Design Studios: Futurome & Energizing Vienna

Futurome and Energizing Vienna have the aim to follow up with the generic theme of „the adaptable city“: adaption to the need for more sustainable development but adaption also to the context of a deep transformation that the majority of European cities are currently undergoing. Due to the increasing presence of communication tools and social networks, our culture grows less object-based: this phenomenon affects architecture and urbanism. Many projects are emerging though the implementation of less physical objects, yet where the scope of the projects is as important as the objects involved. The objects can already partly exist and the project is about managing the existing, dealing with social constructions, developing a context and raising the question of “development with less or without growth”. Aim of the projects is to deal with the major challenges concerning the adaptability of European cities and by proposing concrete innovations applied to the site, arousing new project approaches. Beyond that, the proposed model should guarantee high quality levels for the public space to obtain through good outdoor comfort conditions a livable and attractive place. As a result, the projects prefigure prototypes for a future oriented sustainable development of European, contemporary cities where functional differentiation and climate adaptation contribute to create a high quality environment with a carbon neutral footprint.