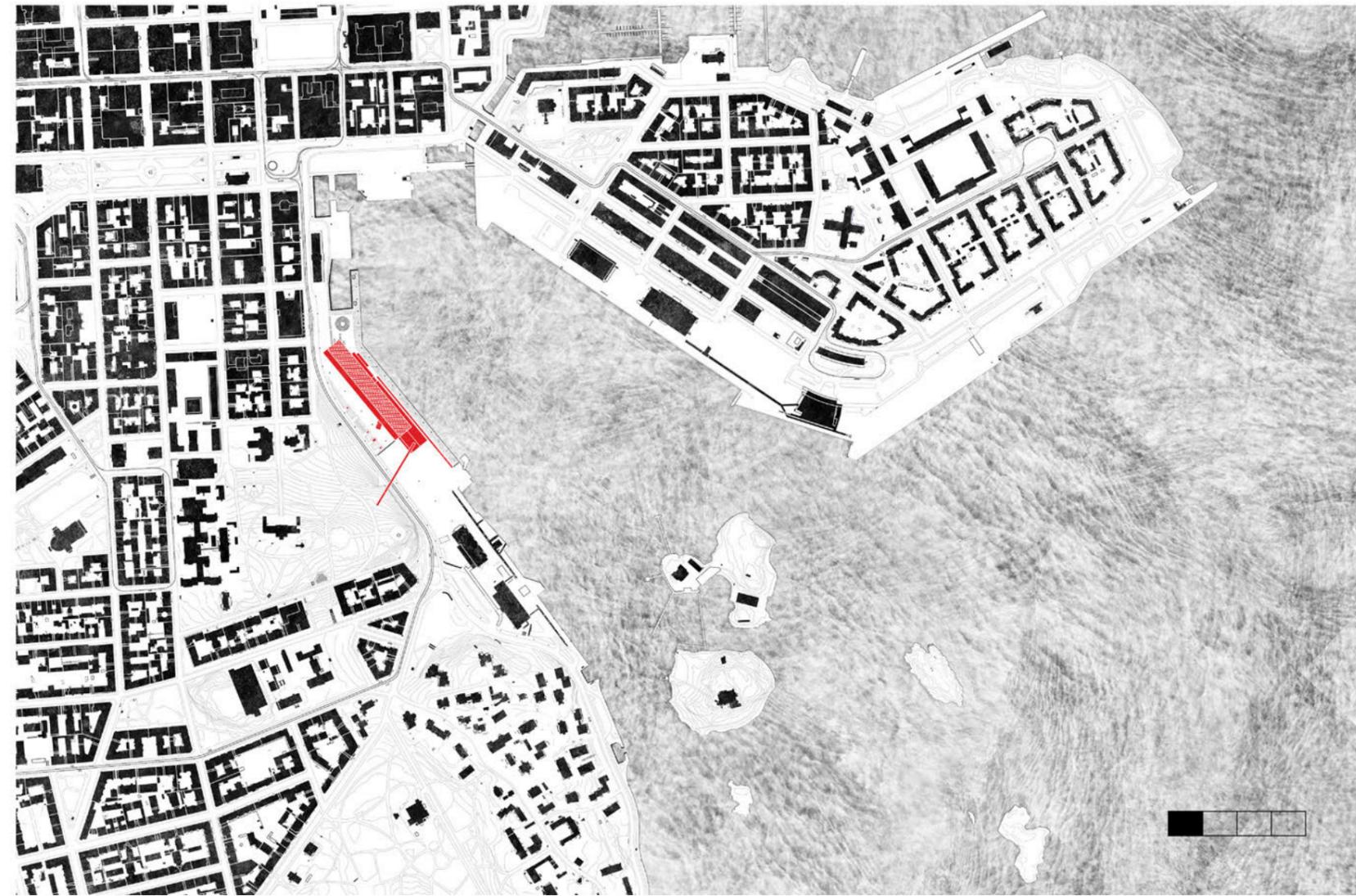
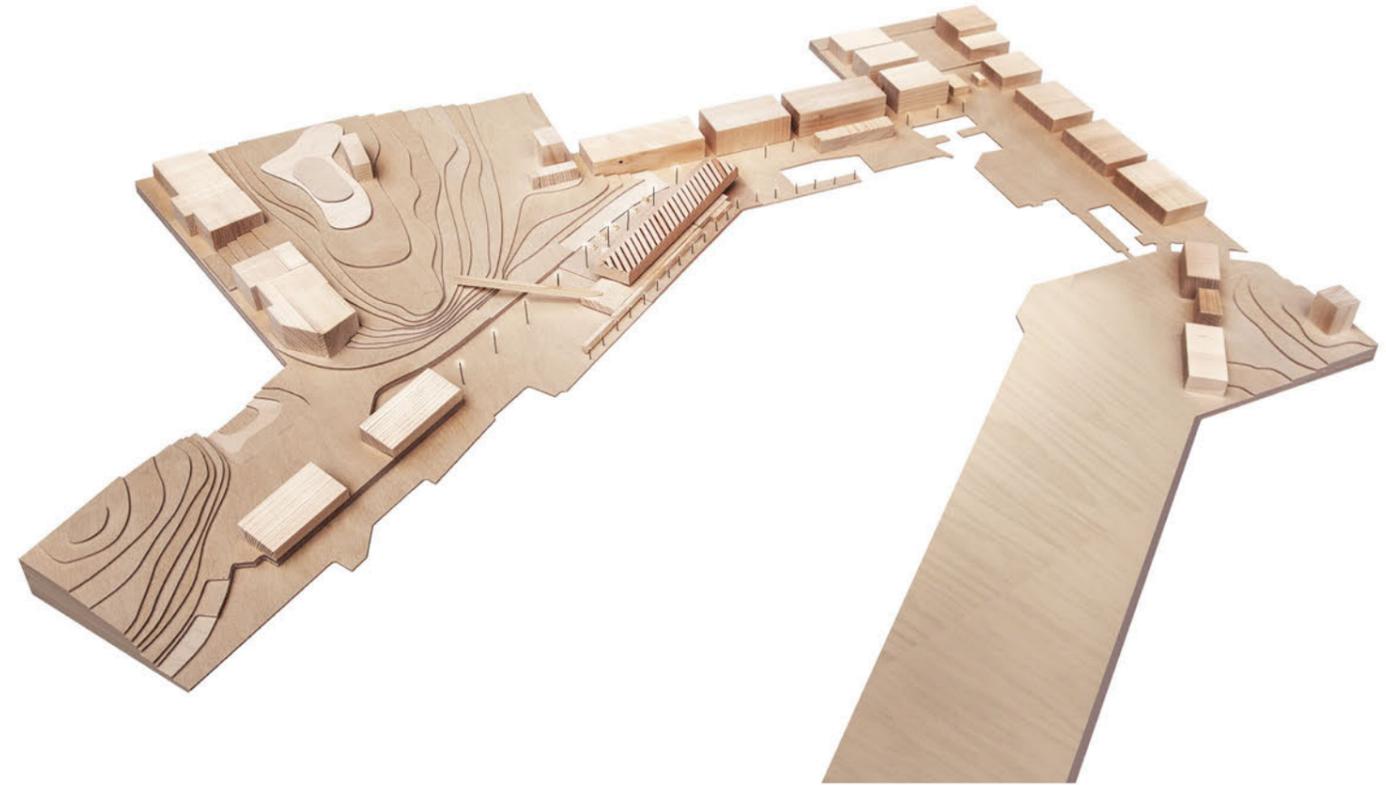
The museum's ground floor space is seamlessly open to the city and accommodates manifold public uses, including those of the existing passenger terminal.

