# FlexScape

Reshaping the Workplace Ecology of Turfmarkt

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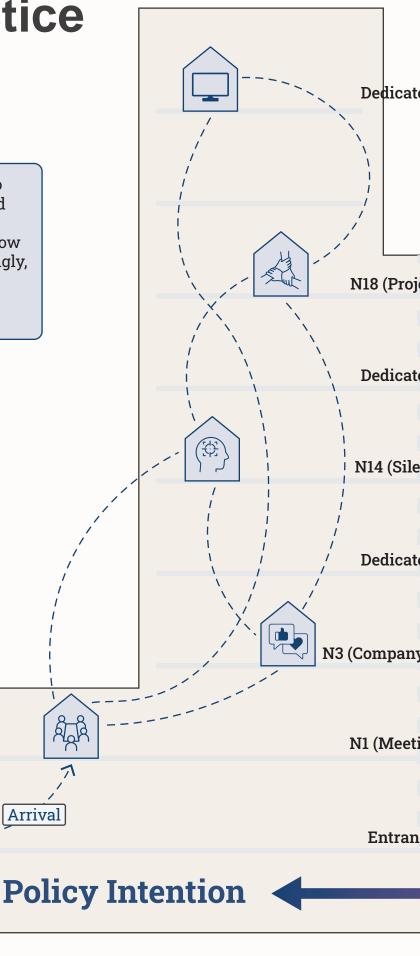
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# **Policy vs Practice**

## **Policy Intention**

The fully flexible policy expects people to switch their workspace across rooms and floors per task and activity. In this case, people need to arrange their daily workflow in detail and change workspace accordingly, resulting in an activity-based roaming across the building to form an "optimal space per activity" model.





