

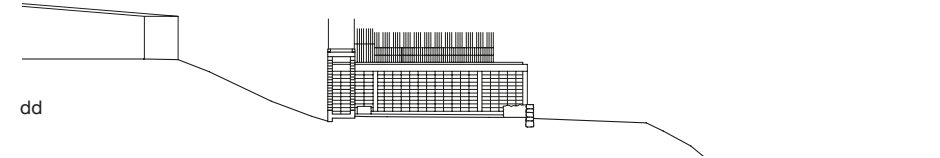
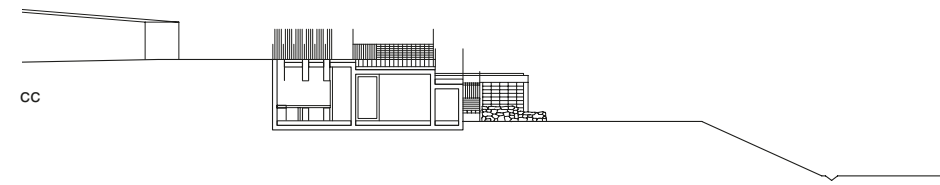
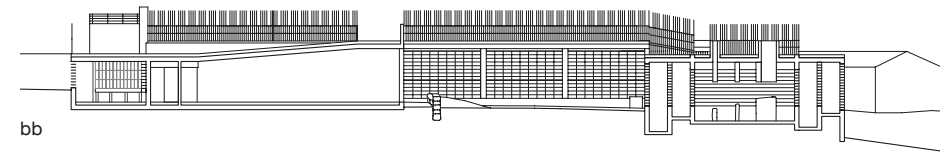
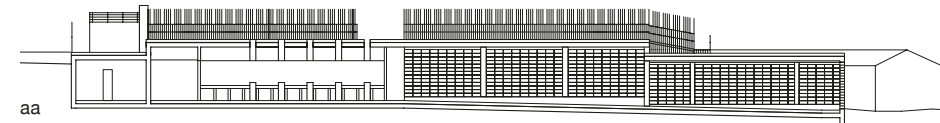
Museum of Archaeology in Seró

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In 2007, in the course of drainage work, fragments of megalithic stelae were discovered in the Catalan province of Lleida. The museum built to house these objects is situated on the outskirts of the nearby village of Seró. There it will become an integral part of community life and the surrounding built fabric, which consists largely of functional agricultural structures embedded in the terraced topography. The museum was constructed with only three visible materials, which at first sight lend it a rough appearance. The bays of the concrete skeleton frame are filled with red brickwork. The pavings consist of bricks and brick chippings, and the balustrades and gratings are made of rusted reinforcing steel. In the Wine Room, empty corked bottles were inserted in the