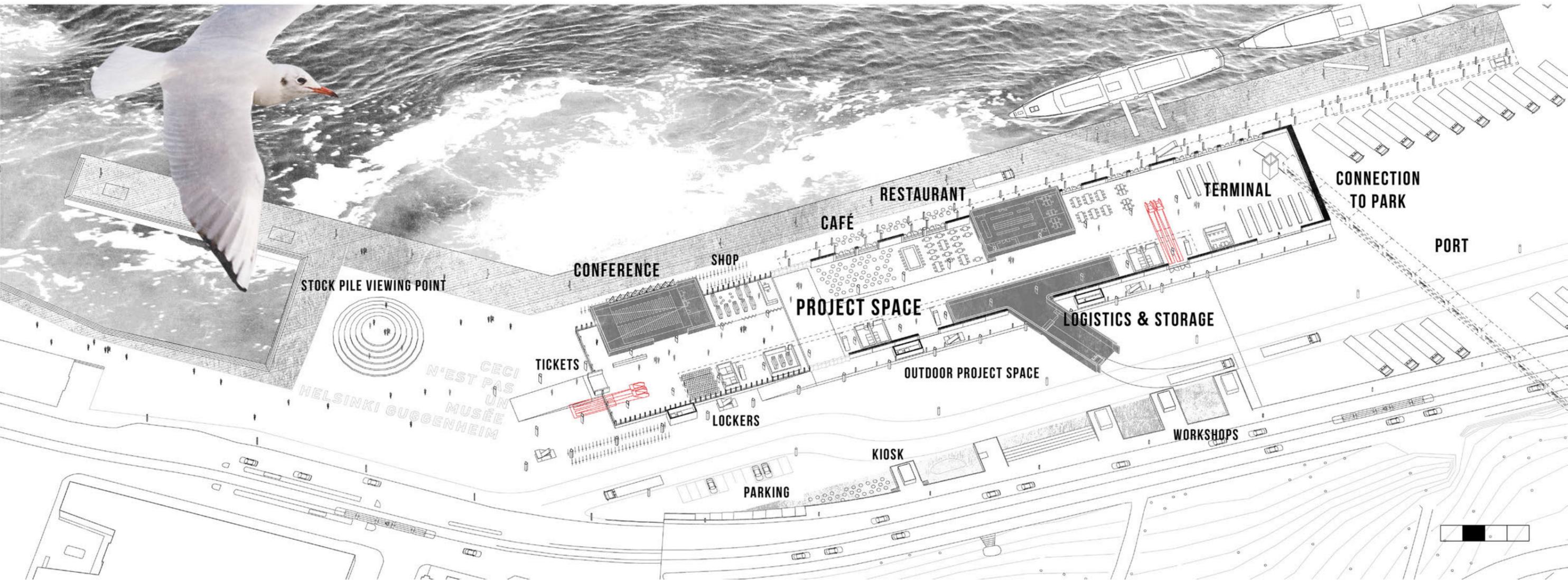


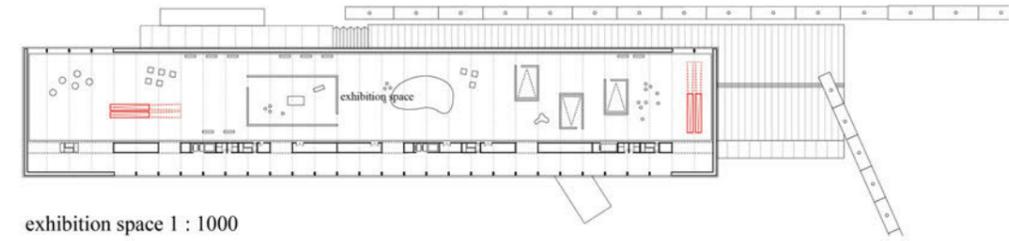
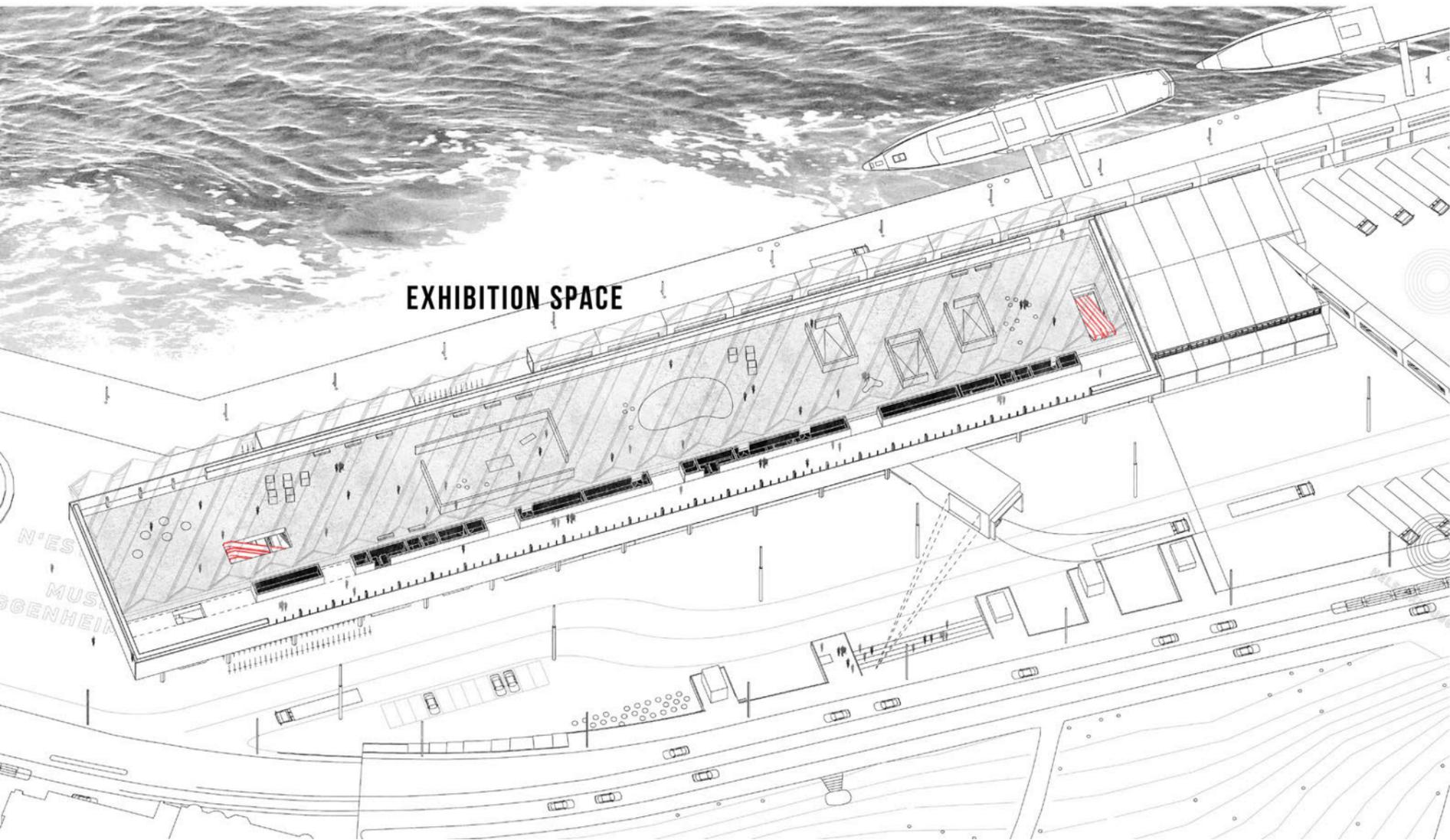
The museum comprises two spaces: an open hall on the ground floor and an exhibition space above, the latter hovering above the former.



