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Hybrid Space Lab is a lab and a network in which architects, urbanists, landscape architects and environmental planners, designers, soft- and hardware engineers collaborate in the development of projects for combined analog and digital, urban, architectural, design and media spaces. The scope of the research and development projects ranges from those on urban games and urban planning to buildings, architectural interiors and industrial design applications and wearables.

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