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## **Care housing for youngsters at Mataro, Spain**

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Mataro case is a municipal care housing solution (close to Barcelona) addressed to solve a punctual social situation about youngsters willing to emancipate but being unable to afford renting units due to the high market prices. It provoked the need to submit a new land-use bylaw allowing the municipality to entitle official land for housing purposes among private developers, and later to promote a design contest to get a low-cost building with decent living standards. The result is an amazing ensemble of 23 apartments on a 5 story building with a backside courtyard, an outstanding units' isolation and yet provokes well-balanced interaction between neighbors.