

Project

POLYVALENT INFRASTRUCTURE

Architects

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Address

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Programme

Shortlisted Competition, 1st Prize_

About

The sports centre - multi-purpose hall, administration, refectory, cafeteria, etc. - is embedded in the site and the local area, in a landscape whose topography proved decisive to the project design.

As a self-reliant structure, the building's architecture is intimately entwined with the site's infrastructural quality and is based on the construction of retaining walls with a single roof that contrast with the surrounding landscape.

The central and symbolic figure of the site is the "Château de La Fraineuse", a 19th century pastiche of the Petit Trianon at Versailles, and listed a heritage site by Belgium's Monuments et Sites. By way of a common bedrock, the project nurtures a dialogue between the past and the modernity with the château in a way that transcends the notion of a divisive modernity.

The expanses of outside covered areas allow the building to be used for a variety of different purposes, whilst ensuring a permeability between the activities. The central patio that opens out into the sky serves as a central gathering area for the site as a whole, around which the functional programme revolves.

A technical execution that is unique in Belgium - with insulating monolithic concrete that ensures the construction will enjoy a very long service life while boasting high thermal inertia - has been adopted for the main walls.

Typology

Various

Status

Built

Conception

2009

Delivery

2015

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OTHER PROJECTS :

Urban Portrait

- 2009
- Bruxelles, Liège, Bruges, Paris

Mobile Theater, Shortlisted competition

- 2009

Structure and Gardens

- 2009 2014
- Brussels

Fine Arts Museum

- 2011
- Verviers

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