Phone Call

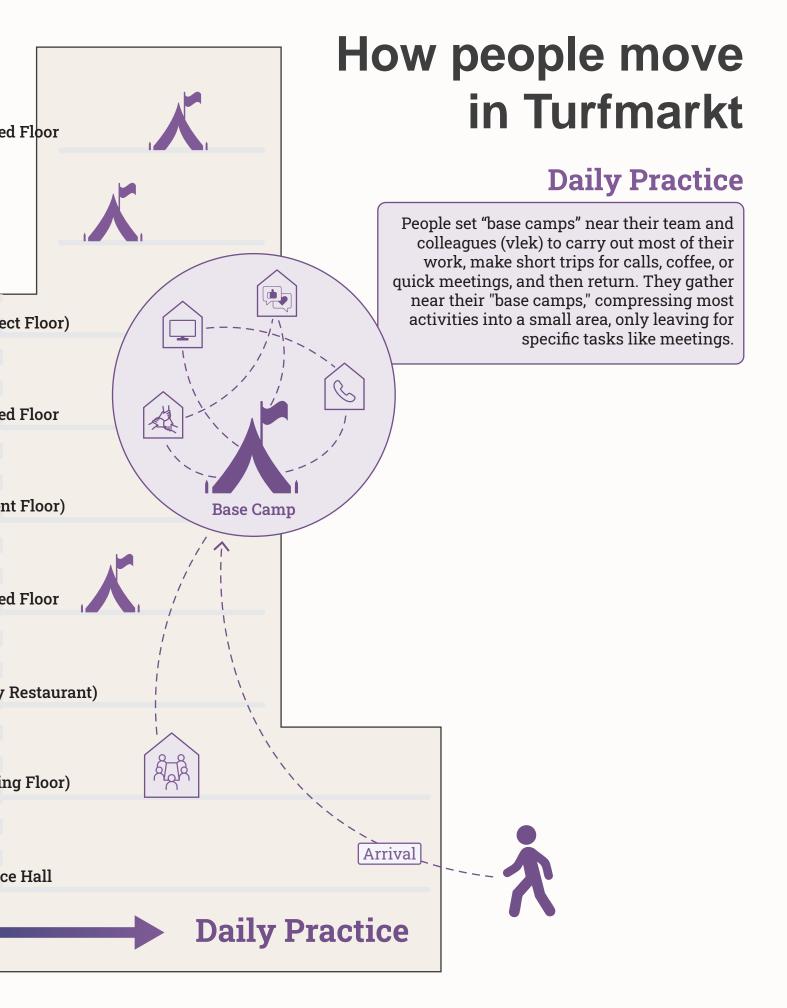






**Physical Meeting** 











# **Design Goal**

Create a workplace where people feel at ease the moment they arrive because the workplace **explains itself and is formed by each one**. People can easily locate themselves with familiar colleagues and spots, make everyday **switches between functions simple, fair, and low-effort**. The environment provides smooth transitional guidance, gradually shifting behavior **from territorial habits to flexible sharing**.



DG-2: Co-shape to rebuild familiarity and ownership

**DG-3**: Intuitive space agreement that nudges flexible pattern

# **Design Requirements**

Autonomy

Hospitable

**Intuitive Simplicity** 

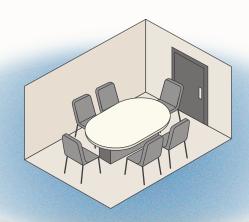
**Equilibrium** 

# **FlexScape**

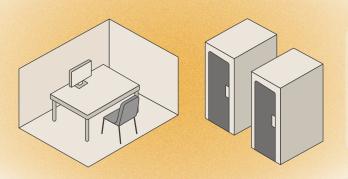
FlexScape is a gradient workplace ecology. Floors are stitched together by zones with different levels and functions, forming a networked, hierarchical pattern that keeps work coherent while supporting diverse needs. It emphasizes gradual transitions rather than rigid segmentation and stays resilient over time.

Gradient zones are categorized into three categories: Anchor, Supportive Space, and Independent Space.

Formal, longer-duration rooms with higher privacy and AV (e.g., meeting rooms, Qabins).



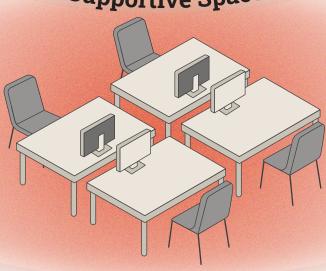
# Independent Space



Small, function-driven enclosures distributed between anchors to absorb short tasks and overflow.

### Supportive Space

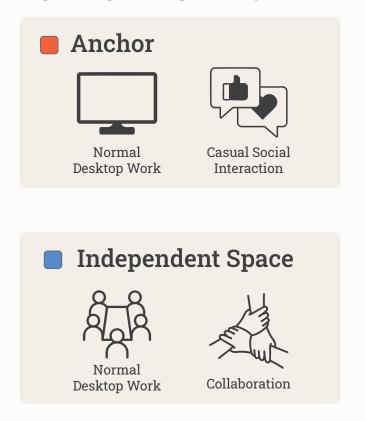
Team-based home areas that feel familiar and reliable mainly consisting of open-plan workspaces.



Anchor

#### **Functional Clusters**

Work is clustered into three functional families that cover day-to-day activities without fragmenting flow. Together they create a readable gradient of agility across the floor.

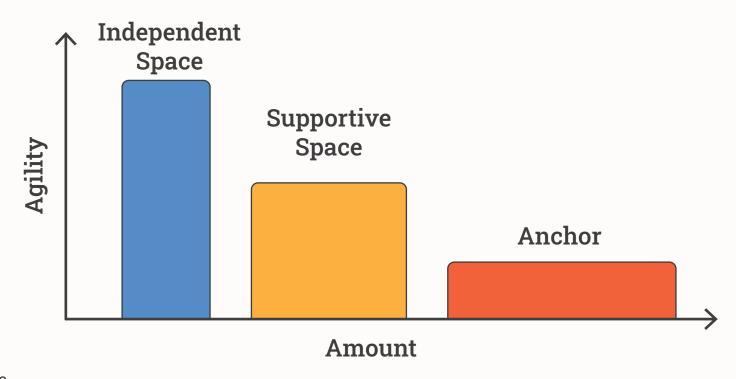




# **Agility Gradient**

Agility: A < B < C — anchors are least agile as a predictable home base, supportive spaces are medium to share per floor as horizontal agile, independent spaces are most agile for sharing building-wide.