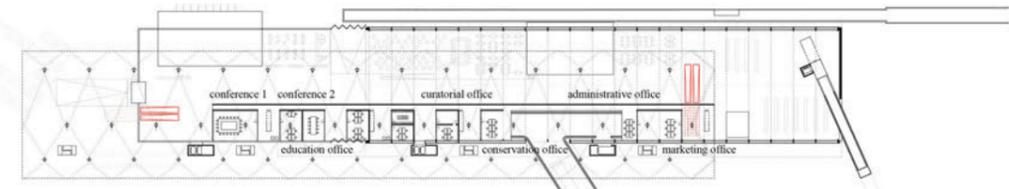
The informal character of the ground floor space reframes the museum as 'incubator', part laboratory, part community center, part gathering space – engaging users in the co-creation of value.



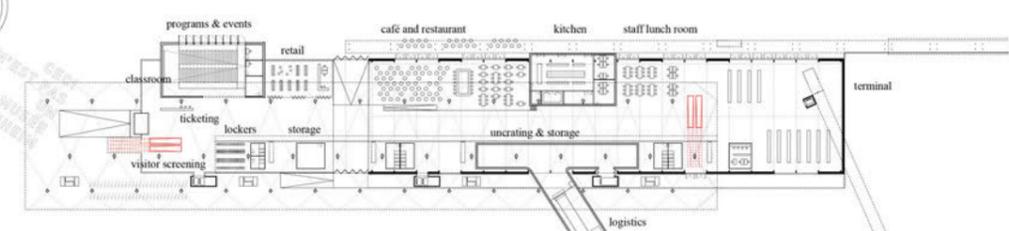




exhibition space 1 : 1000



mezzanine 1 : 1000



groundfloor 1 : 1000



EMBODIED ENERGY

OPTIMIZATION OF GRAY ENERGY =
KEEPING THE EXISTING + WOOD CONSTRUCTION

Two measures are proposed to minimize the structure's gray or embodied energy:

- a. re-use of the existing structure of the terminal building
- b. use local wood from Finland for all new construction

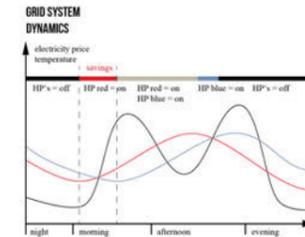
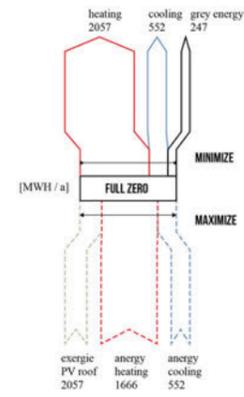


TWO ENVIRONMENTS

DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS =
LOWER HALL + UPPER HALL

The museum comprises two structures, each with different environmental requirements:

- a. The lower hall is naturally ventilated and heated/cooled using harbor water – a low-tech solution
- b. The upper hall requires more sophisticated systems for cooling, heating, ventilation, and humidity control, all maximizing the use of renewable resources

