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<b>GROUP NUMBER</b>	5
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### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Group 5 consisted mostly of the inhabitants of Grzegórzki district and of people who actively use the area between the roundabouts. The priority of the workshops was to solve numerous problems that appear in various parts of the area as well as to confront the ideas with a real possibility of finalising them. All of the project objectives are a combination of the best inspirations and the real needs of the district and its inhabitants. The outcome of the group 5 work includes a well organized space that responds to the needs of the inhabitants and people who occasionally use the space.

All ideas and project objectives are presented in 7 points, embedded along the key parts of Superścieżka. The 7 ideas that were finally provided by group 5 (chosen among dozens of previously discussed concepts) were selected by all group members during the last workshop. The initiatives are as follows:

**MOGILSKIE ROUNDABOUT + THE FORT** – The main issue addressed by the group was a convenient and safe communication linking Superścieżka with Mogilskie roundabout and Mogilska street. It is necessary to create a bicycle lane and a broad pavement for the pedestrians, from AXIS Skanska to the junction of Przy Rondzie and Mogilska streets. It is important for such a route to go along Superścieżka, without the need of lowering it by the fort. Creating a bicycle lane is an objective for continuing bicycle traffic along Mogilska

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street. An important matter is to maintain a sufficient width of the pavement, around 13 m, in front of the planned building, along Mogilska roundabout and Przy Rondzie street, in order to maintain comfort throughput of pedestrian and bicycle traffic by the bus stop.

**EILE SQUARE** – Eile square should maintain its recreation form – passive for adults, active for children (a playground) – as well as it should be slightly supplemented. It is also important to slightly change the form of the place, extending it into the adjacent areas. Complementary ideas for the space are as follows:

- Drinking fountains by the playground and the path,
- Water element, a fountain that could be entered barefoot,
- Sensory gardens – variety of colours, smells and textures,
- “The second life of a book” – public book shelves for exchanging books and magazines for free,
- Playground for adults,
- Rich, well composed and preserved vegetation: flowerbeds, hedges, pergolas with vines, perennials, ornamental grasses, etc. The inhabitants emphasise that it is important to have well maintained, colourful flowers and other plants. They are a visually attractive, inspiring and joyful element of city’s green area.

**AREA ALONG SUPERŚCIEŻKA AND CAR PARKS ZONE:** for those difficult and unfriendly spaces the group came up with many creative ideas that would improve the quality of the space. Some of them are as follows:

- Based on the idea of “Sjesta” bar, situated to the south of Eile square, creating a café with large external terrace open to the square.
- Right next to the café, on a part of a car park adjacent to Eile square, closer to the bicycle lane, creating a space for food trucks and fruit stalls.
- Comfortable benches to sit and lie down, combined here and there with tables for picnics.
- Diversifying sound and viewing barriers along Superścieżka: pots with plants, ridges planted with shrubs and trees, pergolas, trellises, retaining walls with pots (separating the street from Superścieżka with pots and ridges would allow bigger plants even in the underground infrastructure. Moreover, it would protect the roots of plant against the destructive effect of salt in winter).
- Dividing transit communication into two zones – for the cyclists and for the pedestrians.
- Making additional paths/pavements linking Superścieżka with Korsylewskiego street,
- Temporary exhibitions along Superścieżka: sculptures, pictures, etc. Open city culture.

**THE PREMISES OF KSOS – KRAKOWSKI SZKOLNY OŚRODEK SPORTOWY (Cracow School Sports Centre):** The participants suggested a thorough revitalisation of KSOS, maintaining the sports and recreation function. As mentioned by KSOS authorities, the premises will be fenced but open for those who would like to use it between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM (from the side of Superścieżka, the fence’s height could be limited to 1 metre). The group suggested several entries, enabling the users to explore the premises. The group divided the area into two zones:

- Recreation and relaxation zone in green areas, from the side of Kordylewskiego street, that would include such elements as: comfortable street furniture including benches, water-permeable gravel paths, garden plants, drinking fountains, a space for organizing temporary events such as breakfast fairs.
- Sports area situated from the side of Powstania Warszawskiego avenue, that would include such elements as: revitalised courts, multi-functional pitch (volleyball, basketball, skating rink in winter), elements for exercising (Cracow parkour), open-air gym.

**KSOS AND MARSHAL’S OFFICE:** Besides disassembling the existing noise barriers, a basic issue is to organize comfortable communication. It is necessary to maintain the width of Superścieżka as a continuation of the promenade in front of the Marshal’s Office. This could be achieved by moving the fence of the pitch further into KSOS. It is necessary so the user who goes “up” Superścieżka does not encounter a barrier – the fence. Finally, a story about unusual project proposal of leaving one noise barrier by Superścieżka and marking an old path of the barriers as an “open-air museum of a noise barrier”. A single, lonely element of the barrier and a mark of its previous course with a note “here, between 2008 and 2016 stood a noise barrier that...). It would commemorate the times of reckless spending money and destroying the landscape, and at the same time it could be used for street art.

Below, there are 7 ideas that were jointly selected and written down by the participants. The core of group 5 was formed by the inhabitants:

1. (*Mogilskie roundabout and forts*) A bicycle lane going to the junction of Mogilska and Przy Rondzie streets and providing necessary width of the site (at least 12m), for comfortable communication of pedestrians and cyclists. Moving the bicycle lane and pedestrian path towards Mogilska street.
2. (*Eile square*) Drinking fountains by the playground and along the path. Water fountain, lit, where people could dip bare feet.
3. (*Eile square*) Sensory gardens. Well composed vegetation, variety of colours and plant species, flowers, flower tunnels, pergolas.
4. (*Eile square*) Similarly to “Sjesta” bar (private property), creating a café with large

external terrace open to the square. On a neighbouring car park, making a space for food tracks. Comfortable and interesting benches to sit and lie down, combined with tables, book shelves for “the second life of a book”.

5. (*Along Superścieżka*) A barrier between Powstania Warszawskiego avenue and Superścieżka in a form of: ridges and pots with plants (protection from salt), trellises and vines, preserving the existing trees.
6. (*KSOS premises*) Maintaining the sports and recreation function inside KSOS – based on the objectives of KSOS concept. Dividing the area into two zones: relaxation zone (green areas, benches, gravel paths, garden plants, flowers, shrubs, drinking fountain, a space for organizing temporary events such as breakfast fairs) and sports zone (courts, multi-functional pitch to play volleyball, basketball, a skating rink in winter, open-air gym, Cracow parkour).
7. (*KSOS premises*) Opening the premises of KSOS from the side of Powstania Warszawskiego avenue to maintain the width of “Superścieżka”, based on the width in front of the planned Marshal’s Office building. Disassembling noise barriers. Moving further the fence of KSOS.