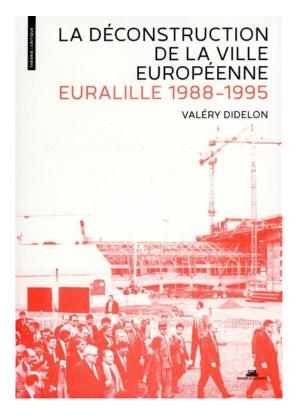
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A starchitect, a nationally-renowned mayor, and a developer passionate about "new public management" made Euralille a turning point in French urbanism.

The city of Lille was the site of one of the most talked-about urban projects of the late 20th century. Dubbed "EuraLille," this project affected a large sector surrounding the new high-speed rail station that would soon connect the capital of Flanders with major European cities. Thirty years later, Valéry Didelon returns to EuraLille, now France's thirdlargest business district. By following the trajectories of its three major players – Rem Koolhaas, Pierre Mauroy, and Jean-Paul Baïetto -- Didelon sheds light on the processes that gave rise to it, aspects of the neoliberal turn in urban planning: the decline of the welfare state, the rise in power of private contractors, and the status crisis of the architecturbanist.