The original urban plan of Östersund has efficiently organized
the city into a clear matrix of defined plots and roads,
combined with green gardens and wonderful sightlines
towards the lake. The new municipality building plays into
that matrix by adapting its proportion to the surroundings
and connecting to the adjacent old town hall through the
underground. The Östersund City Foyer combines well-
functioning working zones and representative public spaces
for the city, altogether nested in a lush and sustainable
meadow landscape. Visitors are met by a welcoming
entrance hall, clearly connected to the public streets. The
entrance is visible from several directions and is easy to
reach both on foot and by bicycle. The building’s program
promotes collaboration, through the diversity of workplaces
and various opportunities that are given to workers to meet
and discuss. Within the fixed building volume, a clear floor
plan allows flexible use and future change of layout. The
work zones are well structured and easy to reach, from
anywhere in the building. They support a digital and mobile
way of working, adaptable to each employee’s conditions.
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