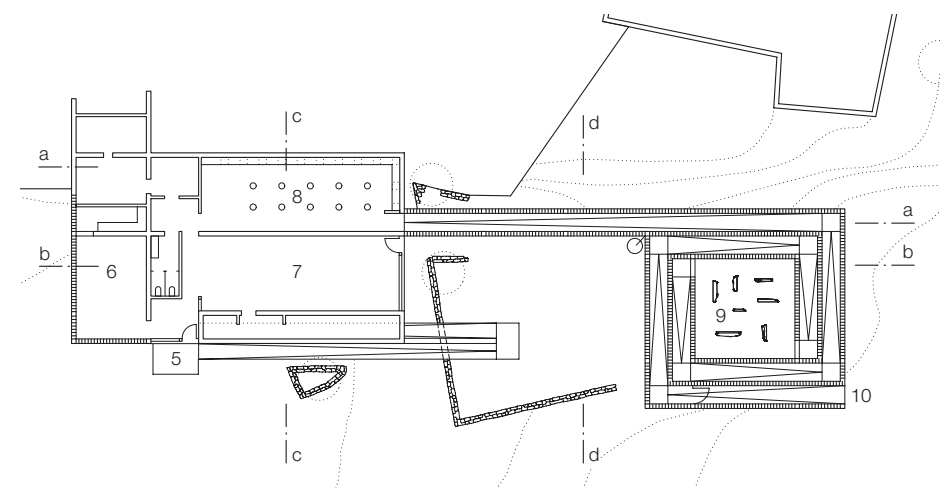
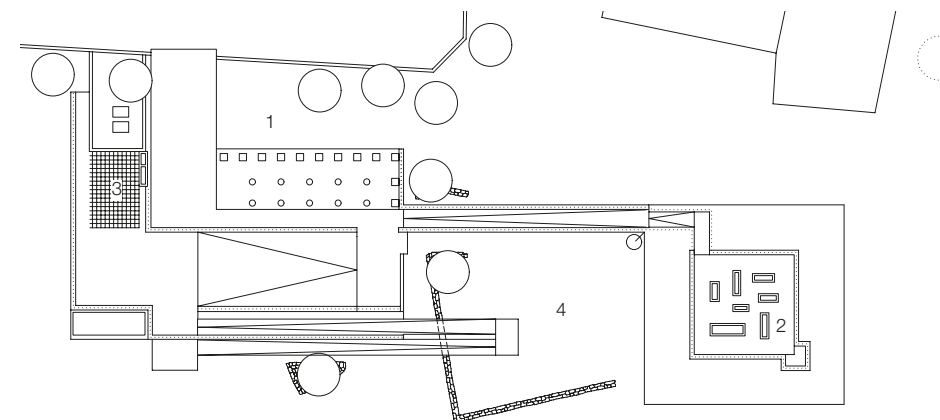
openings of the cored brick facade, creating a simple form of glazing for the winter months. In summer, individual bottles can be removed to allow ventilation. The exhibition begins with a space containing display panels and smaller objects in showcases, all illuminated by cylindrical light fittings suspended from the ceiling. Visitors then proceed along a labyrinthine corridor to a room with the 4,800-year-old stelae. Here, wind and mist are perceptible through the layers of the cored brick walls. On leaving this central space on the opposite side, the labyrinthine route continues in the reverse direction to the exit and comes to an end in a cornfield.

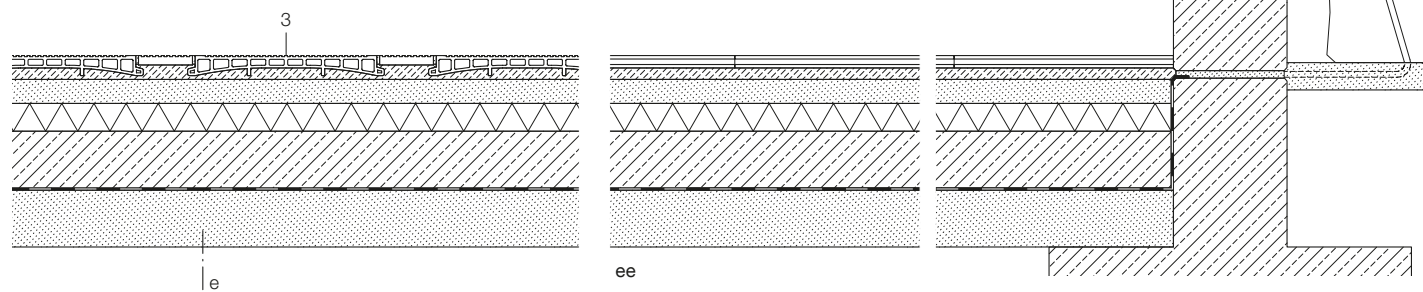
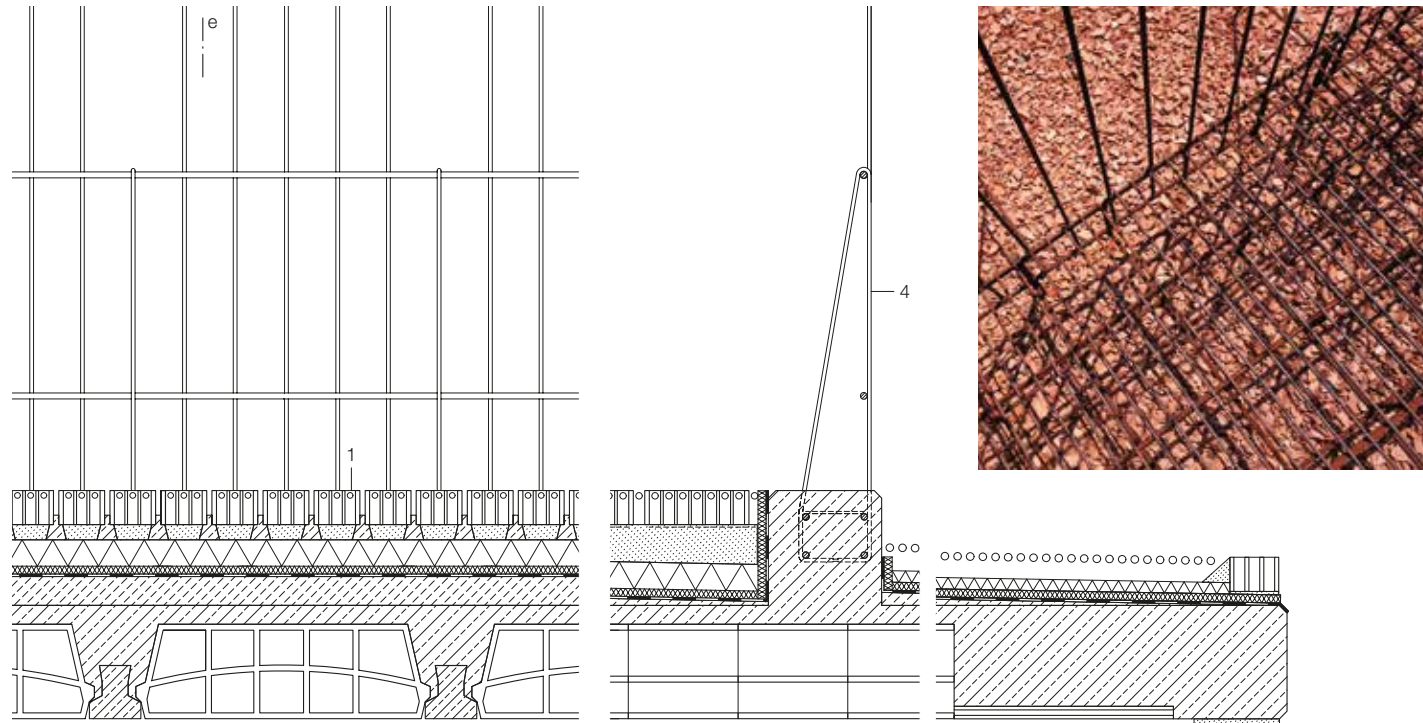