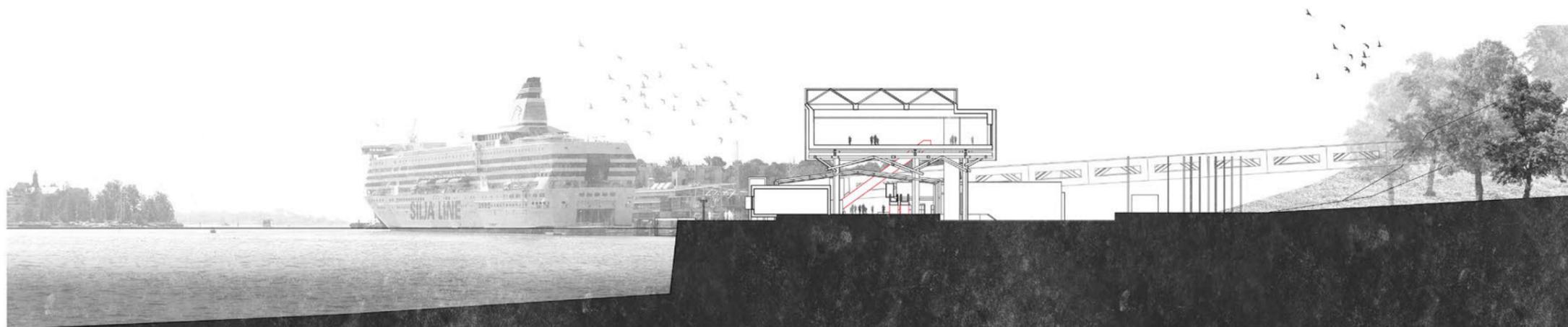
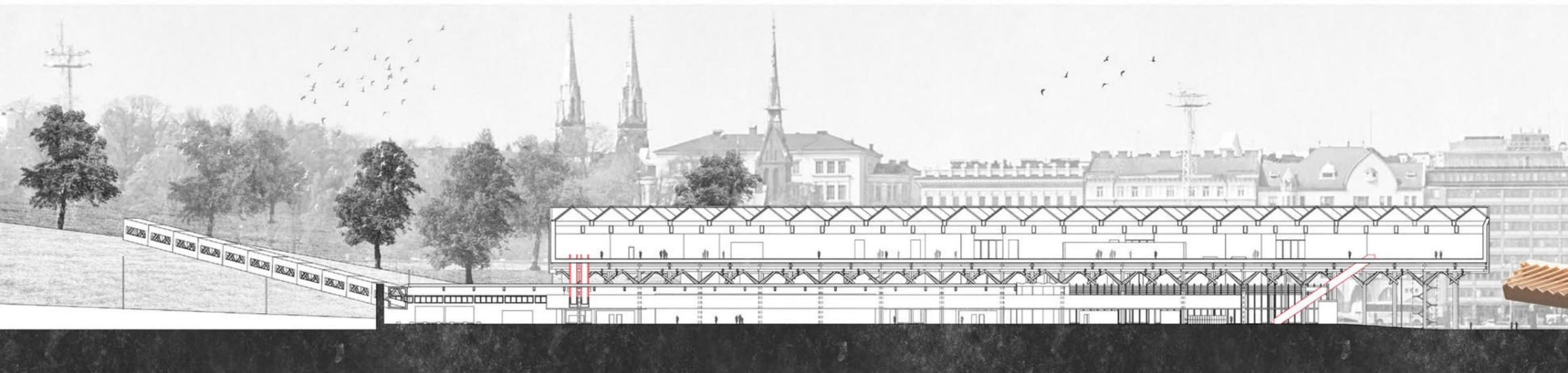
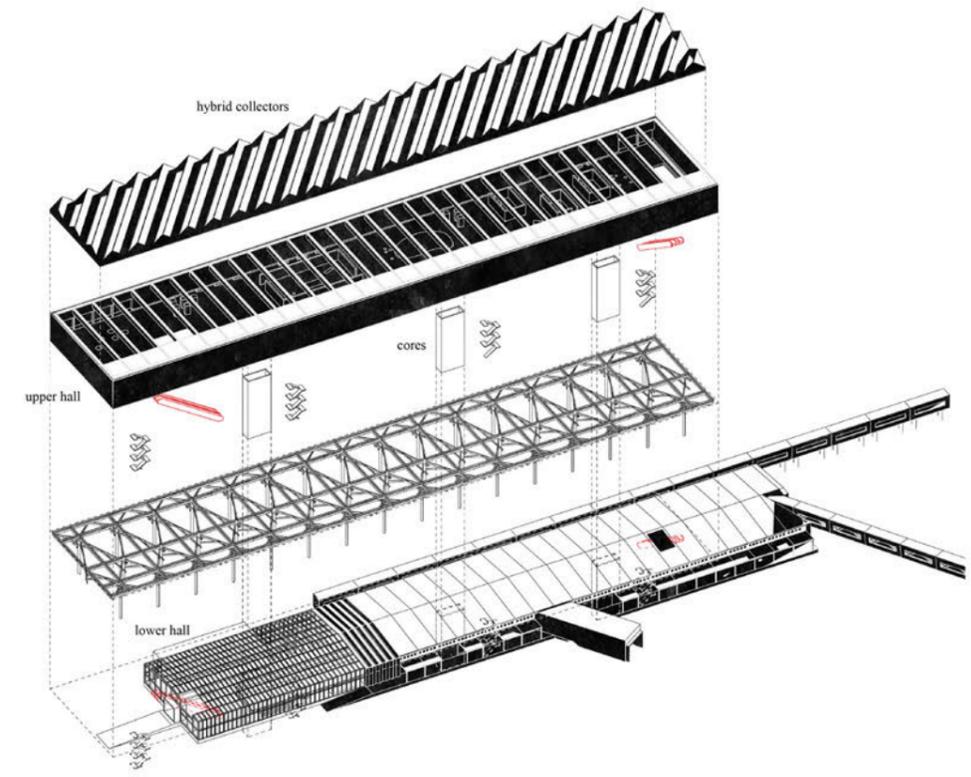
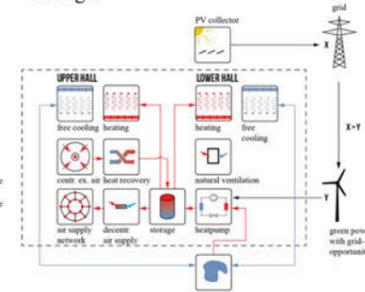


