Making space for the foundational economy

Urban economic policy and planning perspectives from Brussels

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What is our economy for? Too often we lose sight of this question, focusing on growth and profit as an end in itself. Instead, we need to remind ourselves always that the overall purpose of the economy is to deliver human well-being, within environmental limits.
1. What is the foundational economy?
THE FOUNDATIONAL ECONOMY
2. Making space for the foundational economy?
Scarcity of basic goods and services, reinforcing unemployment & strengthening social inequalities
what are the spatial and non-spatial tools to make space for the foundational economy?

1. Effects of current spatial policy instruments? Are they easing spatial inequalities?
2. How is the construction sector key to the social reproduction of the city? What are policy opportunities for less competitive development?
3. What is the economic geography of the construction sector? What are its spatial needs?
4. How to regulate competition between urban functions? How to create an inclusive intertwining of working and living?
Making space for the foundational economy through:

Productive city strategies

How to regulate competition between urban functions?
How to create an inclusive intertwining of working and living?
Schaarbeekse buurt protesteert tegen school waar park moet voor verdwijnen

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To conclude:

Public real estate strategies become the new protagonists in the provision of essential goods and services in cities.
Thanks!

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