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Residents and users of sustainable buildings open their doors The Passive House Days, 9-11 November 2012



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Passive House first-hand.

Darmstadt, October 2012 – Affordable, comfortable, environmentally friendly - Passive House embodies the best in sustainable building. The Passive House Days, taking place internationally from 9-11 November, provides the perfect opportunity for anyone wishing to see this first-hand. For this event, hundreds will open exemplary buildings constructed to this intelligent building standard to the general public. Those with experience in such buildings can pass their expertise on to interested visitors taking advantage of the event to actually experience

Whether residential, office building, kindergarten or swimming pool, there are very few restrictions as to the type of building and building use possible with the Passive House Standard. During the second weekend in November, buildings of almost all types will be open for viewing. With more than 40000 Passive House units in existence globally, Passive House has come a long way since the completion of the prototype more than 20 years ago. This successful concept is becoming increasingly popular.

"Excellent indoor air quality, consistently pleasant temperatures and affordable energy costs guaranteed over the long term: these are the advantages to be gained by building owners and investors," explains Dr. Wolfgang Feist, Director of the Passive House Institute and co-initiator of the Passive House Days.

Besides being cost-effective, this building standard also minimises impact on the environment. On account of the excellent level of insulation and a ventilation system with heat recovery, Passive House buildings can do without conventional heating and cooling systems. The potential savings in energy costs, in contrast with buildings requiring active conditioning, are often greater than 90 percent. "With Passive House, it is possible to manage real estate in a sustainable way and thus contribute significantly to the energy revolution, even today", states Feist.

The Passive House Days, supported by the EU Commission's Intelligent Energy Programme through the PassREg project (www.passreg.eu), are an initiative of the International Passive House Association (iPHA) and its worldwide affiliates.

Information about Passive Houses in specific regions open for viewing from 9-11 November 2012 can be found online at www.passivehouse-international.org. Should you have any questions, the International Passive House Association will be pleased to provide further assistance.

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