

This newsletter provides you with a short update on what is happening with regard to Active House. Please visit www.activehouse.info for more information on Active House cases, projects, events and news. Here you can also upload a pamphlet describing the Active House vision and parameters.

ACTIVE HOUSE SYMPOSIUM IN BRUSSELS 24 MARCH 2010

The first international Active House symposium was held in Brussels during the European Sustainable Energy Week organized by the EU Commission. More than 50 different conferences took place in Brussels and several focused on buildings.

See the full detailed programme, presentations and photos from the symposium [here...](#)

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO BUILDING

"We need to acknowledge that indoor climate is about a lot more than measuring the dose of various pollutants. We have to start with the human being rather than benchmarks", said Dr. Philomena M. Bluyssen (Netherlands), when giving her presentation at the Active House symposium in Brussels on 24 March. Bluyssen and the four other speakers, Henrik Sørensen (Denmark), David H. Cook (UK), Christian Cardonnel (France) and Renate Hammer (Austria) all agreed that a more holistic approach to building is needed if the Active House visions are to become reality on a larger scale. This goes not only for the way we look at indoor climate, but also for the building process. Architects, engineers and other professionals must communicate better and improve integration of the different parts of the process, the panellists agreed.

Read the following three thematic articles at www.activehouse.info:

- [The holistic approach...](#)
- [The building process - new ways of collaborating...](#)
- [Making sustainability about possibilities...](#)

JOIN THE ACTIVE HOUSE ALLIANCE

An alliance of companies and private persons who will support the development of Active Houses is currently being established.

The purpose of an alliance is to coordinate and initiate the development of Active House through development of guidelines for Active Houses and organisation of conferences, workshops etc.

The alliance will be kicked off at an assembly meeting to be held before the summer holidays this year. Interested companies and persons will be involved in the initial start-up.

Join the Alliance: If you would like to support the development of an alliance you can register [here...](#) and mark yourself as interested partner for the alliance.

DEFINING THE KEY PARAMETERS FOR DEVELOPING ACTIVE HOUSES

The Active House vision defines highly ambitious long term goals for the future building stock. The purpose of the vision is to unite interested parties based on a balanced and holistic approach to building design and performance, and to facilitate cooperation on e.g. building projects, product development, research initiatives and performance targets that can move us further towards the vision.

An Active House is evaluated on the basis of the interaction between the three key parameters: Energy, Indoor Climate and Environment.

The three parameters are described at www.activehouse.info and in the Active House Vision pamphlet. Within the next three months a more detailed description of the individual key parameters will be developed and draft proposals will be available at www.activehouse.info where you are invited to provide comments.

SEE NEW ACTIVE HOUSE CASES

See the latest Active House cases:

- [Lumina House, Poland...](#)
- [Solar Prism, Denmark...](#)
- [Solar ActiveHouse, Austria...](#)

If you know of any relevant cases, reports and studies that show the development towards Active House, you are welcome to upload them directly at www.activehouse.info.

