

Cooking Garden

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The kitchen as a inclusive space for community encounter

The project is set in Terni, Italy, in a public space in between social housing built for workers of the local iron industries during the XX century. Although the story on this dwellings inhabitation is very interesting (check 1st video), nowadays there are two communities opposed due to cultural reasons: Italian families and migrants settled time back.

The public spaces amidst the housing blocks expresses the current conflicts, being a completely abandoned place where nobody dares to do anything fearing to create more conflicts. The result are zones occupied by vehicles alien to the community, degraded areas and underused spaces.

We propose to use cooking as an excuse to close up both communities and visualise it in public space. An urban kitchen that reinforce the use of domestic activities in public space is always welcome in Mediterranean context. We compile recipes on various ways of preparing traditional sauces for Italian pasta as even in them it is possible to observe slight variations due to the cultural mix of the population.

Through this constellation of recipes, we designed a space for open air cooking as a site to share this knowledge.

The temporary project developed as a sample was very successful as both communities really contributed to the space sharing a gathering evening on the motto "Help me cook!".



About the team

[SIC] is a professional architecture office focused on architecture, city and territory progress from a multidisciplinary, proactive and committed structure. Its activity is focused on the investigation and development of matters related to the dynamic processes of architecture and the landscape, including multilateral collaboration between different disciplines.

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3. Detail of area for germination with aromatic plants and seeds / Esau Acosta
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6. Detail of the recipes collected from the neighbours / Mor arkadir

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Space typology Community Space / Garden

Intention Enjoying / Exchanging / Experimenting / Gathering / Reclaiming

Action Cooking food / Sharing food