

SANT'ANNA SCHOOL COMPLEX AND URBAN DESIGN

location:	Bevagna (Italy)
client:	Town of Bevagna (PG)
in partnership with:	Architect Enrico Robazza
gross surface:	1 200sqm (secondary school); 1 420sqm (primary school); 960sqm (kindergarten); 1 070sqm (canteen-auditorium-gymnasium)
cost:	5,18M € excl. VAT
phase:	international competition
timetable:	03.2020-07.2020

The architectural identity that supports the project is of an aggregative type; that means a set of buildings that overlook a civic space such as the square.

The system is indeed based on an orderly arrangement of autonomous decomposed volumes that allow permeability between inside and outside (between the polycentric landscape and the village), between educational spaces and spaces overlooking the natural landscape.

The central square-recreational courtyard is the common denominator of the entire project: a classic layout that looks to local tradition, giving the whole a sense of safety and well-being. Four volumes are arranged around the main square drawing its limits; a porch, which measures the space and welcomes the entrances, keeps all the volumes together. The planimetric composition is volumetrically emphasized by the design of the roofs: each building, in fact, has a two asymmetrical pitches roof, one oriented towards the landscape in order to sign the new silhouette of the village, the other facing the square to emphasize the civic role of this real "open-air room". The new "Sant'Anna" school complex therefore takes its shape and strength starting from the open space design, *from the absence that generates consistency, from the void that draws the solids.*

The result is an architectural organism that, in a mimetic way, seems to be completely set into the verdant valley.

