2_TOOLS & METHODOLOGY

ESPAI (E)CO_NEW EQUIPMENT & NEW ENTITY

ESPAI (E)CO implementation

The first action as the ‘seed’ has the objective to generate a new catalyst of constant activities, which allows reprogramming and reappropriation of ‘Espai Pere Grau’.

This action is carried out through the reuse and implementation of an existing academic infrastructure through a free transfer agreement between the University of Barcelona and the City Council of Sant Cugat: the (e)co, is an experimental prototype of a self-sufficient energy building linked to the International Solar Decathlon competition in 2012.

ESPAI (E)CO management

The ‘seed’ action contemplates at the same time the implantation of a new model of shared management between the administration, the community and the university, generating a new experimental equipment in the neighbourhood, ‘Espai (e)co’, understood as a ‘urban laboratory of collective production’.

COMMUNITY MAPPING

PARTICIPATORY PROCESS

The espai (e)co facilitates a meeting space and promotes the activation of a participatory process with the entities of the neighborhood with the aim of emerging needs to debate and prioritize actions necessary for its transformation and improvement.

This process articulates a ‘roadmap’ to transform progressively the ‘Espai Pere Grau’ and potentiate its character of sociability in the neighbourhood: meeting spaces, shelter, permeability and new activities.

The progressive transformation of the site and the economic viability of the actions determines a gradual execution of interventions.