Edificio Mirador y de Protección del Parque Genovés. Explanada de Santa Bárbara. Cádiz


PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL
The new planned building, which replaces the wall, has as a main objective to guarantee the protection of the Genovés park from wind and rough weather. However, it also proposes a much more transparent and permeable relationship between that park and the new Santa Bárbara Promenade. They are now thought as connected and complementary urban spaces, generating five new accesses. Furthermore, the upper level is an accessible and trafficable roof which has been transformed into a raised lookout street which looks at the Genovés park over one of its sides and to Santa Bárbara esplanade and to the Bay of Cádiz from the other one.

DESCRIPTION
The building, if such a denomination is possible, is the result of a process of negotiation with many different conditions involved. First, it had to lay necessarily on the structure of the car park which spreads underneath the whole esplanade. Consequently, the plan must adapt to those foundations which coincide with the lower structure, and so must the access points from below. In addition, the ground floor of the building houses several rooms related to cultural activities and public bathrooms as well as changing rooms and storehouse for the staff of the park, which where before precarious constructions attached to the old wall. Other intentions of the project were generating areas of shade or relationships as well as avoiding that the building, because of its linearity and necessary extension, would seem a new wall. Therefore, the folded formalization and the lack of scale in the elevation is not an...