



Active House welcomes RCAST as its newest member



The Active House Alliance is honoured to welcome the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (RCAST), part of the University of Tokyo as one of its new academic members.

RCAST was established in 1987 with the aim "to contribute to the development of science and technology by expeditiously taking on new challenges arising from the advancement of science and coincident changes in society, and by exploring new areas of advanced science and technology for the benefit of humankind and society."

The research centre comprises more than 40 eponymous labs for a wide variety of specialized fields, which are pursuing advanced research in science and technology as well as in social sciences and the field of barrier-free research.

Active House General Assembly goes ONLINE!

Invitation



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As some of you will recall we had originally planned to meet in Milan for the Active House General Assembly and combine it with a chance to see some of the amazing buildings in the city. Unfortunately, this will not be possible with Covid-19 having put Milan in a difficult situation and making travel difficult. We are of course very sorry that we will not be able to visit beautiful Italy.

Therefore, this year's General Assembly will be held online. We hope that this change of plans will allow as many of you as possible to join us for a good discussion on the state of the Active House Alliance.

During this year's General Assembly we will discuss the agenda below:

Part 1 – General Assembly

- Welcome by the secretary general; appointment of conductor for the Assembly
- Presentation and approval of the annual report.
- Presentation and approval of the annual financial statements.
- Presentation of budget and major activities for 2020.
- Presentation and approval of membership fee for 2020.
- Election of members of the Board of Directors and the Board Advisory Committee
- Discharge to be given to the Directors, the Board Advisory Committee and, if any, to the statutory auditor, auditor or external accountant.

Part 2 - Discussion on the future of the Alliance

- Presentation by Prof. Marco Imperadori: Active House approach in Education and Research
- Presentation by the national Active House alliances on the local activities
- Any other business

The 2020 General Assembly will take place at:

- 12 May 2020: 15:00-17:00 (GMT+2)

How to make homeworking comfortable



As the coronavirus is spreading across the globe, more and more people are confined to remain indoors or work from home.

In order to transform our homes into a comfortable working and living environment, our Active House Alliance member, Renson has some useful tips on its [website](#) that we are summarizing below:

- Transform your space: it is important to have a cosy and comfortable space available, which will improve the concentration and efficiency during work. It is also necessary to bring some atmosphere into the room, for example, with plants, because that provides mental peace and inspiration.
- Adequate ventilation: sufficient oxygen is not only important for concentration; it also ensures that at the end of the day nobody is left with a headache or a migraine.
- Don't forget to relax: in these times, not only physical health is important, mental health and well-being are also decisive.

Active House member presents recommendations for an economic recovery based on sustainable buildings



Active House member BPIE has developed a set of recommendations for all stakeholders which could support economic recovery post COVID-19 and trigger a renovation wave and achieve climate-neutrality for Europe's building stock by 2050.

If designed and resourced properly, the renovation wave will:

- Stimulate local economies, while supporting societal cohesion and healthier living conditions.
- Support the achievement of climate goals and a just transition.
- Create new and better jobs along the construction value chain, and new economic dynamics in supporting services and industries on a regional and local basis.
- Improve the quality of our buildings and the indoor environment, reducing health problems related to poor building standards.
- Create investment opportunities in long-term real estate assets which provide better and healthier living and working conditions for people.

The renovation wave is a unique chance to drive innovation and create new opportunities in the building sector while making European buildings fit for climate neutrality and creating better living conditions for all Europeans.

You can read the full set of recommendations from BPIE [here](#)

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