

ENS Cachan with Renzo Piano Building Workshop, Saclay

Client
ENS Cachan

Program
Construction of the new ENS Cachan (one of the major French Grandes Ecoles), in the cluster of Saclay, near Paris, France.
Architect : Renzo Piano Building Workshop.

Selection method
Public competition

Team
Groupe-6 (Associate architect) - RPBW (Architect, Lead consultant) - ALP Pascal Cribier (Landscape) - AIA Ingénierie (Engineering) - Sletec (Quantity surveying) - RFR (Envelopes) - Franck Boutté Consultants (HQE) - PEUTZ (Acoustical studies) - Labeyrie & Associés (Scenography) - Cosil (Light conception)

Competition
2014
Surface area
64,000 m²

Location
Saclay



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In September 2018, the Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) de Cachan will move on the campus of Paris-Saclay (Essonne). The project, designed by RPBW, revolves around a park of more than one hectare; this “extraordinary” garden is the vibrant heart around which organize different architectures that reflect the richness of the School and serve as guides to the readability of the space. This poetic garden combines to the rationality and flexibility of the building, designed a tool. This innovative architecture respecting the environment includes true

bioclimatic strategy for optimal comfort of its users. Designed as a dynamic ecosystem, the building seeks balance by relying on its environment to reduce resource requirements. Alongside RPBW from preliminary studies (APS), 6-Group put at the service of this great project, its technical know-how and experience of complex projects. A specific BIM organization was developed for joint work shared in real time. BIM d'OR Award 2015.