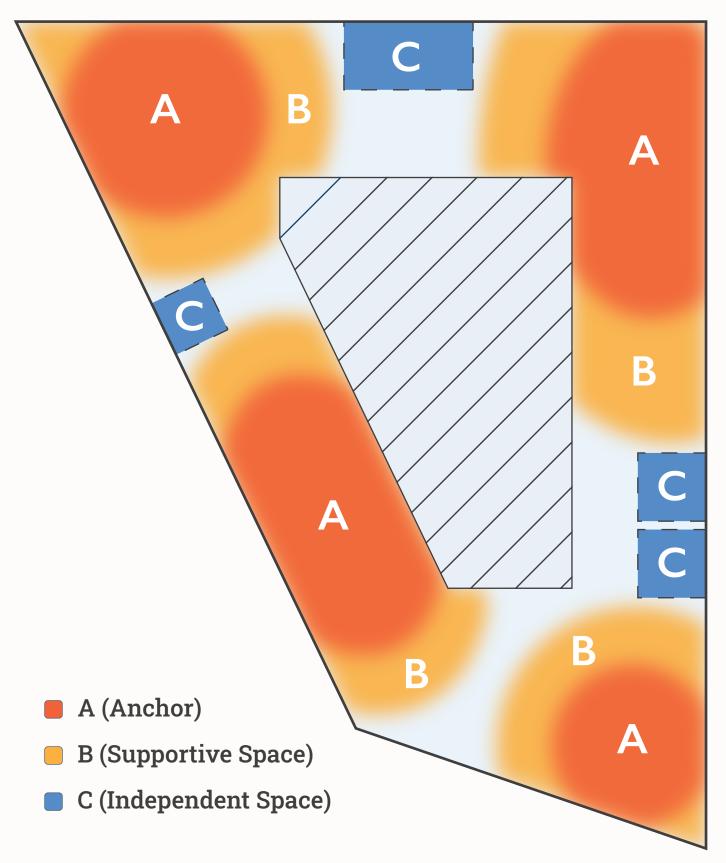
Amount: A > B > C — The greatest number of anchor points to meet the basic needs of desk work, a moderate amount of supportive spaces to accommodate people's temporary tasks, and the fewest independent spaces, because those are flexible across the entire floor.

