

PRIMARY SCHOOL AND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL HALL

location:	Avry (Switzerland)
client:	Town of Avry
consultants:	AiIC Ingénierie (structure)
gross surface:	1 300m ² (primary school); 250m ² (multi-functional hall)
cost:	6,8M € excl. VAT
phase:	international competition
timetable:	02.2008-07.2008

The proposal for the extension of Avry primary school with annexe multi-functional hall is part of a wider program of redevelopment of public facilities in this village, positioned in the center of the Canton of Fribourg.

The project wants to express its status integrating perfectly into the urban structure of the village. The building houses new classrooms and services for students and teachers and it occupies the upper part of a slope. The two parallel wings which compose the volumes are arranged in order to form two open courtyards: at one side a smaller and private courtyard (dedicated to teachers and staff), on the other a much wider one (for students recreation and playtime).

On the opposite, the multi-functional hall has been designed as a compact monolithic volume, aspiring to be a mark of a new centrality: that of the square between the hall itself and the existing school. This new square can easily accommodate events related to the program as well as to the needs of Avry community.

The façade treatment emphasizes this difference between the two main functions/volumes: if a wooden wire covers the new school, remembering typical barns scattered everywhere in the Canton of Fribourg, a translucent polycarbonate skin dresses the multi-functional hall, just to let see the different activities inside of it without interfering, enlightening at the same time the surroundings and the public square.

