Regional context

“...death of a dream can in fact serve as the vehicle that endows it with new form, with reinvented substance, a fresh flow of ideas, and pleasantly revitalised color. In short, the power of a certain kind of dream is such that death need not indicate finality at all but rather signify a metaphysical and metaphorical leap forward.”

—Edward, The State of Winged Dreams

The reconstruction of the old cement plant into a culinary school and a visitor center is enabled by the privileged location of the factory, which provides both an architecturally mature precedent and an ideal natural setting for the project. Nestled halfway between the villages of Candeira da Ribeira and Póvoa de Lanhoso, the cement plant lies in a highly scenic location whose current scenery is tightly linked to tradition, cuisine, and the broad industry. The Berguedà region is home to a deeply rooted culinary tradition, born out of the annual mushroom offerings of forests and greens, among other gastronomically relevant foods. Countless local culinary arts, such as the Berguedà Mushroom Festival or the Berguedà Game Cuisine Campaign, offer a year-round schedule of cooking courses. These existing roots and the recent improvements on the transport infrastructure with the metropolitan region of Barcelona only further provide a foundation for the rebirth of the old cement plant as a culinary school.