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- Population growth: Flanders +12% by 2060! (?)
- Climate change:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Need for adaptation
- Water scarcity
- Mobility
- Pressure on resources
- Society changes ever faster

## The built environment?!

### Suburban

City's Annual Cost, per Household



\$406

Transportation

\$171

\$194





















#### Urban

City's Annual Cost, per Household





































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# More "smart" concrete

- Smart city development creates space and quality
  - Building smarter, denser, higher, deeper ...
  - With more "green & blue"
  - Bringing functions nearer
  - Making living in a city more attractive
- Flexible buildings adapt to future changes
  - In demography and needs
  - In technological changes
- "Multifunctional" buildings fulfill multiple needs
- Reducing footprint & facilitating local circular economy