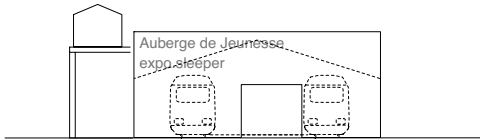


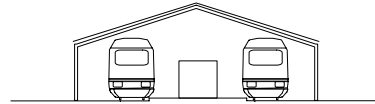


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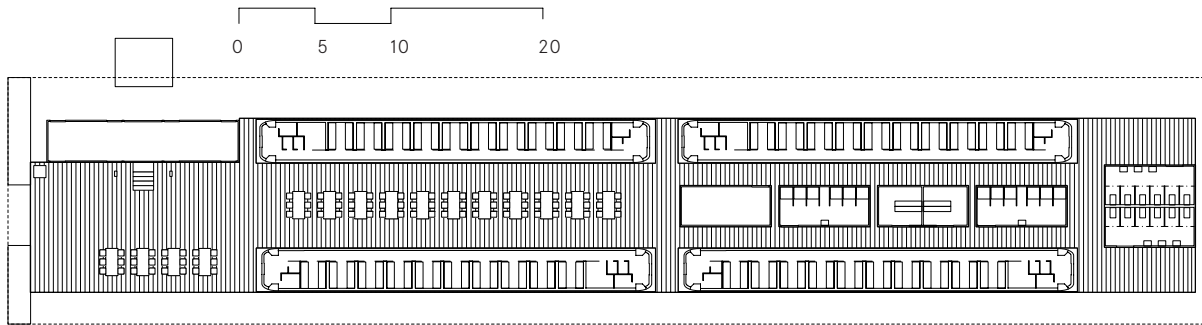
Throughout the duration of Expo.02, a temporary youth hostel with 240 beds was developed on disused railway lines on the plateau of Neuchâtel station. Four sleeping cars and three containers protected by a large canvas top were brought together around a wooden platform. The project promotes the principle of "precycling", in the sense that it uses exclusively materials that were subsequently reused or recycled. The entire structure was designed and built in only 6 weeks, in operation during 6 months – with a total of approximately 25'000 overnight stays – and dismantled in 6 days.



View from the west | A red wall signals the hostel entrance



Cross-section | A large roof protects the area between the couchette



Ground floor plan | The 4 coaches have been hired from Germany for that project

Expo.sleeper Neuchâtel

Location

Neuchâtel

Client

Swiss Foundation for Social Tourism, Zurich

Type of procedure

Direct mandate

Construction

04.2002 - 05.2002

Operation

05.2002 - 10.2002

Number of overnight stays

27'000

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