

Project

**METRO CORRIDOR OF
BRUSSELS-CENTRAL STATION**

Architects

MA² - METZGER & ASSOCIÉS ARCHITECTURE

Address

Bruxelles

Programme

As a result of a competition organised by Beliris in 2008, the office Ma2 was asked to take care of the reconstruction of the hallway connecting the train station and the subway. What follows is a thorough work of restoration that the decorative features largely deserved. The station hallway has gained in light intensity thanks to a restoration of the lights and floor. A collaboration with artists Daniel Deltour and Bernard Baines gave birth to peripheral walls.

About

This project follows the work assigned to MA2 at the end of last century for the Gare Centrale. As a result of a competition organised by Beliris in 2008, Francis Metzger's office is being assigned with the reconstruction of the hallway connecting the train station and the subway. This complementary work is an extension of the previous one, even though the hallway is posterior to the inauguration of the railway station. Maxime Brunfaut explained it to the architects as soon as they took over their study. To understand the shape and location of the station, they had called in the architect in charge of finishing the project. Maxime Brunfaut revealed that the triangular shape of the station had been designed by Adolphe Max, mayor at the time, who had planned to set up two boulevards and a railway station in the remaining space. This explanation which allowed MA2 to understand and to analyze Horta's project is part of a global and current approach very different from the modernists' way of working. In fact, Maxime Brunfaut was very surprised by the thirst for knowledge of today's architects. « Why do you want to know all this ? », did he ask them, while explaining that in their shoes he would have done what he thought right without searching all these pieces of information?. This remark shows well how much architecture has changed over the past years. Today, architects make a point of understanding the work.

Typology

Transport

Status

Built

Conception

200-2012

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Metro corridor from Central Station in september 2013
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