



CASE STUDY

INFORMATION POINT – READY FOR RELOCATION AND REPURPOSE

The Les Glòries development on the eastern flank of Barcelona has been one of the city's most significant urban upgrades. During the regeneration of the area, Barcelona City Hall wanted an Information Point that would inform local residents about the development but also provide information for tourists.

A closed competition was won by the local architects Peris + Toral for a temporary structure that could be moved to another location after its planned 4-year role as an Information Point.

After careful research of their intended materials, a structure that uses galvanized steel tubes for the external frame combined with a translucent polycarbonate skin and prefabricated timber internal modules was chosen. These modules serve as information desks and a bicycle rental point. All this was delivered within a budget of €170,000.

After serving its function gracefully since 2015, Peris + Toral have recently been tasked by Barcelona City Hall to repurpose the structure as a youth centre (*casal de joves* in Catalan) in the city's St Martí neighbourhood.

Above

The structure is easily demountable and can be relocated and reused with minimal impact on the site

Below

The structure is both an information point and rental location for electric bicycles





Left

Galvanized steel was used to create a temporary structure to protect the building during the surrounding regeneration of the area. Materials were chosen that created transparency to the structure but could also be readily deconstructed for a new life



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The structure is now being repurposed by the architects as a youth centre in another part of the city



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