Tei Community Center is a public equipment that responds to a spatial need identified by Lacul Tei Civic Initiative Group’s members during workshops and meetings with the community, which is based on the absence of proximity spaces for cultural distribution, educational production and community interaction in the collective housing neighborhoods of Bucharest.

Located in the neighborhood’s local park, the center is the first urban equipment in Bucharest built and managed by a group of citizens, and is opened for any individual, group, organization or institution that proposes civic, cultural or educational activities for the community. The Center aims to test a model of citizen involvement within the community and to validate a locally adapted form of collaboration between different actors of the city: organized citizens, private entities, cultural workers, urban professionals and authorities.

The Centre’s long-term challenge lies in its capability to establish a sustainable institutional civic-public format and its replication potential in the local context.

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