



## Programme

**The Competition invites entrants to submit projects for a Kindergarten for children aged 3 to 6. The location is Via Ugo Betti, Milan (Italy).**

The project may encompass a single building or several buildings, and the architecture should fit the surrounding area and ideally form a bridge between the neighbourhood and the children.

The design should emphasise the relationship between architecture and nature, between indoors and outdoors, as a must for a nursery school that aims to create an organic link between the children, nature and the city.

The Competition also requires projects to include the area outside the property, i.e. for outdoor learning, using nature, the cityscape and the environment as drivers of the architectural proposal.

The project should thus also devote some thought to developing an innovative programme capable of accommodating both individual spaces and collective spaces. Almost as if the city were somehow contaminating "outside" users, and in turn, the users were contributing certain aspects of their experience to the local neighbourhood and community. An open, inclusive school made of welcoming, exciting spaces that nonetheless also protects and envelops the children and helps them to relate to the outside world, the neighbourhood and the city.

The design concept should seek the most innovative use of space for the various educational functions, and likewise the most innovative use of materials and techniques, while displaying a unique environmental sensitivity. The challenge therefore lies in designing a project that is affordable, well constructed and financially and socially sustainable.

## Functions

The Kindergarten is comprised of three sections, to accommodate around 90 children. The **gross floor area** covers **650 sq m** and consists of:

**Three sections**, each housing:

- three classrooms
- bathrooms/changing rooms
- utility room
- a garden for each individual section

**TOTAL 300 sq m**

**Common areas:**

- an activities area for individual children or small groups of children (psychomotor skills, speech therapy, support activities etc.)
- an area for children and parents
- rest/sleeping area
- multifunctional area (canteen, creative activities, etc.)

**TOTAL 200 sq m**

**ancillary areas/rooms:**

- kitchen/meals preparation
- teacher's room
- office
- teacher's and staff bathroom and changing room
- cleaner's utility room (with drainage pipe)
- laundry

**TOTAL 150 sq m**

These measurements should be complied with but are subject to slight variations to suit the functional and educational requirements of the project. Accordingly, the measurements may vary by up to 5%. All variations must, however, be justified and explained by the designer.