# **ACTIVE HOUSE NEWSLETTER**

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This newsletter provides you with a short update on the latest developments related to Active House. Visit www.activehouse.info for more information on Active House cases, projects, events and news.

### **MEMBERS**

The number of companies that have signed the Letter of Intent is growing and now we have more than 30 participants, representing the complete supply chain of the construction sector. All companies who have signed the Letter of Intent have an influence on developments. They are all invited to give comments as well as participate in the General Assembly. The General Assembly will be organized during the sustainable energy week in Brussels in week 13, starting with Monday, March 28, 2011.

See a complete list of alliance members at <a href="http://www.activehouse.info/network/alliance-partners">http://www.activehouse.info/network/alliance-partners</a>

#### ACTIVE HOUSE SPECIFICATIONS UP FOR DEBATE ON WWW.ACTIVEHOUSE.INFO

The Active House specifications were presented at the conference "World Climate Solutions" in September. Since then a number of comments have been given. Many have asked us to divide the specifications into two-three different levels in order to give the designers the possibility of designing Active Houses on different levels. Others have asked us to "keep things simple" and strengthen the focus on a few very important topics. The comments received will be used to evaluate the specifications. In order to open up for shorter comments on a more general level, a blog has been set up at activehouse.info. Here you can share your short and general comments. The blog will be open until the end of January 2011. According to plan, the revised specifications will be published in week 13, 2011. Participate in the debate on the blog at http://activehouse.info/vision/specification-work-progress

# THE ACTIVE HOUSE ALLIANCE

On November 29, 2010, Hunter Douglas hosted a small Active House Alliance task force meeting with the purpose of identifying the short and medium term activities. It was agreed to focus on three main activities within the next months:

1) General Assembly in April 2011 2) Specifications for Active House. 3) Development of the alliance

These main activities will be coordinated between the task force members. For further info please contact: mikkel.skott.olsen@activehouse.info

## **ACTIVE HOUSE AT THE ZERO10 CONFERENCE IN NORWAY**

Active House participated at the annual Zero Emission Conference on November 22-23 in Oslo. The conference was organized by the Norwegian environmental foundation Zero Emission Resource Organization (ZERO) and focused on the development and promotion of workable solutions to combat global warming. The exhibition displayed at the conference was equal to the one used at the World Climate Solutions in September. The exhibition is available for other conferences as well. For questions about the possibility of using the exhibition, please contact activehouse@activehouse.info

# **OTHER ACTIVE HOUSE ACTIVITIES**

CENERGIA participates in a European (FP7) application for development of buildings on Active House level. The VELUX Group has opened two experiment projects in Austria and Germany. Both projects are examples of buildings at Active House level, and they will be open for visitors in the coming months. SBR in Holland has organized an Active House conference with focus on experiences in the field of sustainable buildings. CENERGIA participates in a European (FP7) application for development of buildings on Active House level. The VELUX Group has opened two experiment projects in Austria and Germany. Both projects are examples of buildings at Active House level, and they will be open for visitors in the coming months. SBR in Holland has organized an Active House conference with focus on experiences in the field of sustainable buildings. During the Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham an Active House debate with the title 'The New Housing Stock - can we strike a balance between zero-carbon targets and our lifestyles?' was organized. The Active House Alliance and UIA has signed a memorandum of understanding. Read more at www.activehouse.info.

# **VIDEO: PANEL DISCUSSIONS AT WORLD CLIMATE SOLUTIONS**

On September 29-30, 2010, the conference World Climate Solutions took place at the Bella Center in Copenhagen, Denmark. During the conference, Active House hosted two panel discussions and subsequent workshops. At the panel discussions politicians, companies and research institutes debated their expectations and requirements for future buildings and how the Active House Alliance could contribute to the development. Watch video clips from the debates at http://activehouse.info/knowledge/videopanel-discussions-world-climate-solutions

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