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## Highlights

### Join the Active House Symposium

On 27 and 28 September, the Active House Symposium will take place at Green Solution House, winner of the 2016 Active House label competition. You will have the chance to discover the characteristics of this unique building complex and see how the Active House principles were applied.

The event will bring together experts on the field, renowned architects and designers to discuss on the latest Active House applications. Participants can join thematic breakout sessions, and update on the Active House Work Group, and network across international as well as national members. There will also be an award ceremony for the winner of the label award 2017, and diplomas for new verifiers.

You can register to the symposium through the dedicated webpage [here](#).

Price: 150€ from members, 250 € for non-members ( cost includes: 1,5 day conference fee; 2 x lunch, 1 dinner)

Travel and accommodations costs must be arranged and paid individually. For further info check the [Active House Symposium webpage](#).

The 5<sup>th</sup> Active House Symposium in partnership with Green Building Council Denmark ([DK-GBC](#))

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### Active House at the Nordic Green Light Conference in Budapest

The Active House Alliance took part to the Nordic Green light conference in Budapest where the Alliance was invited by VELUX A/S and the Hungarian Green Building Council. The panel included representatives from Hungarian Green Building Council as well as representatives from the municipality of Budapest, Skanska, Lindab and ABUD a national architect company as well as the Active House Alliance.

The debate focused on how the Hungarian construction sector could strengthen the focus on sustainable buildings and several good ideas were discussed. The panel agreed among others on the holistic view where all recognized that it was important to include the human aspect into city development as well as within building design. The panel discussed indoor

comfort and agreed it was an important parameter for sustainable building design. The panel were moderated by Mr. Gábor Radvány, Futureal Group, who secured a good dialog between the panelists and the audience.



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## Active House renewed its partnership with BUILD UP

In May Active House and BUILD UP renewed its partnership and will now work together closer in showcasing good practices and successful building projects. *“BUILD UP is delighted to foster knowledge exchange and good practices among European experts and this is what a renewed partnership with Active House is about.”* - BUILD UP communication responsible Isabelle Maurizi commented.

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).

The interfaces of our cooperation will have a special focus on the Active House Label and the related completion as well as on our upcoming Symposium in Denmark, where BUILD UP was invited to deliver a presentation on the effective use of its web portal. The portal intends to reap the benefits of Europe's collective intelligence on energy reduction in buildings and brings together new practitioners and professional associations while motivating them to exchange best working practices & knowledge and to transfer tools and resources.



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## Projects

### Introduction of Jury members in Active House Awards 2017

In April the Active House Alliance welcomed six well-recognised professionals to join the jury in the Active House Awards 2017 as follows: Prof. Marco Imperadori, Politecnico di Milano (Italy); Rory Bergin, HTA Design LLP (United Kingdom); Eileen Meyer, ActiveHouseItalia (Italy); Bas Hasselaar, SBRCURnet (The Netherlands); Shaun Joffe, Great Gulf Homes Limited & Brockport Home Systems (Canada); and Trine Richter, designer of Green House Solution – winner of Active House Awards 2016 (Denmark). Today we have the pleasure to introduce you our experts as follows.



**Marco Imperadori,**  
Professor,  
Politecnico di  
Milano, Italy

Marco Imperadori is professor of Politecnico di Milano – Lecco Campus, owners of the chair of Technological Design and Innovation and Rector’s Deputy for internationalization programs. He is also director of the research group on Smart-Eco Buildings. His research has always been concentrated on buildings environmental sustainability and on innovation based on industrialized dry stratified technologies, constantly applied in his works.



**Rory Bergin Arch**  
MSc, Partner,  
Sustainable  
Futures, HTA  
Architects, England

Rory Bergin joined HTA as an architect in 1993 and became an associate in 1999, and a partner in 2013. In 2007 he formed HTA's Sustainable Futures unit. Rory and his team are responsible for the sustainability consultancy on some of the UK's highest profile housing projects. Rory sits in the Active House Advisory Committee.



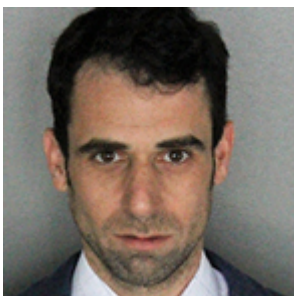
**Eileen Meyer,**  
Architect,  
ActiveHouseItalia,  
Italy

Eileen Meyer is architect, cofounder and Vice President of ActiveHouseItalia besides being a certified Active House verifier. She is also certified Passive House Designer and Planner. Eileen keeps on looking for new building solutions that satisfies the sustainability part of constructions and a social approach of urban planning. Since 2017, she is an observer in the Active House Board of Directors.



