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Illustration, above: Benthem Crouwel. All photos: © Sedus

The central, architectural element of the "etrium" is an atrium, which serves as the foyer and as a source of light and ventilation. The building meets the passive-house criteria and, even at extreme temperatures, active air-conditioning is dispensed with in the headquarters of the energy company. Architects Benthem Crouwel divided the meeting areas into rooms facing the atrium. In the outer zone of the square building, there are single, double and triple offices for around 150 employees. The offices are connected by a central corridor which encourages informal and spontaneous meetings and offers comfortable seating facilities.



Conference room as seen from the atrium.

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In the corridors of the three floors, spontaneous discussions and informal meetings take place where there is furniture for standing and sitting. As in the offices, **netwin** office chairs are used here. In the offices, they were combined with the **relations** desk range. In the conference and meeting area, the **netwin** cantilever chair can be seen.

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teamentable conference and meeting table with central cable outlet. **netwin** cantilever chairs with characteristic membrane on the backrest are used for seating.