

PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH NURSERY AND PUBLIC SWIMMING-POOL

location:	Cossonay (Switzerland)
client:	ASICOPE Association
consultants:	SWITCH Ingénierie (services and renewable energies)
gross surface:	3 900m ²
cost:	10,0M € excl. VAT
phase:	international competition
timetable:	06.2012-09.2012

The new primary school in Cossonay is located in the south-east corner of the site. The swimming-pool, on the contrary, rather near the road and parking lot, up to emphasize its public role.

Auxiliary functions are positioned in a way to create an open courtyard toward the expansion areas foreseen in the PPA rules.

Recognizable as one single entity with a simple volume, the new public facility buildings give an identity to this site that could be a central place for Cossonay village.

The new complex, with its covered courtyards, faces a huge square serving as student's playground as well as a gathering place for Cossonay citizens. In the west part a landscaped parking becomes the gateway to the big public square. The swimming-pool is the first facility we meet, leaned at a slightly higher altitude besides other buildings. A small square with a covered bike parking, serves both main entrance to the swimming-pool, an external access to the café and secondary access to the technical rooms.

The simple volume containing auxiliary functions (refectory, recreation centre, playroom, nursery, conciergerie) get us from the beginning to the end of the walk, passing through the small square, the large playground square, till the new school covered courtyard. The full height curtain wall that runs all along this building, as well as its green thick roof which overflows to protect the pedestrian pathway on the south side and on the west side bike parking, emphasizes the role of the building. For this reason the glasses shall be rather reflectives and the rooftop very generously planted.

