

CARRACCI SCHOOL COMPLEX

location:	Bologna (Italy)
client:	Town of Bologna
consultants:	Sinergo Spa (engineering); internoesterno (visuals)
gross surface:	4 000sqm
cost:	4,8M € excl. VAT
phase:	feasibility study
timetable:	11.2018-04.2019
awards:	3rd prize

The architectural concept for the new Carracci school complex is strongly linked to the urban and orographic nature of the site. The building shows itself as an architecture of the city inserted in a hilly landscape: a simple volumetric organization into a complex context, consisting of multiple relationships between elements that, at different scales, contribute to the narration of this place.

This is the reason why the new volume stands out as a visual reference point, both from via Felice Battaglia and via di Ravone, but at the same time the steep terrain on which it rests makes of it a privileged observation point from the inside towards the surrounding landscape.

The idea is translated, thanks to this dual nature, into the intersection of two axes designing the common spaces of the school: the north-south urban axis, which crosses the building to exit towards the outer space; the east-west landscape axis, which visually connects via di Ravone and the Dotti playground in front of the hill upstream.

Along the first axis, the compactness of the building and the access porch excavated in the volume create, through a sequence of approaches, a space where the school environment becomes civic, a place of relationships, exchange and enrichment not only for the students, but for the whole local community.

The second axis is the observation one, in which the ascending agorà-atrium-court-hill sequence runs along the profile of the terrain, opening glimpses into the surrounding nature and towards the sky.