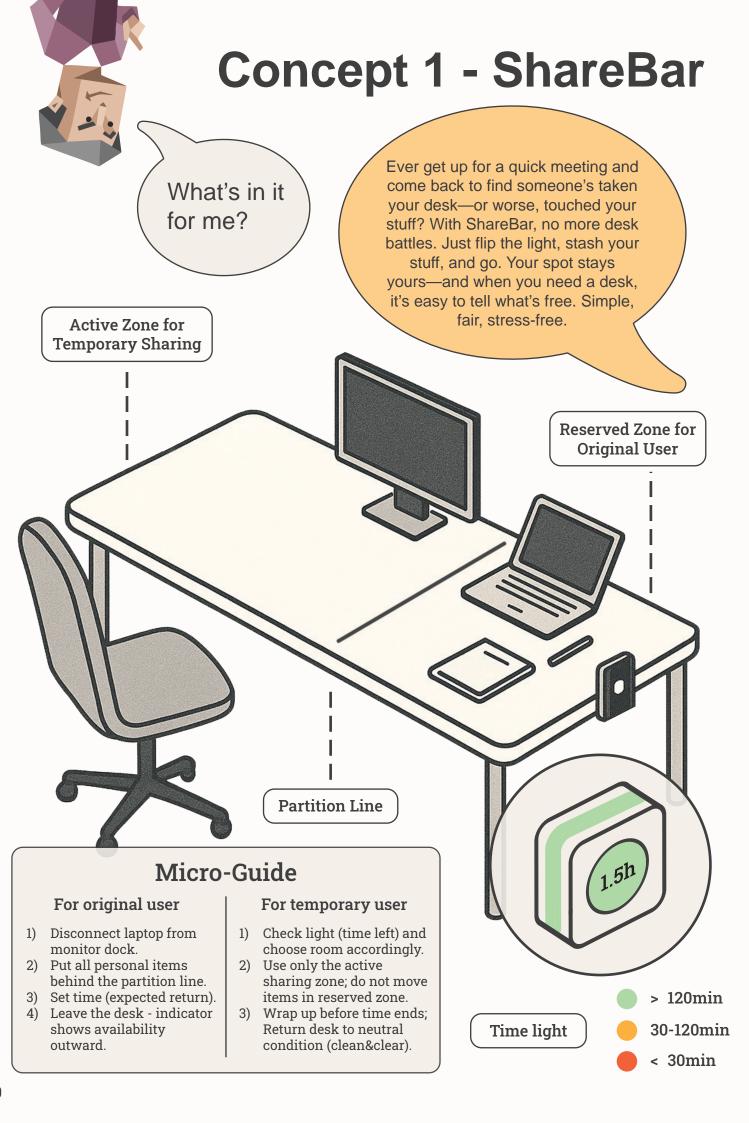


## FlexScape Floor Plan

The plan maps the three clusters into a clear pattern you can navigate at a glance:

- A (Anchors) sit in zones of familiarity where teams organically gather—expect low agility and day-to-day continuity.
- B (Supportive) spaces thread between anchors as "plug-and-play" so people can handle ad hoc activities like calls, focus, or quick hybrid sessions near their base.
- C (Independent) spaces are scattered for planned, longer meetings; they carry the highest agility and the strongest privacy/acoustic envelope.

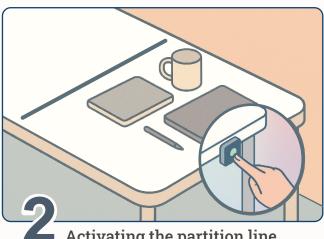




## **User scenarios**







Activating the partition line



Thanks, this Glad it helped. worked great! Smooth sharing experience

**What ShareBar Changes** 

Situation	<b>Before</b> (Enclosed Cubicles today)	With ShareBar (Partition Line + Time Light)
Leaving Temporary	People either "handdoek leggen" or take everything and leave.	People set time and move items behind the line, leaving with peach of mind .
Finding a Short-term Desk	Wandering aimlessly between floors, not knowing what was available or for how long.	Light signals clearly indicate availability; time left is obvious on the screen.
Territorial Friction	Fear of disturbing others' stuff; Confused about whether to enter the room with items.	Partition line protects personal belongings; active zone is explicit.
Space Utilization	Peopeo "guard the fort," waste the space when absence.	Becomes supportive spaces with more shared-use sessions per desk/day.

Concept 2 - Lightweight Login System



What's in it for me?

Home

Forget desk-hunting. Just tap into the app, see which zones are buzzing (or blissfully quiet), and lock in your space. You'll get auto-assigned a desk with zero micro-decisions. It's fast, it's frictionless, and best of all—you're still close to your team. Way better than wandering around with a coffee.

#### **Enter office**

 Auto activate the pre-lock



#### **During commute**

- · Check floor plan and busyness.
- Pre-lock the desired area to work and get a auto-assigned workstation.



End of the day

#### **Arrival**

- Time-to-desk ↓
- Space anxiety ↓
- Area-based workspace
- Team-based anchors organically form

