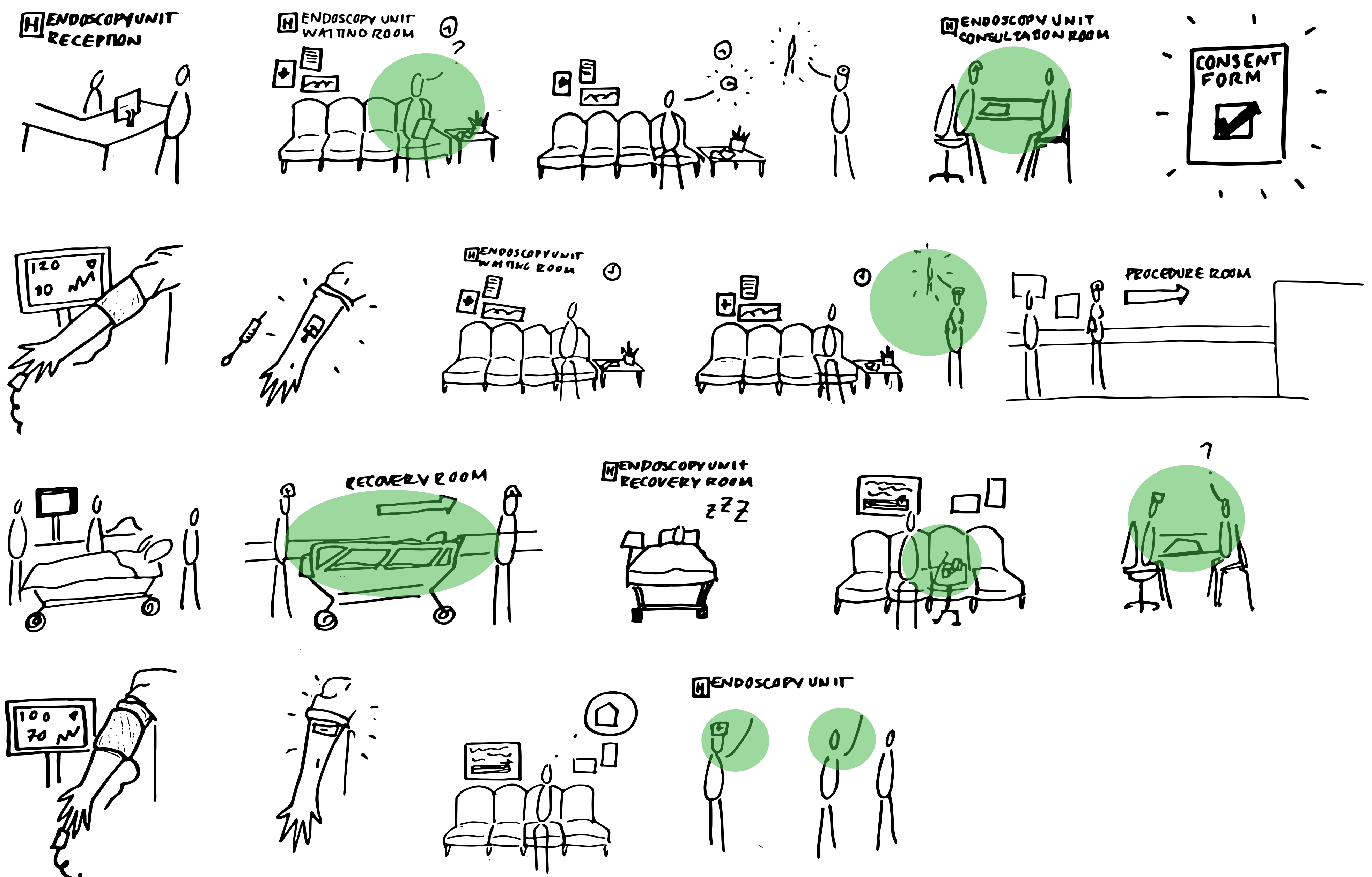


# Food Forest Speisewald

How can we start a conversation about food through challenging people's conception of public space?



**WHAT:** Our integrative solution is to grow a Food Forest (Speisewald) in the Theodor-Heuss-Park in Cologne by the year 202x. A Food Forest is an ancient model of food production that simulates the natural system of a forest creating a multilayered, resilient, self-sustainable and incredibly productive edible space.

**WHY:** More than half of the world population lives in cities, and this number is expected to increase. Cities raise many environmental and social issues such as poor biodiversity, lack of resilience, food insecurity and disconnection with nature. Monocultures and conventional agriculture are destroying ecosystems, the soil and the climate. We believe that alternatives for our food futures are in our hands.

**HOW:** Through the revitalisation of blank green spaces, the Speisewald, strategically positioned in Ebertplatz to support the conversion of this controversial place in Cologne, will connect all generations and backgrounds for collaboration in all stages of construction and maintenance, supported by a digital platform. The Food Forest is an experimental pilot project that will challenge our experience of public space and foster the changing image of Ebertplatz into a cultural, participatory and interactive space.



## Keywords

#FoodForest #Biodiversity #socialengagement  
#education #local food production  
#intergenerational #self-sufficiency  
#public space

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## Data

Native german edible plant species / Survey  
about the way people see Ebertplatz and what  
they want to see happening there

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## Stakeholder

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Unser Ebertplatz, Bürgerverein Kölner Eigelstein  
e.V., Project "Essbare Stadt" - Cologne Dietarian  
Committee

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## Cases

Case 1: ...



Case 2: ...



Case 3: ...

