

Dimensions

3m x 1,50m x 1,50m

Weight

approx. 90 kg

Material

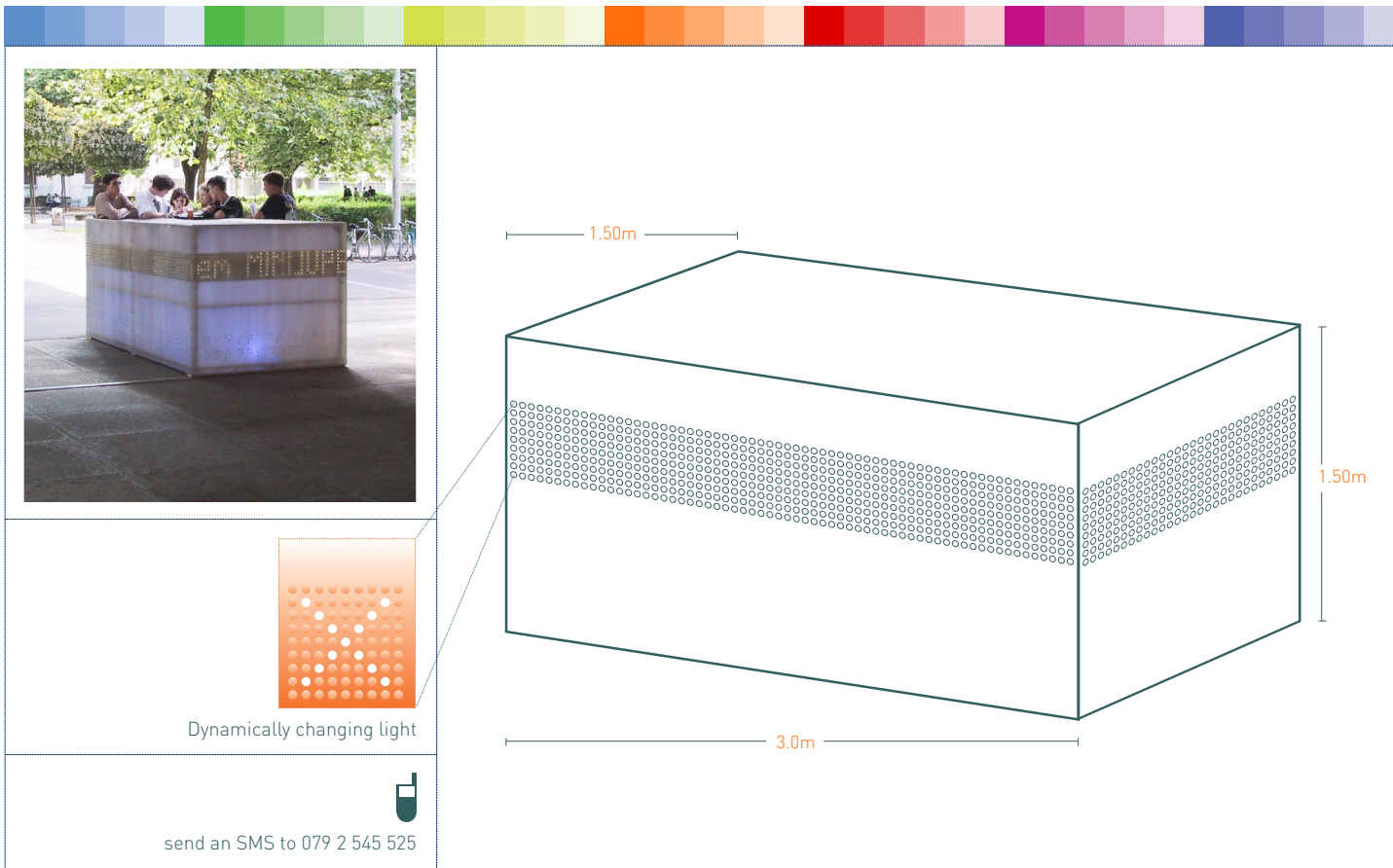
Lexan: Durable, lightweight, shock + fire resistant

LIC-LAC

(Light-Information-Cube)



The Light-Information-Cube (LIC-LAC), focuses on combining public space with modern urban communication types. It aims to deal with some of the consequences created by 20th century urban development, primarily underpasses or other non-spaces.



As a volume of light, LIC-LAC brings literal colour into public spaces. The dynamically changing light depends on both the time of the day and its surroundings, with every new setting being recreated in a unique combination, dependent on the parameters set.

