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## CCP#6: SHARED LIVING SPACES IN BASEL

WBA isparticipating in the first Architekturwoche Basel (AWB), which will take place from 9 to 15 May2022.

In thiscontext, we present the Cities Connection Project - Shared LivingSpaces exhibition. This theme has taken on unexpected importance duringthe global health crisis, as the pandemic seems to have changed the way wecommunicate and relate to each other, as well as the way we work. These sharedliving spaces are now more essential than ever, places that, even if limited bythe pandemic, still encourage exchanges between users.

The Cities Connection Project is an ode tocontemporary architecture, composed in this case from the connection betweenthree European cities/regions - Wallonia-Brussels, Basel and Barcelona - chosenfor the quality of their architectural achievements.

The principle is simple: 20 recent urbanprojects from a mix of programmes (housing, schools, cultural centres, leisurecentres, public spaces, green spaces, etc.) within each of the three featuredregions are presented in an exhibition. But CitiesConnection Project is much more than an exhibition that presents 60 projects(20+20+20). It is also a catalogue, conferences, round-tables, and project andoffice visits - all opportunities to bring together professionals who bestrepresent the avant-garde architecture of each of the three cities/regions.

After a first meeting in Brussels in autumn 2021, the architects from the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, Basel and Barcelona will have a second opportunity to debate and reflect on the socialrole of public architecture in the construction of the city and to sharetheir vision of urban development at a time when shared living spaces, placesfor exchange and contact are more important than ever.

Ultimately, we hope to create a competitivespirit, a cultural melting pot likely to lead to inspiration, creations andpartnerships between the invited architects.

A third meeting is planned in Barcelona inautumn 2022.

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