Previous state

Olot City Council decides to build a sports complex for young footballers. It is an investment, which beyond playing sport, must strengthen the associated values of socialisation.

For economic reasons a site is chosen in an industrial estate, instead of building it on a strip in the city that borders the natural park. The emplacement is behind the factories and a large abattoir, in a street almost without sidewalk and busy with many lorries.

Two double football pitches form part of the complex, previously planned by another specialist, separated by a strip of 30 m width. A single lengthened volume was planned between the two pitches, with 8 changing rooms, cafeteria and other rooms.

Object of the intervention

The proposal starts from a basic premise: to organise the construction in such a way that it shapes a space of social relationship, compensating the adverse conditions of the street. As a complement the plan is that all the installations are placed on a platform at the same level.

The response will be a square public square, defined by two porches and open to the football pitches. This will be the centre of the sports complex of El Morrot. The square connects visually with the geographical landmarks, the outline of the mountains that enclose the county. At the same time, it becomes separated from the factories and the street.

An interruption in the base leads to a complex and gradual entrance route: reception patio, entrenched steps and ramp, terrace on the street, porch at three heights, to finish leading into the central space tangentially. Only here do we sense what the pavilion we have entered is like, due to the specular relationship with the opposite face.

Agora. Setting for socialisation in the El Morrot sports complex