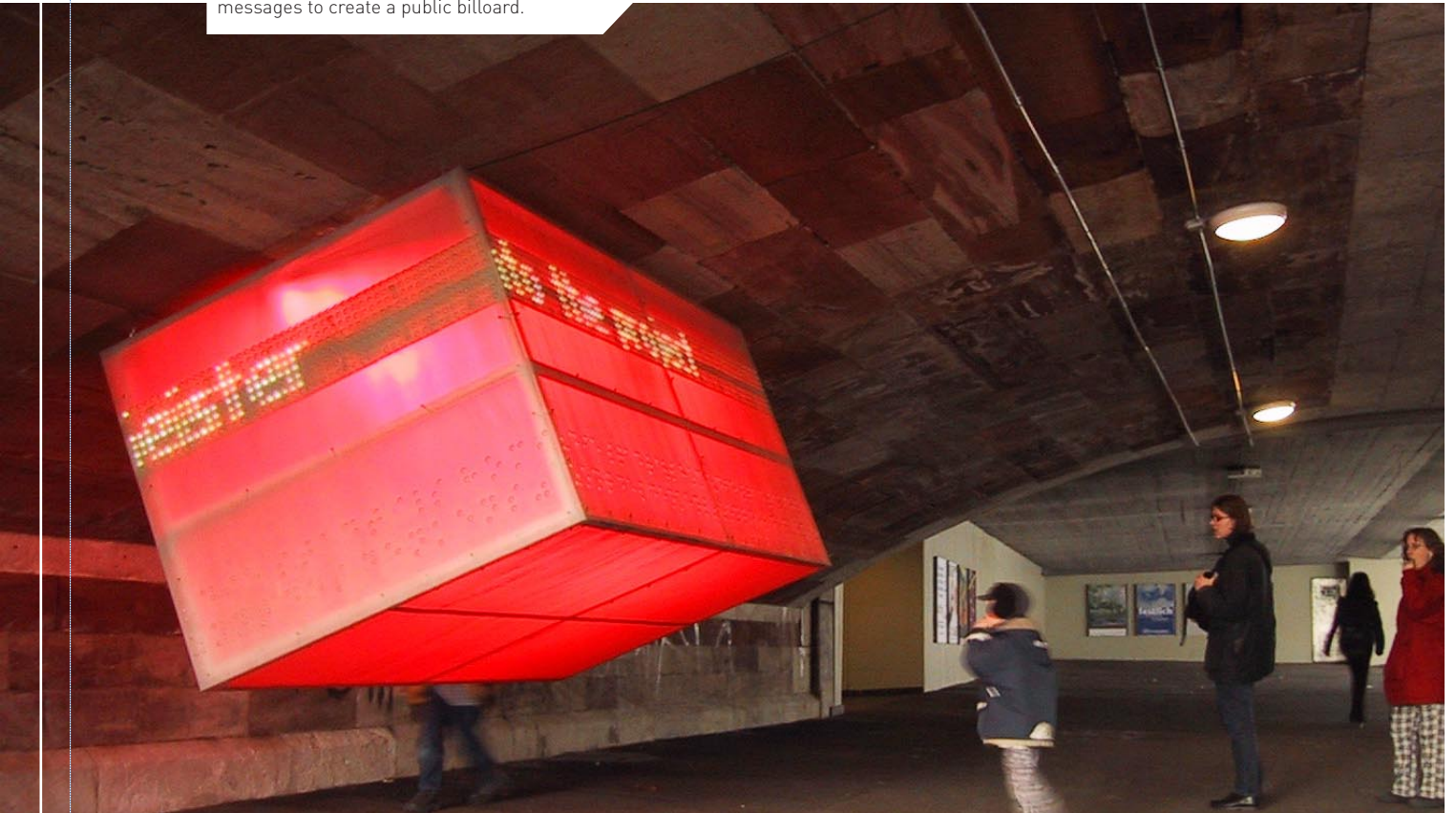
LIC-LAC has become a 'speaker's corner', a central meeting-point. Thoughts and ideas become visual and public as the population writes their statements. Various settings in Switzerland (home of the LIC-LAC) have proven effective case studies to view the level of interaction and aid in its future development.

LIC-LAC operates on varying text levels:

- a) Texts by well-known local authors/ musicians or poets
- b) Texts by refugee-seekers, which use the LIC-LAC as an open speech platform
- c) Texts sent from passers-by via SMS

The pre-selected texts (a+b) alternate with the SMS messages (c) to create a public billboard.

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Future Scenarios for LIC-LAC

As a communication tool in city districts

Similar to the approach taken in the Birsig-underpass, Basel, Switzerland, LIC-LAC can be installed in any city district. Drawn by the morphing changing colours, the public can send statements via SMS (079 2 LIC-LAC) creating a speakers corner for the community. Alternatively it can become a public billboard between the city and its residents.

As a meeting point and information pool

The appealing colorful luminosity created by LIC-LAC makes it the ideal information providing tool. LIC-LAC can be placed in train stations to inform latecomers about arrival or departure times. It can also provide daily information in waiting areas or entrance halls.

As an information point at events

With customized programmed messages, guests can be welcomed and provided with key information regarding presentations and schedules. The programmed texts can be altered or modified easily online with Internet access.

As a group installation

LIC-LAC can be modified into a table-top version. Using the same seductive colour concept and placed in multiple settings such as cafes and bars, LIC-LAC becomes a notice board and location interactive device.

Further information

http://www.co-lab.ch/seiten/a1_projects.html
or <http://www.hyperwerk.ch/liklak>

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