## THE BEST-KEPT SECRET

Passing through urban spaces, we realize there is a particular tension generated by borders. On one side, we perceive the desire to isolate and marginalize what is different. On the other, we see a push toward openness, making urban spaces increasingly interconnected. Starting from the idea that diversity is a source of wealth, where should we begin to create new spaces—or better yet, to make existing ones more inclusive, welcoming, and diverse?

I decided to explore the concept of borders, seeking to find their function by creating a boundary that is permeable and expanded, containing a garden within it. I aimed to design an "inhabited" border, visible from the outside and holding a surprise: a colorful and fragrant garden. This sort of secret garden can be seen, smelled, and touched. In this project, the concept of borders, often viewed negatively as a symbol of division, separation, and marginalization, is transformed. Here, the border attracts with its colors and scents, becoming a catalyst for interaction and sharing.













