

Community spaces of the ephemeral settlements consist one of the most essential aspects of the project and for this reason special attention should be given on their design. These very spaces are expected to contribute the most to the accomplishment of a level of autonomy and self-sufficiency by the side of the homeless community, as well as for the development and the establishment of a social network of associations with the surrounding community and the city itself. To achieve a level of self sufficiency we should ensure the integration of appropriate space for the development of farming activities as much as of flexible, easily transformable spaces that can be used as a basis for the exercise of different working practices. The collective spirit as well as the values of exchange and sharing are some important aspects to be illustrated in the design of these spaces which are expected to encourage an amount of the sensitive population to initiate a new lifestyle. In addition, and towards the second goal - that of the association network - community spaces are designed with the intention to incorporate a number of activities. Some of these activities are community discussions and decision taking in the community center where also training programs can take place; construction of tiny houses and experimentation with novel microbusinesses in the area of workshops; farming activities in the vegetable gardens and orchards; organising of workout activities and events for the public in the pavilion; projection of movies and theatrical plays for the residents and the public in the cinema-theater; cooking and dining spaces can offer a meal to the residents as well as to other sensitive groups of the city and can also function as a source of a small income by offering meals for a small price to those that can afford it; at last the communal laundry is an idea to create a space with second hand and recycling washing equipment that can be constructed in a simple way and offer the opportunity to residents and people of the neighbourhood who lack such amenities to gather, socialise and spend valuable time while executing the ordinary task of washing clothes.

