Plaza de España (Madrid, Spain): More than 200,000 citizens voted

Plaza de España is the first project in Madrid's history to be selected by a broad vote with the direct participation of more than 200,000 citizens. The project was carried out by architects Fernando Porras-Isla, Lorenzo Fernández-Ordóñez and Aránzazu La Casta.

In Plaza de España we created a space where all children can play together and learn from each other. Children experience their differences with others more directly, openly and confidently than adults. Therefore, three fundamental aspects were considered in the design phase of the play areas: Inclusivity, materials, and play value.

The exciting focal point of the playground, visible from afar, is a very special tower. This structure is two pyramid towers inserted into each other, giving them their distinctive "hourglass" shape. The cladding with narrow boards and colored accents make the tower translucent and friendly despite its imposing size of nine meters.