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SHAPING PUBLIC LIFE
FROM INTERSPACE TO INTERFACE

visualisation: activities, meeting points and relaxation at Noordplein

visualisation: social interaction and meeting point at Noordplein

Connection to the main network
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