

# HEALTH UNIT OF SANTA IRIA DA AZÓIA

2018

## Location

Loures, Portugal

## Client

Municipality of Loures

## Estimated Cost

1 085 000 EUR

## Stage

Public Call for Tenders

## Area

2800 m<sup>2</sup>

The proposal for the Health Unit of Santa Iria da Azóia aimed to establish a harmonious and enriching relationship between the building and its surroundings, ensuring a proper and fluid integration of the functional programme, as well as the implementation of strategies and construction systems that promote energy efficiency.

The implemented functional programme is divided into four large spatial cores: reception and waiting areas, administrative offices, health care services, and general support. The integration and interconnection of these four cores in a practical, functional, fluid and articulated way was one of the essential goals of the proposal.

Another determining aspect was the need to ensure that all areas in these functional cores have large windows overlooking either the most attractive exterior spaces or the interior courtyards of the building, enhancing the natural lighting, wholesomeness and pleasantness of these spaces.

The centres of the Shared Services Unit (URAP) and of the Health Unit (US) comprise the spaces dedicated to the provision of health care, the main function of the building.

VIEW OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE





VIEW OF THE SIDE ENTRANCE

The URAP and US include medical offices (fourteen for doctors and six for nurses), treatment and multipurpose rooms (eight in total), which make up the bulk of the building area and justify the remaining complementary and support spaces that integrate the Health Unit.

The formal characterisation of the building adopted a contemporary and sophisticated aesthetic, that sets it apart from the surroundings

and elevates it as a reference equipment. The plastic effect of the bare concrete recesses on the fronts, framed by white protruding horizontal slabs, reinforce this image and underline the horizontal nature of the building.

The facades with the highest degree of solar exposition also feature prefabricated vertical blades, that aid in the creation of shades and promote privacy within the rooms.

RECEPTION AND WAITING AREA



ACCESS TO MEDICAL OFFICES

