

**Client**

Communauté d'Agglomération de Cergy Pontoise

**Program**

Construction of 2 ice runways, of the French Ice Hockey Federation headquarters, and mixe-use program (restaurants, shops, hostels)

**Selection method**

Public private partnership (PPP)

**Team**

Groupe-6 (Architect) - Edeis (Engineering) - Vinci Concessions (Investor) - Campenon Bernard (Construction firm) - Vinci Facilities (Maintenance)

**Capacity**

3 500 places

**Construction costs**

28 M€

**Location**

Cergy-Pontoise





The GESPEL project is the response to a pioneering brief for the promotion of ice sports in France. This very high-level multifunctional sports facility, which is both playful and cultural and attracts visitors from the entire northwest section of the Ile-de-France region, was an opportunity to develop a triple ice rink to host international matches, training sessions, and a leisure rink for the general public. The building, a real landmark on the edge of the A15 motorway forms part of a wide-ranging landscaping

initiative covering the entire plain and involving architecture, planning and landscape design. The edgy, incisive design suggests a sense of fluid movement as we walk towards the concourse. The entrance makes the most of the natural slope; with its remarkable awning, it is situated halfway up the slope on the south side, creating a kind of belvedere. An outdoor rink forms an extension of the main rink and opens it up to the surrounding city.

