



BOLLAERT-DELELIS STADIUM

Lens, France

**Restructuring of Bollaert-Delelis Stadium:
Upgrading to meet Euro 2016 standards and
improving spectator comfort (38,223 seats).
New developments in existing stands increasing
the stadium's capacity to 51,000 for events and
45,000 for soccer/rugby.**

Heritage of a historic stadium

Inaugurated in 1932, the Bollaert-Delelis Stadium was built by the powerful Mining Company of Lens for the Lens football club. In the 1960s, as the mining company faltered, the city took control of the club's future. The stadium underwent major transformations in the 1970s and 1980s: from an oval shape, it was converted into an "English-style" stadium.

In 2002, the city of Lens granted a 50-year emphyteutic lease to the Lens club. Now, the RCL is planning the restructuring of the Bollaert Stadium. The opportunity presented by the creation of the Louvre-Lens Museum nearby and the need to modernize the Bollaert-Delelis Stadium to meet European standards for its bid for Euro 2016 led to an ambitious project worthy of the stadium's historical significance.

The spirit of an English-style stadium

The stadium has four stands: Trannin, Marek-Xercès, Delacourt, and Lepagnot. Each stand will undergo renovation: extension of the Lepagnot stand, creation of a new covered interior forecourt and a mezzanine for the Marek-Xercès stand, improvement of public areas in the Trannin stand (with the creation of a mezzanine) and Delacourt stand, harmonization of facades, creation of a new roof covering all the seating areas, and reorganization of access controls and the exterior forecourt. The reorganization of the access controls at the base of each (...)

Client

Racing Club de Lens – (Project Owner
Representative: Nord-Pas de Calais
Region / REAHM)

Program

Restructuring of the Bollaert-Delelis
Stadium for Euro 2016, including the
development of new facilities in the
existing stands.

Surface

23,538 m²

Cost of Work

90,000,000 € ex-tax

Status

Delivered in 2016

Stadium

