

Utopia – Library and Academy for Performing Arts

Aalst, Belgium

Location: Utopia 1, Aalst (Belgium)

Architect: Kees Kaan, Vincent Panhuysen, Dikkie Scipio

Project team: Bas Barendse, Tjerk de Boer, Sebastiaan Buitenhuis, Sebastian van Damme, Paolo Faleschini, Raluca Firicel, Narine Gyulkhasyan, Joost Harteveld, Walter Hoogerwerf, Martina Margini, Giuseppe Mazzaglia, Kevin Park, Giulia Rapizza

Client: Autonoom Gemeentebedrijf Stadsontwikkeling Aalst (AGSA)

Design phase: March 2016 - May 2018

Construction phase: August 2016 - May 2018

GFA: 8309 sqm + 235 sqm (bike parking)

Main contractor: Groep Van Roey NV, Rijkevorsel (Belgium)

Advisor construction: UTIL Struktuurstudies, Schaarbeek (Belgium)

Advisor technical installations: Studiebureau R. Boydens NV, Brugge Sint-Michiels (Belgium)

Water & electrical installations: Studiebureau R. Boydens NV, Brugge Sint-Michiels (Belgium)

Fire control: ABT, Delft (Netherlands)

Acoustics: Tractebel Engineering SA, Brussels (Belgium)

Sustainability: Studiebureau R. Boydens NV, Brugge Sint-Michiels (Belgium)