



Description of the intervention

This public space shares the typology of the agora, the visual opening to the setting, and with the forum the regularity of the façades. It could also be seen as a nineteenth-century porched square; the first gallery of porches, ruled and uniform, is an inseparable part of the public space. The constructed rooms are attached behind this.

This explains that the pavilions are twins but not equal. They share profile and porches, but maintain the differences deriving from their position and use: one is used for changing rooms and the other for reception, cafeteria and other facilities. Their scaled volume adjusts to the proportions of the square, their internal organisation and the horizontality of the base.

Everything is structure. Keeping to the reduced budget, investment is made in what is important: the activation of a shared space based on the separation of the programme into two volumes of suitable proportion. In this sense, the construction with load-bearing walls of concrete blocks is simple and easy to build. Its internal logic defines the calligraphy of the construction.

Evaluation

The two pavilions facing each other dress a setting to cultivate one of the most appreciated values of sport for young people: socialisation.

The acceptance of this unexpected gift, unforeseen in the order, has been extraordinary: a public space is defined protected from the conditions of the street and of clear public vocation. It is where the boys and girls warm up, where they play after training, where the parents chat between matches, where popular meals are organised, etc.

Moreover, the square is prepared to be covered with awnings, when the budget allows it. In some way, this will increase the possibilities of use even more.

In some way it could be said that this space has been killed by its own success. The mistrust of the sports managers regarding safety has led to the placing of a fence that separates the two parts, one for the players and another for the parents. We hope that cordiality will soon make the fence unnecessary.



Agora. Setting for socialisation in the El Morrot sports complex