CO2 NEUTRAL

LIFE CYCLE ENERGY PRODUCTION =
EMBODIED ENERGY + OPERATIONAL ENERGY

CO2 emissions will be minimized for construction and operations:

- a. use of renewable, local materials
- b. separation of systems and building components
- c. solar power generation on the optimized museum's shed
- d. use of harbor water for heating and cooling
- e. massive cores will provide thermal storage



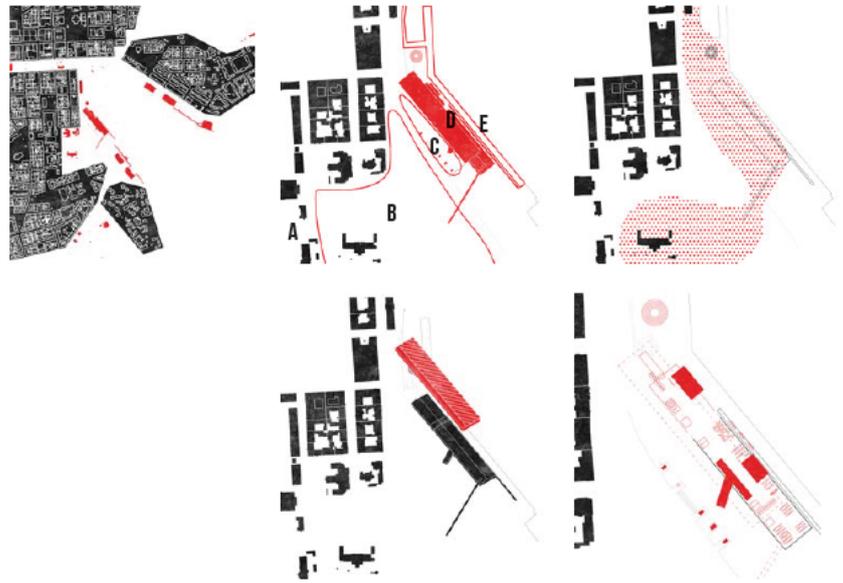
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