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COLLECTIVE ARCHITECTURES | Trucks, Containers, Collectives

Recetas Urbanas

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“Trucks, Containers, Collectives” is an initiative by Santiago Cirugeda (Recetas Urbanas) which has inspired more than a dozen collectives to get involved in creating a network for spaces that are self-managed by the entire Spanish territory. This is no longer a matter of experimenting with individual, isolated situations, a process which Cirugeda initiated fourteen years ago and, in any case, is being reassessed during these times of recession. Rather it’s a self-organised and joint action taken by small citizen groups who unite their efforts. What begins as a war map having the Spanish peninsula as its battleground leads to an international cooperation network: **“Collective Architectures”**.

This book is released under construction. It’s an incomplete book, undergoing changes and will remain alive. At www.plataformabooka.net its contents are updated and rewritten. Anyone who is interested as well as those involved are welcome to offer up their perspective. This open book aims to capture new questions that boost and enrich an environment of collaboration and knowledge rooted in experience.

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Santiago Cirugeda Parejo is Architect and artist. Since 1996, he has exerted critical practices, demanding that the rules governing city planning undergo an urgent revision. In 2004, he founded the architecture studio Recetas Urbanas, carrying out numerous occupation projects, prosthesis and opening-up of spaces to the public. Along with this labor, Santiago is a teacher and a consultant for urban projects in various countries around the world.

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