

# cocook

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### Cook it with others!

In the new neighbourhoods recently built or planned in European cities, there is an aim to create a new piece of the city just by reproducing its image and following the market economy. However, this process has very little to do with the dynamics that have been building the city over the years. By performing direct interventions in uncoded and rarely used public spaces of these new areas, cocook project is trying to define how they work, research their potential, learn something from them and exchange experiences with their neighbours.

Cocook is a project on collaborative urban cooking that works in three levels:

- > The cocook events, urban meals in which participants cook and eat together
- > The collective design and construction of urban kitchen prototypes
- > The exchange of culinary and constructive knowledge and its documentation

The event is considered on the same level as the space. We understand that cooking and producing furniture can follow the same logic. Therefore we propose to develop both in a relational and amateur public space characterised by collaboration and experimentation, opposite to the kitchen and the workshop space that usually operates in private or professional atmospheres. The urban kitchen prototypes depend on the material that is found, borrowed or donated as well as on the profile and knowledge of the collaborators. In the same way, the meal collaboratively cooked varies according to the ingredients, the participants and the kitchen prototype



themselves. The same analogy applies to the documents used to communicate both levels: The recipe and the DIY kit, from which is possible to extract partial units in order to recombine in different contexts.

Cocook has been developed from 2011 through uncoded public spaces of Stockholm, Barcelona, Dublin and Madrid thanks to the collaboration and participation of very diverse citizens and institutions.

### About the team

Cornago&Sanchez is a Madrid based practice operating within the fields of art, architecture, landscape, urbanism and design. We approach our work focusing in the relationships and dynamics between the users and their environment in order to increase self-organisation, self-awareness and citizen empowerment.

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**Space typology** Community Space / Plaza / Public Building / Rooftop / Street

**Intention** Celebrating / Educating / Enjoying / Gathering

**Action** Cooking food / Eating food / Recycling food / Sharing food