Located in Saint-Louis (Alsace, France) in the “Three Borders” region and in the inner suburb of Basel, the “Forum” is a 5,713 sqm cultural facilities designed to host associative, sporting and cultural events.
The wish was to create a unified project, playing on both the multiplicity of the connected volumes, and on a global homogeneous design. The building, made of 13 distinct volumes assembled in one big puzzle at the center of the site, is a harmonious answer to the surrounding individual houses.

In the same time, the choice of a unique material for the whole building – a copper-colored expanded metal – makes it original equipment and a landmark in the city of Saint-Louis.

The inspiration has come from the context, which combines big orangey interlocking tile roofs with some industrial brick chimneys reminding the industrial past of the site.
Inside the building, the spaces flexibility is maximal: two main adjustable subspaces have been created.

The Great Hall (1,870 sqm), dedicated to host sport practice, competitions, shows, concerts or fairs, can be adapted thanks to a mobile bleacher and a set of retractable sliding partitions.

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