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| STAUKit[©]/CODAKit[©] transalp at the 'Alpbach Architecture Forum'

STAUKit[©] is a project about one of the most intense experiences of today's mobility - the traffic jam.

The project is an offspring of the FILEkit[©] project that was part of the first International Architecture Biennale in Rotterdam 2003. STAUKit[©]/CODAKit[©] is adapted to the transalpine context and will be presented at the architecture debates at the European Forum Alpbach/Austria in August 2003.

The offices Artgineering (The Netherlands), D+.NL (Germany) and feld72 (Austria) form a temporary joint venture to collaborate on this project.

Within the theme 'City and Country: Continuities and Discontinuities' this years architecture forum will discuss the transportation crisis in the emerging conurbations of the European city. STAUKit[©] is focusing on one of the most immediate consequence of increased automobility for the individual: Being stuck in temporary anonymity and isolation with plenty of others.

As in the future we will only spend more time in 'STAU', we rather start enjoying ourselves and finally uncover the contradicting beauty of being in traffic jam.

The STAUKit[©] allows for unthought activities and communication. It stimulates the automobilist to pass by the physical and mental barrier of his (or her) own individual car, to get in contact with the unknown; a toolbox offering the means to enable interaction and to (re)think one's attitude within the social and spatial condition of file.

The physical STAUKit[©] is a collection of 'must-have'-items for the 'STAU-Victim' stuck in traffic; the content relates to various moods such as boredom, aggression and solitude. It stimulates the awareness of potential activities in traffic jam and enables communication with fellow STAU-Victims.

On friday, august 15th at 2 pm 'STAUangels' will clash with a lecture on 'mobility and transport in the net of the conurbation', give an excursion on 'STAUKit[©] or how I learned to love the STAU' and hand out the STAUKits[©] to the public.

As the forum coincides with the start of the italian 'Ferragosto', the STAUKits[©] will be of immediate use: extending the discussion into the actual traffic jam on the way back home...

Please find more information and a downloadable pdf version of the FILE/STAUKit[©] manual at: www.filekit.nl. We welcome your review!