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L'Agora

Metz, France

Metz's new Agora is a unique modern space that brings a media library, social centre and digital workspace together under the same roof. The cornerstone to an effort to revive the La Patrotte neighbourhood around the train station, the building's open architecture makes for a welcoming place for the public to gather. By using a variety of building materials, the Agora offers a contrast

of emotions. For example, the portions created with wood offer shade and warmth and are meant to encourage relaxation and reflection, while the sections that use stainless steel are bright and lively. In addition to housing office space, multimedia rooms, a café and multipurpose areas, the building also regularly hosts exhibitions and concerts. During the summer, movies are shown on a giant outdoor screen, where people can watch from the sloping square and lush green lawn.

Environment: urban

Use: panel façade

Material: 304 with a Uginox Bright

Surface Finish

Manufacturer: Aperam

Architects: Ropa & Associés Architectes

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