

Architects

Description

L'ESCAUT ARCHITECTURES

Based in Brussels, L'Escaut develops a vision of the architecture as the collaborative process, where the plastic approach and the definition of the uses are negotiated as equal.

Situated in a former industrial building, shared with artists of the living and plastic arts, the agency built its practice between two main themes: the cultural places and the public places. Created by Olivier Bastin in 1989, the agency evolved little by little towards its current shape: an architects' cooperative, organized on horizontal structure and which proposes a specific language, stemming from the work of the various authors who compose it.

The agency delivered some key cultural buildings in Belgium: the National Theater in Brussels, the Museum of Photography in Charleroi, Cultural Space Victor Jara at Soignies. It also launched in processes of urban planning negotiated in various scales: from the district contract to the public space arrangement on a small or large scale.

Between the universe of the culture and that of the shared urban space, L'Escaut tries to write the architecture on a democratic mode, refusing as much the superiority of the object as that of the unique author.



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Creation

1989

Associates

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Awards

Iakov Chernikhov International Prize 2010: Nominated.
Mies van der Rohe Awards 2011: Nominated (Cultural hall Victor Jara); 2009: Nominated (Charleroi Museum of Photography).
Les Règles d'Or de l'Urbanisme 2008: Public space Award (Ursulines Square).
Belgian Building Awards 2010: Nominated (Cultural hall Victor Jara); 2009: Heritage Award (Charleroi Museum of Photography).
Prix d'Architecture du Hainaut 2008: Special Cultural Award (Charleroi Museum of Photography).
Belgian Architectural Award 1992 (Le Yen restaurant).

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OTHER PROJECTS :

Cultural hall Victor Jara
- 2005 2009
- Soignies

Development of the left bank quaysides of the Sambre in Charleroi
- 2010 2014
- Charleroi

Artothèque
- 2010 2015
- Mons

Housing units-studios for artists ?Cheval Noir?
- 2003 2010
- Bruxelles

Otro
- 2008 2012
- île de Vassivière