The production of private and public spaces transmits the values and priorities of society. Spaces have to acknowledge care and domestic tasks as well as people who occupy these spaces. Domestic tasks have to be shared and its responsibility cannot be given only to one person.

Apartment buildings create spaces for interaction with neighbors; they promote shared use of certain services; and create a transitional space between the private and public areas. At the entrance of these buildings it is important to offer activities that connect with the public space and increase the safety of the area.

Public spaces designed to achieve gender equity promote people’s autonomy and socialization, since these spaces are thought and projected giving priority to women and men’s needs. We seek to recognize women’s contribution to society by making them visible in public spaces, for example, by giving female names to public places.

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Facilities’ space and location have to interweave in the public space with a large permeability and flexibility to maximize its use. A distribution of facilities that takes into account the space’s mixed use and mobility networks will guarantee a better quality of life; it will contribute to promote social networks, generate services exchange and make possible different uses of the time, making compatible the performance of these spaces with the complexity of our daily lives.

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