





The NID is a unique place that puts citizens at the heart of the debate about the future of their city. It questions the role of cities, and in particular Namur, in the face of major challenges for the future:

How do we build a smarter and more sustainable city? How can Namur, at its level, act to limit the climate crisis? Why ensure food autonomy for the population? What are the impacts of our mobility and how can we improve our travel habits? In what way does the development of the Namur territory have an impact on social cohesion? How can we be more resilient in order to cope with crises (health, climate, etc.)?

Through the scenography in the building located at the Grognon and also through events, debates, conferences, exhibitions, etc., these questions and many others are raised and debated at the NID.

3 SPACES TO THINK TOGETHER ABOUT THE FUTURE OF CITIES

RECEPTION "NAMUR IN QUESTION"

There's no time to lose... the topic is vast and varied.

Our societies today face many major and interrelated risks: the effects of climate change, energy dependency, biodiversity erosion, conflicts, population migration, loss of social cohesion and impoverishment, etc. By 2050, the urban population is predicted to grow by 2.5 to 3 billion people. In addition, 80% of energy consumption comes from cities. Cities produce 80% of the world's goods and services.



While cities are the source of these global problems, only they can provide the solutions. More than ever, it is essential to grasp the scope of this potential for change in cities. In order to ensure a decent standard of living for the inhabitants, to maintain social cohesion and to imagine a desirable common future, our cities must be democratically prepared to absorb the environmental and economic shocks that are on the horizon.



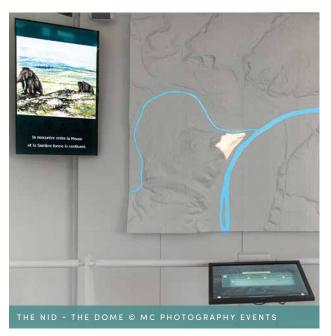
As soon as you walk through the doors of the NID, you are invited to dive straight into a film that briefly outlines the history of the univers, placing human chronologically within it. The film then traces the many changes that the earth has undergone over the course of its existence, culminating in the recent and rapid changes since the industrial revolution.

MULTI-PURPOSE SPACE "NAMUR IN TRANSITION"

Through different didactic and entertaining tools, discover several topics closely linked to urban development and planning.

VIDEO-MAPPING

Stand in the dome and discover the urban evolution of Namur throught a 10 minutes video-mapping, its problems and solutions, based on the concepts of sustainability and intelligence (whether human or artificial).



INTERACTIVE TABLES

There's no set direction to move between the tables... go freely from one to another... and experience the concepts developed in the video-mapping.

WHAT ARE THE CHOICES FOR THE CITY OF TO-MORROW?

How to respond to a city's population growth (renovation of housing, creation of new housing, etc.) while controlling energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and waste production.

Through a simulation game, you will develop the infrastructure necessary for the proper functioning of a city (supermarket, roads, public transport networks, recycling park, etc.).





URBANISATION AND THE URBAN SPRAWL

One of the consequences of urban sprawl is the lengthening of the roads needed to connect all the infrastructure built on the territory.

Find out how land use and housing patterns have a significant impact on our environment and on public finances.

MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

While the objective of a sustainable city is to promote active modes of transport, land-use planning must be designed accordingly.

Compare different modes of transport for your daily journeys and then find out your carbon footprint.

A SMART CITY

Cities have always reinvented themselves and thought about how to manage their territory intelligently, based on their characteristics: population, economic activities, location, etc.

Visit Namur in 1750 and Namur today at the same time. Thanks to an application that allows you to interact with the two eras, discover urban innovations through the centuries, up to the more recent concept of the intelligent city.

A RESILIENT AND CONNECTED CITY

The city of tomorrow must be resilient to resist crises (health, economic...) and also guarantee solidarity between all citizens.

You are faced with a problem and several actions are suggested to you. Try to combine resilience and connection and confirm your choice.



CONCLUSION "NAMUR OF TOMORROW"

This area faces the esplanade and the tip of the rocky spur of the Citadel. It is part of the "Namur of Tomorrow" space and highlights modern decision-making tools in the field of town and country planning. In particular, it makes use of virtual reality.

VIRTUAL REALITY AND 3D SPACE

NID deploys a range of tools to make complex subjects accessible and attractive. Innovation and the use of virtual reality are valuable allies in putting pictures to words.

Put on a virtual reality headset and

- immerse yourself in the Grognon district in 3 different eras: Neolithic, Antiquity and the Middle Ages;
- discover Namur in 1750 and in 3D;
- view the link between road traffic and air pollution.







THE NID - VIRTUAL REALITY TERMINALS © S. ROBERTY

DEBATE/CONFERENCE/EVENTS AREA

This space is dedicated to debates, exchanges of ideas, etc. It invites the stakeholders of the city to meet each other and discuss the issues raised at the NID.



TO VISIT

City of Namur The NID Esplanade de la Confluence 1 5000 Namur

Timings:

Open Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Duration of the visit:: 1 hour

Public: 12 years and above (under 12 must be accompanied).

Languages:

English - French - Dutch - German

Accessible to PRM

Free entry.

Booking required on www.le-nid.be



LIBRARY AREA

To further your reflection, several references are at your disposal and can be viewed on site. There is also a nosy corner for the youngest visitors.







LE FONDS EUROPÉEN DE DÉVELOPPEMENT RÉGIONAL ET LA WALLONIE INVESTISSENT DANS VOTRE AVENIR



THE EXTRAS OF THE NID

The scenographic space is one thing... The NID organisers are deploying other awareness-raising and information tools in order to reach an even wider public. Other experiences related to urban development and planning are also offered to visitors free of charge. The extras are offered either on a permanent basis with online booking at www.le-nid.be or on an ad hoc basis, at certain periods and announced via the same website.

ENIGMA INTERACTIVE CITY TOUR (PERMANENT)

Through a fun and interactive method and a mobile application on the topic of "Namur in transition", pass through the historic centre of Namur, learn about the different items contributing to the sustainability of a city and solve riddles. Collaboration, reflection and creativity are the order of the day!



Public: 2 versions are offered:

- families and tourists (EN FR NL DE).
- school groups aged 12 and over (FR NL).

Duration: 1.30 hours

BUILD YOUR CITY OF TOMORROW (AD HOC)

Organised on an ad hoc basis, the aim of the "Build your city of tomorrow" activity is to help children discover current urban issues and problems and to give them a say in the development of their city. On this occasion, hundreds of the famous coloured bricks are given to them in order to involve them in building the city of tomorrow.

Check the next dates on www.le-nid.be



Public: children between 6 and 12 years of age

Duration: ½ day – Language: french

"LAST CHANCE" ESCAPE ROOM (AD HOC)

Organised on an ad hoc basis, the escape room aims to raise awareness of climate issues among young people and adults.

Within a set period of time, a series of riddles must be solved in order to discover how to save the world from climate change. (i)

Check the next dates on www.le-nid.be



Public: 15 years and above - **Duration:** 1 hour **Language:** french

(i) Based on an idea by the ALEC du Pays Messin, Metz Métropole and the City of Worms, for the "Last Chance" Escape Game, developed as part of the Franco-German Energy Transition Week in January 2019.







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Booking required via the NID website www.le-nid.be - www.namur.be

Registration is also possible on site or by phone, subject to availability.