Once a secret area that was kept away from the city, the Metz-Frescaty BA128 opens up to the Metz population. Through the long fences, we used to see the embankment and the runway. Now it’s opened, its extraordinary territory might paradoxically intimidate. Beyond the fences, the visitors might feel overwhelmed in this 400ha land, that’s shaped by a history of conflicts. The BA128 needs indeed to be domesticated. Its location between urban and rural areas encourages us to design it as a hyphen bringing city and countryside together.

The B.A.S.E. approach

Balance / Agility / Serendipity / Experimentation, cares about these both major issues. Sociability and appropriation will shape the project and provide a fertile ground, where creativity and local initiatives may flourish.

Propositions from the B.A.S.E. approach are set in this framework. The main part of the project, which name is Base Agricole 128ha, embody all the principles of our perspective. It involves the re-use of 128 hectares of land for local farming. All the citizens will be invited to take part to the project conception, and build together the foundations for a local, social and solidarity-based economy.

BALANCE: noun
A harmonious or satisfying arrangement or proportion of parts or elements; EQUILIBRIUM.
Urban sprawl upset the ecological balance between city and country.

AGILITY: noun (PHYSICALLY) (MENTALLY)
The power of moving or thinking quickly and easily; NIMBleness.
New urban thinking need agility = doing.

SERENDIPITY: noun (SCIENCE) (SOCIAL)
The fact of finding interesting or valuable things without looking for it; PLEASANT SURPRISE.
If you make it enable, some serendipity could

EXPERIMENTATION: noun
The act, process, practice, or an instance of making experiments. TESTING.
Experimentation is a good way to catch the spirit of the site