



## **Garden rehabilitation project to feature in ExperimentaDesign Lisboa 2009**

This year's Biennale edition is showcasing a multidisciplinary rehabilitation project for a Lisbon garden, jointly developed with the Lisbon City Hall. With this initiative, ExperimentaDesign is striving to meet one of its goals: to build a legacy for the city of Lisbon and its inhabitants.

Currently unkempt and underdeveloped, Jardim de Santos - a garden in the Lisbon's Mouraria area - will emerge from this project a fully rehabilitated and revitalized leisure area for local residents and visitors. Occupying 390 m<sup>2</sup> in Largo de Santos, the garden is one of the largest public green spaces in a densely populated urban area. Triggering alternative ways of enjoying and experiencing this garden through the creation of a cosmopolitan space that combines greenery and trees, architecture and design.

The renovation plan, formulated jointly by the City Hall and Experimenta, foresees the redesign of the Garden including the design of new urban furniture, play area, signage and a kiosk working as cafeteria and cultural promotion spot. Sound and light design proposals for potentiating the space's functionality are also being researched.

To develop this project Experimenta has invited a team of Portuguese creative practitioners formed by designer Fernando Brizio, design studio Pedrita, landscape architect João Gomes da Silva, sound designer and musician Rui Gato, light designer José Álvaro Correia and graphic designer António Silveira Gomes (Barbara Says).

The guidelines for this project are to:

- 1) Promote the use and fruition of Jardim de Santos not only during the day but also in the evening;
- 2) Diversify and increase the number of users of all age groups, anticipating a higher incidence of young users in the evening/night time;
- 3) Encourage mobility and circulation in the neighboring areas;
- 4) Draw attention to the local pedestrian bridge that accesses the Tagus riverfront;
- 5) Give prominence to the connection between Jardim de Santos, the Tagus riverfront; Praça Vitorino Damásio e and the Rua das Janelas Verdes / Paços do Concelho axis;
- 6) Ensure the environmental sustainability of the intervention

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