

Client
Université de Montpellier 2

Consultant
Languedoc Roussillon
Aménagement

Program
Construction of a research
laboratory for Communications
Sciences (STICS) in Montpellier,
France

Selection method
Public competition

Team
Groupe-6 (Architect, Lead consultant) -
Egis Bâtiments (Engineering) - Echologos
(Acoustical studies) - Atelier LD
(Landscape)

Competition
2011
Location
Montpellier

Completion
2014

Surface area
14,000 m²



Three parallel blocks housing research groups and their offices stretch down the slope. The shape of the clean rooms is easily identifiable at the end of the main road, with a metallic-textured coating. This form and structure favours natural light and develops a rural concept that enables nature to penetrate into the very heart of the building, in the manner so typical of the South of France. The facades express a horizontal dynamic. A vibration is

set up by a series of solid panels that nevertheless do not in any way detract from the modularity of the plan. The emblematic front facade opens to the south, onto the campus, clearly indicating the main entrance and emphasising the areas shared by users of the site. The building has a friendly feel due to its colours and transparent sections, which are then echoed in the internal roads of the project.