

Scottish Parliament Building Edinburgh, Scotland

In 1998 EMBT won the bid to design the new Edinburgh Parliament building. The proposal generated great enthusiasm due to its organic capacity to combine existing elements with new technologies through the contemporary and unique language of the Barcelona studio. The project's development centered on reflecting the characteristics of the country and its inhabitants via a new way of building that was directly linked to the land itself.

This close tie to the site and its setting would, when the adjacent distillery is demolished, enable the generation of multiple perspective lines on the city. Intentionally, a contrast is sought, a conceptual distance, between the new construction and Holyrood Palace, the twelfth-century royal residence that has been renovated many times.

Unlike the palace, which dominates the landscape, the new Scottish Parliament drops literally into the hillside terrain, the lowest part of Arthur's Seat, and appears to sprout from the living stone.

Client:	The Scottish Executive Government
Location:	Edinburgh, Scotland
Date:	2004
Typology:	Civic Government, Landscape
Architects:	Enric Miralles, Benedetta Tagliabue
in a joint venture with:	RMJM Scotland LTD, M.A.H Duncan, T.B. Stewart
EMBT Staff	
Competition:	Joan Callis, project leader. Constanza Chara, Omer Arbel, Fabian Asunción, Steven Bacaus, Michael Eichhorn, Christopher Hitz, Francesco Mozzati. Leonardo Giovannozzi, Fergus Mc Ardle, Fernanda Hannah, Annie Marcela Henao, Ricardo Jimenez.
Project:	Joan Callis, project leader. Karl Unglaub, site architect Constanza Chara Umberto Viotto, Michael Eichhorn, Fabian Asunción, Fergus Mc Ardle, Sania Belli , Gustavo Silva Nicoletti, Vincenzo Franza , Antonio Benaduce, Andrew Vrana, Bernardo Ríos, Torsten Skoetz, Tomoko Sakamoko, Javier García Germán,. Annie Marcela Henao, Christian Molina Angel Gaspar Caspado, Nadja Pröwer, Sania Belli, Pedro Ogesto Vallina, Leonardo Giovannozzi, Sara Hay, Marco Santini, Francesco Matucci, Cristiane Felber, Marco de la Porta, Sonia Henriques, Luciano Di Romanico, Jan Locke, Christine Stauss, Sandra Stecklina, Simone Brussaferi, Claudia Lucchini, Stefan Geenen, Kristina Kinder, Franziska Bartsh, Adam Strong, Patricia Giacobbe, Rafael du Montard, Florencia Vechter.
Executive Project:	Joan Callis, project leader. Karl Unglaub, site architect Constanza Chara, Umberto Viotto, Eugenio Cirulli, Fergus Mc Ardle, Leonardo Giovannozzi, Francesco Matucci, Emanuele Bottigella, Torsten Skoetz, Albert Nasser, Jorge Rollán Raffin, Griet Lambrechts, Sandy Brunner, Péter Sándor Nagy.
Gross floor area:	18.289 sqm + 17.329 sqm Landscape



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