

Alco

The project was conceived from the existing site and also taking into account the pre-existing buildings of the General Council. They present themselves more as isolated buildings arranged in a public park than as an institutional building with a facade in relation to the public space. The aim of the office extension project for the General Council was to give this building back its full value/greatness by creating an entrance axis aligned with the perspective of the château. This axis connects this new building to two distinct courtyards. The first is surrounded by the buildings proposed in the competition, while the second is an open courtyard providing access to the General Council buildings and the stairway leading to the château of Alco. The building literally forms the new entrance to the Alco site.

The choice of a compact building is linked to the different site and environmental constraints, but its formal simplicity is also intended to give a clear idea of the new entrance to the general Council. Its geometry, in relation to the sequence of courtyards and gardens, is opened up by a diagonal notch linked to the general access geometry from the tramway. The paved forecourt unfolds as a homogeneous, highly legible horizontal plane, passing beneath the building to become a courtyard that redirects the public towards the various buildings on the Alco site.

LOCATION Montpellier, 34087 [Hérault]

CLIENT Public | Ville de Montpellier?

SURFACE 7 200m²

PROGRAM Hérault General Council offices

COST 16 560 000 € excl. taxes

PHASE Public tender 2014

TEAM b720 (Lead Architect)