

HAWI PROJECT FOR REFUGEES AND STUDENTS

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GENERAL INFO

HISTORY OF THE SITE

GALLERY

TEAM BEHIND IT

TYPE

temporary, self-sufficient, room-in-room modules installed inside an office building with shared common space - the Classic, the Traudi, and the Hawi-Box

STRUCTURE

a refurbished two-story building formerly occupied by a factory, with rooms shared by two, three, and four occupants.

- 16 Classic rooms (aka "IKEA-rooms") – 2- or 3-bed student furnished rooms
- 16 Traudi rooms – 2 or 3-bed rooms (43 total beds) - DIY rooms that can be individually tailored to the needs of residents
- 12 Hawi-boxes in 3 rooms - self-contained multifunctional "work and live" modules (2.30m x 1.30m x 2m) that consist of a bed, a foldout worktable resulting in a comfortable seating corner, bedside table, wardrobe, and an individual adjustable light. The modules include a pre-installed electrical connection, are fully functional, and can be plugged into existing infrastructure (electricity, water, sewage)²⁵

TIME TO BUILD

9 months

OPERATION TIME

2016-2018

FUNDING

public subsidies for the assigned asylum seekers, rent payments (between EUR 240-260), and private donations (IKEA donated furnishings for Classic rooms worth EUR 150K)

TOTAL COST

EUR 50 per resident to purchase and construct the rooms/boxes

OF REFUGEES

140 (students, refugees, and apprentices aged 15-25)

AVERAGE AREA PER RESIDENT

12 sq m/person

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The Hawi pilot project, experimental temporary living, was created as part of “Places for People”, the Austrian contribution to the Venice Architecture Biennale in 2016. It is based on private living units, known as Hawis, that occupy a small space and combine maximum privacy with the ability to be flexibly opened as desired using movable elements²⁶. The Caritas non-governmental organization commissioned the project in the tenth district of Vienna, Austria.

The Hawis are designed to occupy the broad expanse of an open-plan office (Siemensareal's 4th and 5th floors in this case). The spaces between these living boxes become semi-public communication zones that the residents can also occupy, shape and use as they wish. The newly conceived kitchens also facilitate familiarization, communication, and, hence, integration. In the previously unused area in front of the office building, a new circulation system was created in the form of a wooden walkway. At the same time, the complex was opened as the newly named Kempelenpark²⁷. Two floors of a former factory were specially refurbished for the project, with students from the University of Technology playing a key role. As part of the university project “Home, not shelter”, they developed a construction that could be individualized and easily constructed. The residents were allowed and expected to help design their rooms and participate in the construction process. This process created a sense of community among the diverse residents²⁸.

After two years, a change in government policy towards refugees led to the winding up of the pilot project, despite strong protests from the residents, but the Hawis can be redeployed at any time²⁹.

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SCHEMATIC
DEPICTION OF HAWI
MODULES

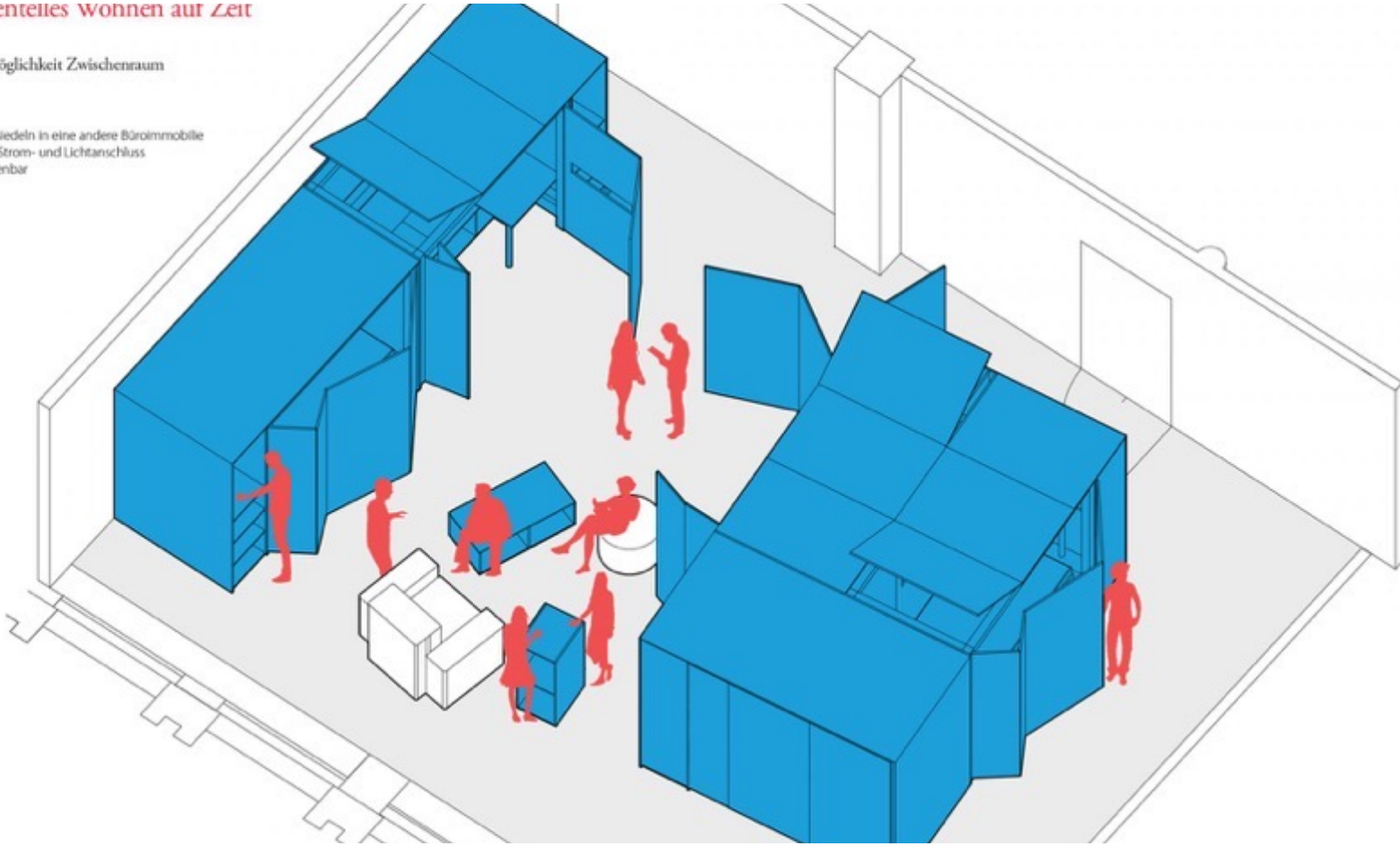
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Experimentelles Wohnen auf Zeit

Aneignungsmöglichkeit Zwischenraum

HAWIs sind
zerlegbar / übersiedeln in eine andere Büroimmobilie
autark / eigener Strom- und Lichtanschluss
individuell aneignbar



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HAWI MODULE

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A ROOM WITH HAWI
MODULES

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SHARED KITCHEN IN
THE HAWI PROJECT

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COMMISSIONED BY

- "Places for People", Austrian Pavilion at the 2016 Venice Biennale of Architecture, curated by Elke Delugan-Meissl
- Caritas Austria non-governmental organization

ARCHITECT

tnE (the next ENTERprise), Vienna

CONSTRUCTION

- Siemens Building management & services GmbH
- Liebbau Weiz GmbH & Co. KG.

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SIMILAR PROJECTS

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