



## CRUISE TERMINAL ANTWERP - 17.064

### Program

Design of entry bridges, pontoon, pavilion, and canopy on the quay of the river Scheldt.

### Concept

The new cruise terminal on the river Scheldt is located in the historic center of Antwerp, close to the castle 'Het Steen' and the viewpoint of Noorderterras.

### Specific features

Two identical bridges span from the quay towards a landing pontoon, that itself connects to the main pontoon. Both bridges have a length of 70 m, and an inclination that follows the tide. The cross section of the bridges is a 45° inclined square, serving as structure as well as roof cover. The rotation offers both structural advantages and a more open feeling. Openings in the side walls augment this airy sensation of walking down towards the water. One of the landing pontoons supports a windproof steel-and-glass pavilion used for border control. The main pontoon then is adorned with a 350m-long canopy, with a variable width of max 3m. This canopy is made of kinked steel sheets, and has an open pattern on the side, analogous to the access bridges. Access control happens through integrated porches. All structural elements are in painted steel, with a variety of colors. Maritime blue, glimmering grey, sunny yellow; all these cheerful hues from the port area give the terminal a lively character. During the night, the bridges and canopy are lit from within, thus projecting the colored interiors through the perforations to the outside world.

Architect:	Ney & Partners	Length:	70 m
Client:	AG Vespa & De Vlaamse Waterweg	Total budget:	3.000.000 € Vat Excl.
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