fluego – a fluent flow of spaces with a social heart

Fluego dates up the Student Union premises for today’s needs and gives the office space a unique character with a fluent flow of spaces, joyful colors, light and a touch of industrial edginess.

Design goals

In the proposal, the working spaces are based on the idea of an open plan office to enhance the co-working of teams. Groups of tables can be rearranged in various ways depending on the size of the teams. Shelves are used to define a zone for each team. There are two co-working areas in the plan.

A multi-functional space, meeting rooms, cafeteria and other spaces support the co-working areas. A concept for retrieving hubs has been designed to create small spaces for personal phone calls, intense work and rest.

Character

The industrial character of the premises has been intensified by taking off current dropped ceilings, revealing the beam structure. A youthful color palette of greens, turquoise and sand has been used in flooring materials that pair beautifully with white walls. Natural colored plywood has been used in hubs and effect walls to create a warm and edgy atmosphere.

Four scenarios

There are four different usage scenarios to be found in this proposal. The main focus is in Trey office, Scenario A. The other scenarios can be achieved with rather modest changes.
First part of floor plan with Scenario A. The demolished walls are marked with dotted lines.

The multi-functional space and lobby form the public zone of the premises. The space can be used to host seminars, presentations and conferences but also more casual events, such as movie or game nights, workshops and parties. The reception desk can be used as a bar during events.

The reception desk in the lobby is an identifiable element with Trey brand colors and logo, that welcomes people arriving to the office.

On the edge of the multi-functional space there is a “Hub zone” with removable retrieving hubs. The booths themselves can also be used to define the line between public and private areas.

A separate office is designed for the chairman and main secretary. The conference room can host up to 20 people. Additional spaces consist of restrooms, copy room and storage.
There is one large conference room and two smaller meeting rooms in the proposal. The meeting rooms have their own characteristics. The other one is a glass box next to the co-working area, the other one has a double usage: it can be used for meetings but also as a lunch room as an extension of the cafeteria. Or why not to have breakfast together while doing the weekly catch-up? The cafeteria forms the social heart of the office. It's the cozy oasis in the middle of the working spaces.

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**multi functional space**

View from multi-functional space to co-working area. Headman’s office on the right. Below: plan exception 1:50.
The reception desk is made of bent plywood and has a wooden structure with 100 x 50 mm pilars. It’s painted wit the Trey brand color and also has the Trey logo in it.

The desk can be used as a bar during casual events. A small working station is provided. The acoustic drop slab makes the working environment more pleasant.

A plywood effect wall with acrylic pockets is designed for sponsor flyers.
floor plan & section, scenario A, 1:125
**floor plans, scenarios B, C & D, 1:200**

**Scenario B – Trey and start-up operator**

In this scenario, the smaller co-working area has been rented out for another operator. The area of the space is 60 m². The cafeteria, restrooms and one meeting room are shared between Trey and the tenant. Only small changes to Scenario A are needed. The solution is ideal for a start-up company or an association that is not ready to make big investments on their premises and enjoy the social possibilities that arise from sharing the common areas.

**Scenario C – Trey and independent operator**

In scenario C the smaller co-working room and the meeting room are rented out for an operator that wishes to have their own, separate premises. A new kitchen area is built for the tenant next to the existing one, so there’s an easy access to water. The operator is using the restrooms on the hallway. The size of the space is about 80 m².

**Scenario D – three independent operators**

In scenario D the space is divided between three operators. Each of them have their own kitchens, entrances and restrooms, operator "x" using the ones on hallway. The size of area marked “trey” is 225 m², “y” is 180 m² and "x" is 80 m². The new kitchen for “trey” is built next to the existing water spot of the cleaning cabinet.
social heart of office

View from cafeteria to the meeting room. Below: plan exception 1:50.
retrieving hub principle

opaque light ceiling

plywood

acoustic board

wood pilars 100 x 50 mm

glass

wheels to make it movable

Hub plan and elevation 1:20

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All ventilation pipes go with no encasing and mostly without drop ceilings. Exceptions are seen in the picture above. The showing pipes are a part of the industrial look of the space.

Incoming fresh air is shown with blue, outgoing waste air with red.