FEELING THE SENSE OF NEIGHBORHOOD

Human connections were researched within this project, as human beings today are more and more individualistic; moreover, such social characteristics are highly present in Slovenia's social environment, which served as a context of this investigation. Therefore, the main research question posed has been: how should a neighborhood in Slovenia be designed and organized according to its functional and physical characteristics so that it would encourage connections between its inhabitants, individuals?

Research, aiming to answer a research question, was divided into two parts: theoretical and practical. In the first one, mainly literature was studied, whereas in the second one, nine interviews were made. A notion 'the sense of neighborhood' was realized as a crucial point in connecting inhabitants in the neighborhood. Further on, it has contained two sub-notions, entailing the role of the built environment. A list of characteristics of the built environment was collected, with an emphasis on interaction and security, strengthening identity. Thus, this list of theoretical characteristics can be used and applied on an actual design, when aiming to connect inhabitants within the neighborhood.

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3d view of the neighborhood
situational drawings m 1:1000 and 1:500
unit A for a single person

Urša

separate bedroom
large bed
extra storage space

1_h, 2_a, 3_a, 4_a, 5_d, 6_c, 7_b, 8_aacacc, 8_2_box, 9_a, 10_a, 11_a, 12_a, 13_x

section a_a

section b_b

S_W facade

S_E facade

N_E facade

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unit c

Ema
Andrei
Maja

94m²
‘free’ plan ground floor
space for reading and
conferencing in the living room
large room and a terrace
for a child

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Magnic, 8, 2, connections, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

unit g

Mojca
Julij
Hana
Rok

+ 30m²
+ 10m²
- garage
large living room with TV
double-height space
bedroom with reading place

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, sustainable connection, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

unit C for a family of three and unit G for a family of four
technical drawings m 1:20 and m 1:5
the yard
mass customization catalog

level 1_ plot

level 2_ volume

level 3_ ...

level 4_ facade texture

level 5,6,7_ colors

level 8_ openings

level 9,10_ window materials and window frame

level 11,12_ shutters and fences

level 13_ balcony

outcome
plan variations

M 1:100

different modular units that fits to the same system