

Gouvernementsplein

Gouvernementsplein (Government Square) is located in the historic inner city of Bergen op Zoom. The square has seen many forms: initially a chapel stood there; later it was a garden belonging to the Government Building. As in most historic Dutch cities, the layout of streets and squares in Bergen op Zoom comprises a system of overlapping spaces, usually without a formal limitation. This spatial organisation, the overlapping of spaces, meanings, and conditions, is one of the starting points of the design. Gouvernementsplein is not a garden, plaza, building or street, but rather a space born out of these urban components. The eye-catcher of the square is the fountain; jets of water shoot up out of raised slabs of stainless steel. Old maps of Bergen op Zoom are engraved into the slabs, reminding people how much the town has changed through its history.

Details

Location:	Bergen op Zoom, Netherlands
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