



FRIENDLY  
AND INCLUSIVE  
SPACES AWARDS

Category:  
3. Existing & Historic Buildings

Name of Project:  
Residential center for people with  
physical functional diversity Vigatans

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Project Description:

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Rehabilitation of a residential building (listed as a medieval palace) to create a residence for people with physical disabilities. It has four independent living units, with capacity for 48 people.

Images:

CONCEPTS  
Before acting, respect the pre-existence, restore the historical narrative highlight the elements that make it legible, ignore the superfluous features, re-functionalizing the building with user needs, incorporating the premises of comfort, fit, safety and performance of the 21st Century.

The building is located in the heart of the old quarter called Vilanova del Mar in the current quarter of El Born in Barcelona. The building begins in early medieval times, 1328, but its most significant historical and architectural moment is framed between the late XVII and XVIII century. The main purpose was to use the building for social and residential public services. On the scale of intervention it was considered to understand the building as a unit, from the functional and spatial point of view. We gave the building a "modern" use contextualized in history, with a very different use whom the building was created for, a new particular and complex use, where common functions interrelate housing with social support functions as far as user autonomy. Everything is related to the dimensions of the spaces that must be oriented to the life and development people with disabilities.

