The site was totally empty, there was nothing and everything needed to be done. The project is inserted into the bigger masterplan for the Granada University Campus, located close to the southern ring of the city. We had the chance and, at the same time, the challenge to work with landscapes in different scales, to create a hinge between the territory and the city, between the meadow and the patios of the city.

The planning of the new Campus of Health Sciences creates the opportunity to articulate a new relation between the city with its local dynamics and the territorial and metropolitan dynamics. The location of this piece of territory consolidates a new central point that will create new tensions in the current metropolitan and urban reality and qualify this intervention as a joint between the urban scale and the human one.

In the surroundings there are a residential neighborhood and a technological park to be consolidated, a highway, and finally in the background the “Sierra Nevada” mountains, a landscape not always visible from the city.

The project came up from an international competition for the planning of the New campus of Health Sciences in Granada. Into this mark, the project for the Faculty of Health Sciences saves a space on its top for public and collective uses. It’s a space for connection and recreation that gives back to the city the space occupied by the building.

We designed a garden rooftop with aromatic plants that offers not only the free space not available in the building, but also a space open to the public. It is an hybrid space which can be considered a place for leisure, recreation but teaching too, a space that offers an intermediate scale between the public and the “common” practice, an enclosed place to offer and share, a stage for relations.

Since that in the budget includes the construction of the building, the cost estimation, deducting the structural and technical issues is about 550000 euros.

The designed space has a longitudinal proportion and it is about 19 m of width and 85 m of length. In the western part it is located a tower with a shadows zone generated by a porch that gives the entry to the cafeteria and to the tower.

In this part the height of the walls that limit the side of the space is about 3 m, so the entry of the tower is protected and enclosed by medium scale elements.

While we go toward the Eastern part, the boundary walls gradually descend until they become a sort of balcony above the Campus and the Sierra Nevada. In this way, while we move forward, the space opens