WE ARE IN BRUSSELS
Our proposal takes place right outside the historical center of Brussels.

The urban fabric there is quite dense, mostly made of medium size apartments buildings. The district is inhabited by a mixed culture population of various ages and life styles.

OFFERING AN ALTERNATIVE VERTICAL PARKOUR FOR KIDS AND ADVENTUROUS STROLLERS
Along an empty corner, were the subway reaches the surface, two gables have been waiting forever to be built. These windowless walls only support publicity and ugly coating.

On the ground, the residual space is used for accessing to the subway's entrance and passing by. The lower wall has been decorated with an "art deco" style painting mentioning the name of the subway station below: "Horta".

This neglected space will become the support of a vertical parkour along the gables.

Fitting in preexisting pedestrian thoroughfare
The project is embedded in various networks; it is surrounded by schools, public institutions, public spaces, green spots and of public transportation stops.

The place is part of an active pedestrian thoroughfare network.

MADE TO SPICE UP THEIR USUAL TRIP ACROSS THE PLACE
Children and strollers have in common one feature: their goal isn't to cross the city in the most effective way (from point A to B), but to extend their journey; spicing their trip up with some obstacles and challenges, and various wonders to see.

The parkour aims to open new possibilities of experiencing the city all along a day to day walk.
CLIMBING NETS, HANGING ROPES AND RUBBER MATS CREATE A LIVELY VERTICAL PARKOUR

Climbing nets allow access to the different colored boxes («the clouds»). In each «cloud» there is a platform made of a rubber «trampoline» with a view. The two higher «clouds» are connected by a rope-bridge.

Underneath the trampoline platforms, are hanging colored ropes («the rain») which moves whenever someone jumps on the upper platforms or when someone walks through the «rain» on the street level.

The climbing parkour is closed by white textured safety net (as used in the industrial sector) and cloud shaped covers making the climb completely safe for children and adults.

THE STRUCTURE IS MADE OF TWO SCAFFOLDS ALONG THE GABLES

The structure is built as the continuity of the two existing gables, creating the visual effect of two extruded volumes of 5 x 12 x 12 meters.

It is made of basic scaffold elements painted in white: 540 pipes and 400 connections. These elements are standard, inexpensive and easy to find.

The elements are easy to assemble and dismantle as the only tool needed is a simple hex key. Thus the structure can be recycled or build again in another place.

WHERE KIDS AND GROWN UPS CAN PLAY AND SPREAD THEIR IMAGINATION

The parkour allows various activities: climbing nets, bouncing on rubber mats, crossing a rope bridge, hanging and hiding in ropes...

The journey across the installation evokes an adventurous walk in the sky, through colorful clouds and rain.

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