

# Made in Vitrolles

## Exyzt, Saprophytes, Bellastock and Collectif Etc

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### A temporary kitchen in Vitrolle's downtown

«Made in Vitrolles» was a cultural and urban project, belonging to a global strategy at the scale of the whole city during the European Culture Capital of «Marseille-Provence 2013». One of its aims was to change the image of the city by transforming public space and involving inhabitants and technical municipal departments.

«Made in Vitrolles» was targeting at building a long term transformation process, made of short term urban tactics in order to create collective appropriation and also create progressively a real convivial central area in the city. First, we occupied the main square «Place de Provence», and then we implemented different dynamics in other public spaces around.

We shared this project with 3 other french collectives: Exyzt, Bellastock and Saprophytes. In front of the bus station, at the entrance of the «Centre Urbain», we made a wooden carousel revealing different urban surroundings. It was also a comfortable place to be while waiting for the bus.



### About the team

EXYZT is a platform for multidisciplinary creation whose aim is to challenge the view of architecture as an independent field of practice. They embark on experimental living ventures built collectively.

Saprophytes are architects, landscapers, visual artists, builders, graphic designers that develop artistic and political projects around social, economic and ecological concerns.

Bellastock is firstly a research platform whose activity relies essentially on the organisation of an annual festival, reuniting hundreds of architecture students.

Collectif Etc aims to bring together energies around a common dynamic of questioning the urban space through various mediums and different skills.

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**Space typology** Community Space / Market / Plaza / Street

**Intention** Celebrating / Experimenting / Gathering

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