



## FORENSIC INSTITUTE

Coimbra, Portugal

This building, located in a R&D Campus, will be the headquarters for forensic investigation. Sited as part of an “acropolis” it stands on the hilltop enclosing on one side the campus main square and on the other overlooking a terraced slope consisting of paved walkways, stairs and green platforms that provide pedestrian and urban access to the campus. The program includes crime evidence and research labs, as well as medical and administrative offices organized around a central green patio and distributed through four floors. Cladded in black stone at the ground level, the building envelope and structure are made of concrete. Inner partitions are in masonry and gypsum and a continuous stretch of high windows on every floor ensures ample light and natural ventilation. Suspended from the outer walls, a brise-soleil made of prefab concrete elements arranged with varied rhythm and orientation, filters light according to sun exposure of the facades.

Project:  
Forensic National Institute  
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Competition  
Client:  
Justice Department  
Size:  
10.506 m<sup>2</sup>  
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Coimbra, Portugal  
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Ongoing

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