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News



Welcome!

We would like to welcome [makeArchitecture](#) from the United States to the Active House Alliance. William Huchting, director, comments: "We think that Active House is a better sustainable choice because it gives credence to the fact that our dwellings are more than the sum of technical requirements or a checklist. It is an integrated system that takes daylighting, design and a low carbon footprint with equal concern. A great deal more to follow. Please stay tuned..."

BUILD UP

Since January we are a partner of [BUILD UP](#). The BUILD UP web portal is intended to reap the benefits of Europe's collective intelligence on energy reduction in buildings for all relevant audiences. It will bring together new practitioners and professional associations while motivating them to exchange best working practices and knowledge and to transfer tools and resources. The BUILD UP initiative was established by the [European Commission](#) in 2009 to support EU Member States in implementing the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD).



Events

General Assembly

All members of the Alliance are invited to join us for the [General Assembly on the 4th of March in London](#) from 14:00 till 15:00 hrs. We have a special guest speaker: James Drinkwater, from the World Green Building Council. He will present a Business case for Green Buildings and WorldGBC's activities on health, productivity and wellbeing. If you have any questions, please contact the secretariaat at secretariat@activehouse.info. We look forward to seeing you in London.

AIVC Workshop: Quality of Methods for Measuring Ventilation and Air Infiltration in Buildings

Brussels 18-19 March 2014

The Active House Alliance will be participating with a paper on [Ventilative cooling of residential buildings: Strategies](#), measurement results and lessons learned from three active houses in Austria, Germany and Denmark.

From the Alliance

The strategy 2014-2016 has been finalized and a work program for 2014 has been initiated. The strategy will focus on growth of the alliance with more attention for the construction sector and market development within the alliance. The main activities for 2014 will be:



Specification for AH office buildings

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, it is the intention to develop a specification for office buildings based on the Active House vision. The work will be carried out in workgroups within the alliance and members are invited to join the workgroup where relevant. It is the intention to have it implemented by the end of 2014

Classification of AH projects

It is the intention to develop a simple classification system for Active House buildings. Architects and especially realtors are expressing a need for a system to classify Active Houses, so that they can be compared more easily. We expect to have this implemented by November 2014.

Guidelines for building an Active House

These guidelines will become a concept guide on how to build a residential Active House. What to do to realize an optimal Active House? The guidelines are basically meant for architects, but also for developers and engineers they can be useful. The guidelines are planned to be finalized and presented at the conference Sustainable Building in Barcelona in October.

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