**Bas Hasselaar,**  
PHD, Architect,  
SBRCURnet,  
Netherlands

Bas Hasselaar is an architect and works as a project manager at SBRCURnet, knowledge institute for the building industry. His mission is to create a healthier and more sustainable environment. Bas was the chief editor of the Active House Guidelines and also translated them to Dutch. Since 2017, he is a board member of Active House Netherlands and Active House International. He is currently building his own Active House.



**Shaun Joffe,**  
Executive Director,  
Sustainability &  
Building Sciences,  
Great Gulf, Canada

Shaun Joffe is an executive with more than 15 years of experience in the building industry



**Trine Richter,**  
Managing Director,  
Green Solution  
House, Denmark

Trine Richter, former financial advisor in risk management, has developed the Green Solution

ranging from Site Management to Global Building Initiatives including the First Certified Active House in the World.

He leads a high performing team to implement new building standards for one of North America's premier real estate organizations, the [Great Gulf Group of Companies](#).

Since 2017, Shaun is a member of the Active House Board of Directors.

House project to a groundbreaking hotel and conference center called [Hotel GSH](#).

Hotel GSH shows a holistic approach to sustainability and demonstrates the architectural and operational solutions of tomorrow – today!

Find out more about the Active House Label Awards [here](#).

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## **Become a certified Active House verifier for sustainable building projects in your country!**

Active House has recently launched its programme for Label verifiers to assess national projects and on behalf of the Alliance issue Active House Labels to sustainable buildings that have been built in line with our values. The verification of an Active House radar, which is compulsory to issue the Label, includes an examination of the completeness, plausibility, consistency and transparency of the calculations and the project report.

In order to extend the number of verifiers and simplify the national Label-awarding process, the Alliance is now organising introductory webinars, where both members as well as interested third parties can participate free of charge. The webinars are introduction 1 & 2 to the Active House tools & guidelines: on 8 June (12.30-16.30) and on 13 June (12.30-16.30).

For those who wish to continue and achieve the verifier diploma, a presentation sessions takes place on 26 September the day before the Symposium at Green Solution House in Bornholm. This is to become an Active House verifier. At the exam the candidates present the calculation of two building projects. Contact us if you would like to participate.

The next round of webinars will be scheduled for autumn with a view to set up an exam session at the Active House General Assembly in spring 2018.





Should you be interested in participating to the introductory webinar on the Active House tools & guidelines, please contact the Secretariat at [secretariat@activehouse.info](mailto:secretariat@activehouse.info).

## Policy updates

### Active House Policy Working Group updates

On 15 May the Active House held its upcoming Policy Workgroup (PW) meeting. At the meeting the participants agreed on how to advocate best the EU institutions on the ongoing review of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) by sharing their experiences with special regard to indoor air quality in buildings.

Also, the group had a preparation session ahead of the Alliance's participation to the 9th Citizens' Energy Forum in London on 30-31 May, where Chair of the PW, Kurt Emil Eriksen has been invited by the European Commission to join the panel debate on 'Encouraging active consumers through new products and services'. The debate will focus on consumers' responsibility in the building renovation process and the measures that could trigger awareness on the topic among consumers.

Next PW meeting is scheduled for 26 May.

Should you be interested in more details about the ongoing work of the WP, please contact the Chair of the Working Group at: [kurt.emil.eriksen@activehouse.info](mailto:kurt.emil.eriksen@activehouse.info).

## Timeline

**9th Citizens' Energy Forum, 30-31 May 2017**

*London, UK*

"Engaged energy consumers - Clean Energy for All Europeans"

*Including Session on "Encouraging active consumers through new products and services"*



- 7 juni **Van der Valk Veenendaal**
- 8 juni **Evolution Eindhoven**
- 14 juni **Van der Valk Zwolle**
- 15 juni **Van der Valk Ridderkerk**



**Healthy Buildings Europe 2017 (HB Europe 2017)**

**Lublin, Poland**

**02 Jul 2017 - 05 Jul 2017**

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DESIGN TO THRIVE  
PLEA**



**Edinburgh conference 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**





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