

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.

EcoBuild and General Assembly

On the 22nd of March 2012 at the ECO Build Event, the General Assembly of the Active House Alliance was held. 21 of the 46 members were present. All members had gotten the information in advance so the meeting itself went very smoothly. The agenda was about the agreement of the assembly for the activities and budget of last year and the years to come. Also the achievements of the Active House were mentioned:

- The first set of Specification's on Residential Buildings
- Russian sustainable architecture and building council bases green building standard on active house specification
- Active House in the media, the symposium and presence on exhibitions
- Register Alliance at Brussels
- Establish the secretariat
- Work groups have been established
- New website
- The growing interest of people joining the network on the website and/or newsletter and becoming a member.
- 6 houses that have used the Active House specifications chart

The General Assembly also agreed on the feeing structure for members, which will be € 10.000 for large companies, € 2.000 for SME Business, € 500 for non-profit interest groups and none for Knowledge and Research centers.

Launch of the new website

The new Active House website is online! Many thanks to Normann Sloth and his team for making it possible. Please take a look at it and let us know what you think. Send an e-mail to [Tiffany Fuhler](mailto:Tiffany.Fuhler@activehouse.info) with your thoughts. That way we can keep improving it.

New members since January 2012

We would like to welcome the following new members:

- [Framtidens Aktivhus](#)
- [National Bureau of Environmental Standards and Ratings](#)
- [Blyweert aluminium](#)
- [Zehnder Group](#)

In addition the Active House Alliance has signed a memorandum of understanding with [FISH clusters](#) (network for Future Industrialized Sustainable Construction & Urban Development) on testing the Active House specifications in specific constructions.





Copenhagen Towers

It is one of the greenest hotels in the world. It has been nominated for and won a wide range of prestigious environmental prizes. Some even before it was complete. It opened just prior to COP15 in 2009 in Copenhagen and immediately became a beacon of sustainability: [The Copenhagen Towers](#).



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Active House projects around the World

... in the Midwest of the USA



When David and Thuy Smith, members of the Active House Alliance, chose to live green, they didn't want to stick out like a green thumb among the nearly century-old homes in their Webster Groves neighborhood. "We don't want to have a funky house — just a glass globe or anything," David Smith, 37, said. "We want a nice, Midwestern house." It appears the couple will get their wish. Read their [story](#).

Active House the Netherlands to be pilot

The national organisation of Active House in the Netherlands is to be a pilot for how other countries can organise themselves and (officially) link themselves to the worldwide Active House Alliance and its network.

They are also busy with a Dutch translation of the specifications, the organisation of a symposium and increasing the number of participants. At the moment Active House the Netherlands has 16 enthusiastic participants

Framtidens Aktivhus ready for testing and demonstration

[Framtidens Aktivhus](#) in Norway opened in March and was visited by a television team from the national broadcaster TV Norge. The program "Herlige Hjem" was broadcasted on Kanal Fem and TV Norge. It is possible to see extracts from the program [here](#) (in Norwegian).

Russian green building standard based on Active House specification

Russian Sustainable Architecture and Building Council ([RSABC](#)) has developed a Russian standard and a rating system for family houses. They are based on the parameters from Active House Specification and use requirement and measurement methods from the Russian Building Regulation. [Read more](#).

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