Sections / Floor plans
scale 1:500

- 1 Parking area
- 2 Platform with view to excavation site
- 3 Bench with planted pergola
- 4 Orchard with existing stone wall
- 5 Entrance
- 6 Wine Room, ticket office, tea kitchen
- 7 Multipurpose space, lecture hall
- 8 Background information to exhibition
- 9 Room with stelae
- 10 Exit





Vertical sections
scale 1:20

- 1 90/120/270 mm cored bricks laid in fine brick chippings on pads of Portland cement with coarse brick chippings between
- 2 bottle rack: 220/230/540 mm cored bricks
Ø 80/220 mm glass bottle in 10 mm polyethylene-foam sleeve with silicone seal
- 3 25/150/280 mm and 50/520/280 mm brick tile pavings with irregular surface in bed of mortar bed of Ø 12 mm chippings
80 mm extruded polystyrene thermal insulation
150 mm concrete floor slab
sealing layer on compacted earth
- 4 balustrade: Ø 16–40 mm steel reinforcing rods
- 5 80 mm bed of fine brick chippings; studded drainage layer; sealing layer; concrete to falls
280 mm concrete and cored-brick composite slab
- 6 balustrade: Ø 16–40 mm steel reinforcing rods
- 7 90/120/270 mm cored bricks; fine brick chippings; coarse brick chippings; studded drainage layer; neoprene sealing layer; concrete to falls; 280 mm reinf. conc. with roughcast finish
- 8 12 mm lam. safety glass point bedded in silicone
- 9 roof light: 90/120/270 mm cored brickwork, painted white internally
- 10 10 mm sheet steel, painted white internally
- 11 corridor flooring: coarse brick chippings
- 12 bottle rack: 220/230/540 mm cored bricks
- 13 flooring in central space: 50 mm bed of fine brick sand; 200 mm reinf. conc.
sealing layer on compacted earth
- 14 megalithic stela on flint chippings
- 15 wooden wedges

