

urbanization of the access area to campus nord

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- developed area: 9.020 m²
- cost: 1.403.399 €
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campus nord, barcelona
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Restructuring of a closed and disused university area in a new opened space, through a minimal proposal that connects the preexisting conditions and defines new approach paths to the Campus. These paths, that are formalized as a carpet and a furrow on the site, are born from the relation between concrete, corten steel and green areas. Through its organic gestures, they generate small squares, benches and green spots, destroying the idea of paths as infrastructure to define the idea of square-paths in order to generate sociability.

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The path from south is defined by some irregular reinforced concrete walls that relate the existing conditions and topography through its organic gestures. The walls, covered with a corten steel plate siding, allow the pass of the flagstone path through the green areas, as if it was a dug furrow. The corten steel plates fold itself to generate linear benches in the small areas of square.



The east path is built on the roof of an existing underground parking. This path rests on a green topography with a slight slope towards south. This new acces is designed as a carpet made of prefabricated concrete pieces placed on the compacted ground. A continuous bench made of reinforced concrete accompanies the green slope that hides and integrates the element of ventilation of the underground parking.