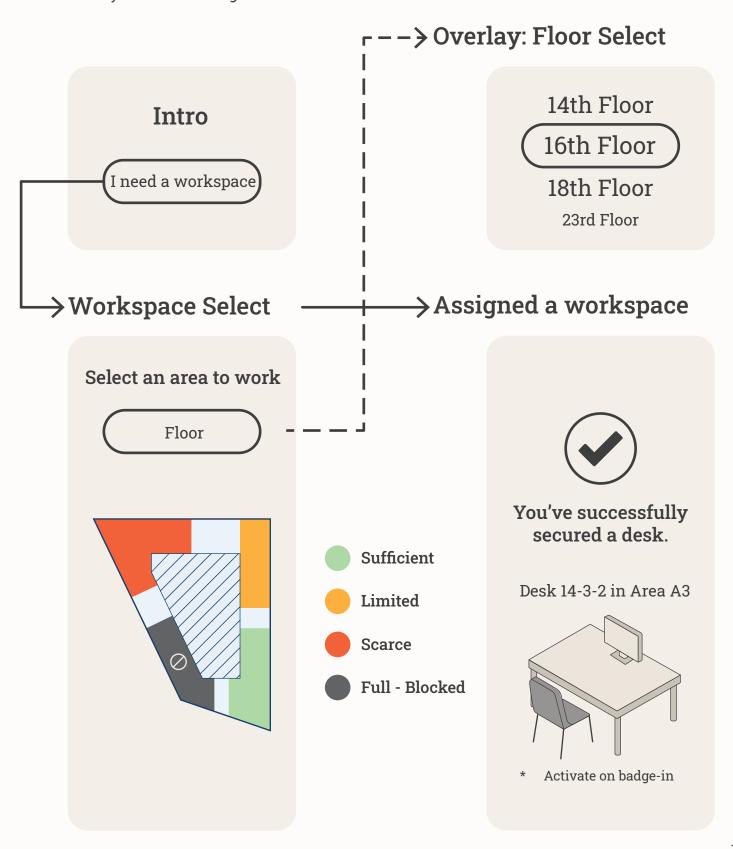
What changes?

## How does the system work in user interface?

A lightweight, area-based login keeps choices simple and aligns with how people actually move through the office.

Journey at a glance:

- 1. Intro "I need a workspace."
- 2. Overlay: Floor select (only your directorate's dedicated/shared floors appear).
- 3. Area selection on the floor plan (areas = Anchors). Each area shows an expected crowding level; areas over capacity are locked.
- 4. Confirm you're auto-assigned a desk in that area.



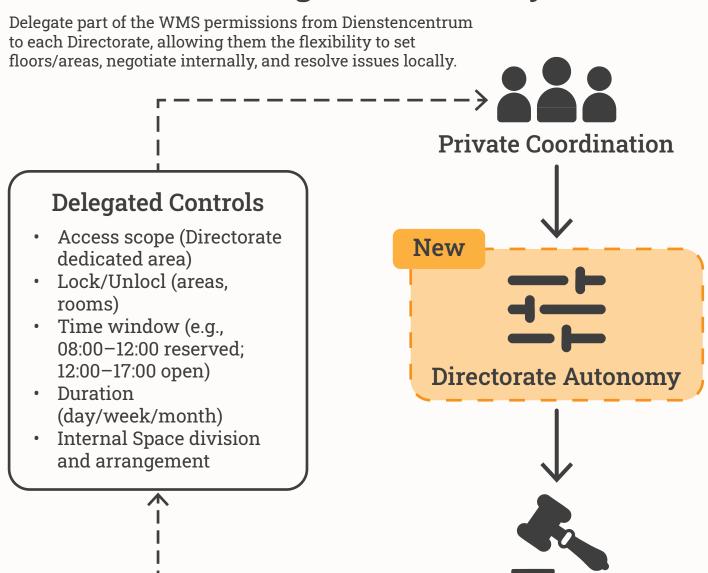
Concept 3 - Decentralized Space Governance



What's in it for me?

Tired of sending tickets into the void? Now your team can shape your own space rules. Want to keep a corner for client visits? Or sync floor settings with your team rhythms? Your directorate gets the controls to make smarter, faster decisions, without begging HQ. It's local power for people who know what's needed.

## How can floors be governed locally?



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#### Stakeholder Value & Benefits



Knowledge Worker

Can my team and I count on an area as our home base?

How can I reserve a room as a dedicated reception room?

Too many people come to us with tickets about space usage for variou reasons, which has exceeded our processing capacity.



**Directorate** 



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Could we have a few dedicated rooms for our directorate since we require more on-site work than other directorates?



