The international X|A Advanced Design Workshops are known as an established academic activity that repeats every year since 2008 in Lund Sweden and Athens Greece, with the initiative of X|Atelier Architects under the auspices of the Greek Hellenic Institute and the Athens School of Fine Arts. X|A workshops have been hosted mainly by the Benaki Museum, the National Technical University of Athens and the University of Lund in Sweden. At the end of every X|A workshop there is a formal exhibition of the results and final presentation of the projects in recognized venues with invited jurors who are recognized in the field of Architecture.

Participants of X|A workshops have access to a high level of knowledge on the latest architectural design techniques and fabrication methods. In parallel to that they have the opportunity to develop their project next to experienced Professors with strong academic curriculum and broad experience in the professional field of Architecture. At the end of their workshop experience they present and expose their work to well known Architects in order to get an interesting feedback of their progress so far. All projects become part of an overall exhibition that is open to the Public. Former Participants of X|A workshops under X|A guidance and support have been accepted to important Architectural Institution worldwide such as Harvard School of Design, Columbia University NYC, MIT, Architectural Association in London, the Angewandte in Vienna, Sci-Arc and UCLA in Los Angeles.

X|A workshops have been conducted for undergraduate and graduate Students, professional Architects and Artists from Greece, Australia, India, Egypt, Germany, Sweden, Poland, Iran, the Netherlands, Austria, England, Bulgaria, Denmark and Albania.

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