



PALAIS DES CONGRÈS

Royan, France

The Palais de Congrès de Royan was one of the first to be built in France, inaugurated in 1957. It was designed by architect Claude Ferret, who was also the town planner and chief architect for the reconstruction of Royan, 80% of which was destroyed in the Second World War in 1945.

The Palais des Congrès de Royan, inaugurated in 1957, was a major feature of the reconstruction period in the 1950s. It was first designated a "Patrimoine XXème" (20th century heritage site) in 1999, and was listed as a historic monument in its entirety on March 29, 2011. This was in recognition of "the architectural quality of architect Claude Ferret's mature work, a place of experimentation in prefabrication and the first Palais des Congrès built in France".

It illustrates the notion of the free plan, the functionalist principle of autonomous spaces or the dematerialization of facades, the independence of distribution in relation to and thanks to an innovative constructive system, organic facades where each component of the plan contributes to shaping the face of the building: "the generating plan" as Le Corbusier advocated.

A denatured work :

Like many major works of this period, this innovative architecture, both in its aesthetic and technical codes, has been profoundly transformed over the years, from the exterior to the interior, and has, in fact, lost many of the attractions that made it a symbol of Royan's reconstruction. This loss of value has had an impact not only on the building itself, but also on the town's image (...)

Client
City of Royan

Program
Heavy rehabilitation of the Palais des Congrès

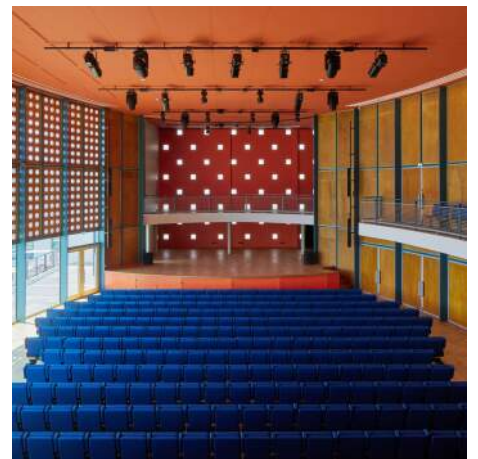
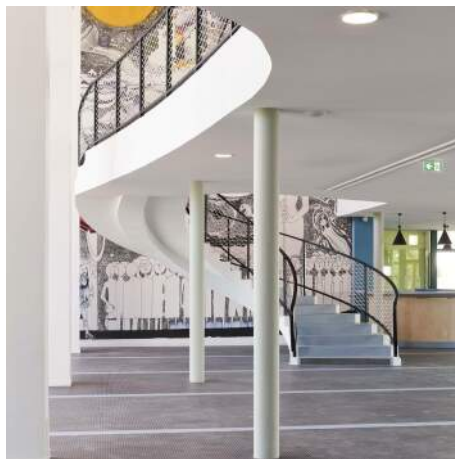
Surface
3 878 m²
Exterior : 2 820 m² including 1 846 m² vegetated

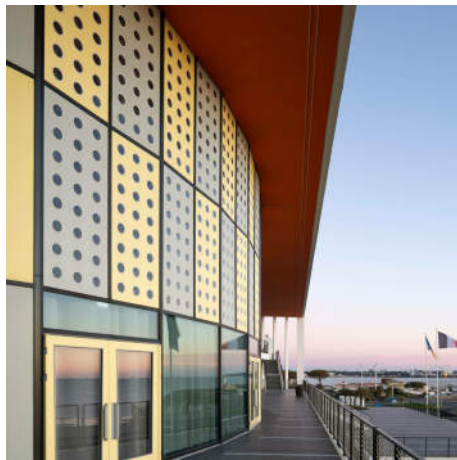
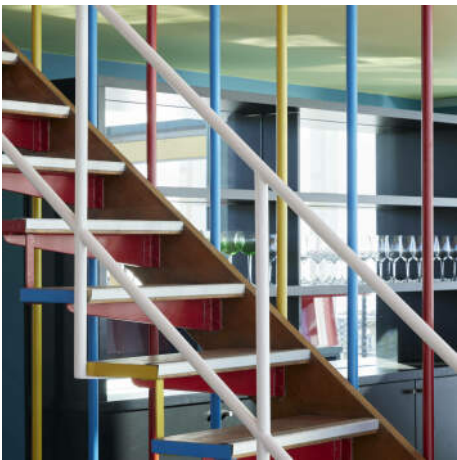
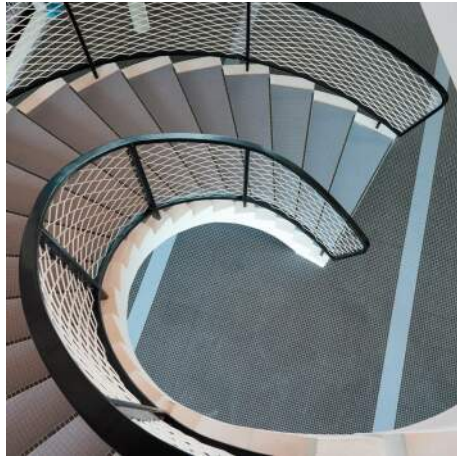
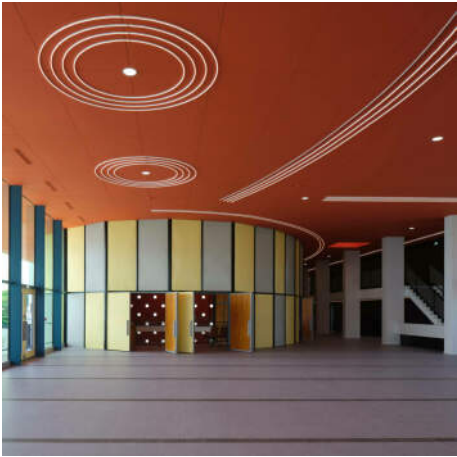
Cost of Work
7 453 020 € excl VAT

Status
Delivered in 2023

Environmental Quality
Approach HQE / RT2012
Urban and heritage insertion.
Ventilation Double Flow centralized with indirect adiabatic cooling.
Installation of modern techniques and equipment, in scenography, heating and air conditioning by thermoregulation.

Culture Patrimony







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