#### Knowledge Worker

- Autonomy and ownership over workplace.
- A more convenient channel for submitting space related requests.
- Better meet personalized needs.



#### Directorate

- Autonomy and ownership over workplace.
- Better management of space according to directorate needs.
- Better coordinate and arrange staff attendance.

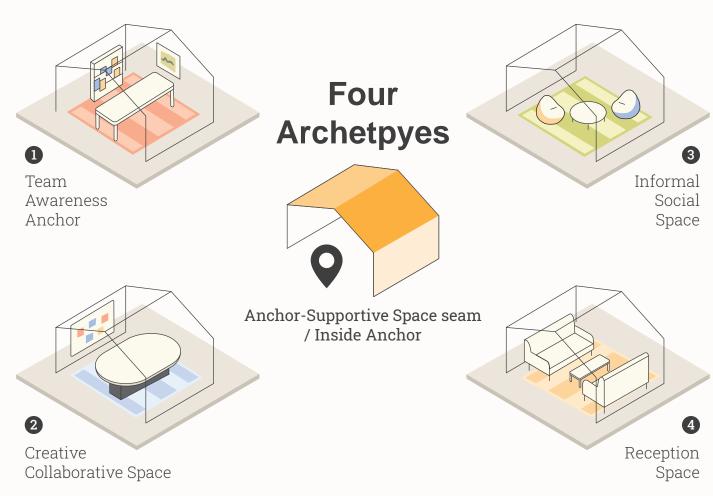


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- Streamlining administration burdens.
- Promoting a bottom up tranformation of workplace ecology.
- Clear insight into different directorate needs.

# Concept 4 - Adaptable Booth

A semi-enclosed, modular pocket. Built from movable elements (screens, light frames, soft furniture), it lives at the edge of Anchor areas or inside Anchors and makes short switches easy—absorbing overflow, social glue, and quick collaboration without leaving the team. It's kit-of-parts, time-bounded, and fast to reset.

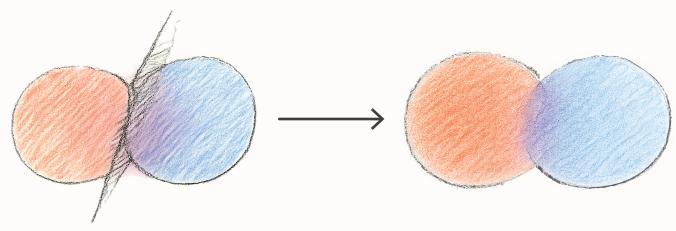


What's in it for me?

You want to sit with your team, but you also need a quiet call, a brainstorm corner, or a bit of focus. Or you want to decorate your own space? These booths flex with you. They pop up wherever your team needs them. So your workspace feels personal, not permanent. It's your anchor and your escape hatch.



## Why they're needed?



#### **Rigid Segmentation (Now)**

Functional dedicated spaces and cubicles create hard boundaries; short, mixed activities (quick call, micro-sync, overflow desk) have nowhere natural to land.

#### Flexible Boundary (Intended)

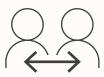
Insert semi-open pockets that handle short, variable, adjacent activities near the team. This keeps Anchors psychologically stable while allowing the edge to flex to need.

## Key value added



#### Knowledge Workers

- Admit people's "base-camp" behavioral characteristics.
- Easier to sit together with teams or close colleagues.
- Smoother task switches.
- Enhanced sense of belonging via identity booths.



# Team & Daily Flow

- Throughput up: more small and short sessions adjacent to the base camp.
- Space for improving social cohesion.
- Provide the ability to customize according to team-specific need.



#### **Space & Cost**

- Enable modularity and easy reconfiguration.
- Future-proofing: The kit tracks changing patterns of hybrid work and responds quickly.
- Enhance space flexiblity and fluidity for various activities.



#### Gradient Ecology

- Create flexible boundaries between anchors and supportive spaces.
- Strengthen the team attributes of anchors.
- Increase employee and team autonomy.