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COP21 - MICRO-STRUCTURE IN PUBLIC SPACE

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The COPBox is a micro-structure placed in a public space, made out of standard three-ply wood panels, which save on materials and construction time. A sign on the outside, designed by the agency Camping Design, invites passers-by to enter. Inside, a digital application enables each citizen to share his or her ideas on climate by recording a personal video message to the negotiators of the 195 countries that will meet at COP21.

Christophe et Jesse Lemoal (Architects) : 'The idea is to offer citizens a space where they can express their ideas to the COP21 negotiators. The box is made out of wood, using as few materials as possible, and will then be recycled. Each person records a video, which is then shared on social networks. It is a militant act, because these people are taking a stance. Since it was first set up on the banks of the Seine on 12 July, nearly 150 videos have been recorded, a third of which are by tourists. Although most of the messages are spontaneous, some people spend time preparing them, then come and record themselves reading out their text. People feel that these issues concern them. Before the start of COP21, we will select the most relevant messages and send them to the COP21 General Secretariat.'

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