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### AlpHouse - Final Year



In 2012 AlpHouse is going in its final year. Last year the implementation of AlpHouse Training modules started in 9 pilot regions for our target groups craftsmen, architects and decision makers.

Additionally, events and workshops for stakeholders took place in order to support and disseminate the idea of our Approach: How can local SMEs enhance their competitiveness by using knowledge on vernacular (traditional) alpine architecture for energy efficient renovation of alpine buildings of all ages?

Last months work showed that „smart strategies“ for good quality renovations will be an important task for the future. These address the alpine building stock and a sustainable alpine building culture in the wider framework of the development and competitiveness of the manifold unique alpine regions and sub-regional territories.

### Status of the Project Implementation

By now the work packages „Renovation oriented Analysis“ (WP 4) and „Editing and Conception of AlpHouse Training Modules“ (WP 5) have been successfully closed.

The [Report on WP 4](#) by Bavarian Chamber of Architects and Technical University of Munich, Studio iSpace and Energy Institute Vorarlberg stressed the following theses:

- There is rising awareness for the value of alpine building stock, and it is

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- necessary to rise more so that we can face the challenges of territorial competitiveness and energy efficiency. In this way we can preserve and develop a regionally differentiated and sustainable building culture.
- Therefore we also need specific regional and local expertise and a sensitisation of the public.
  - There is a demand for spatial strategies in all scales, from single settlements down to details and up to larger territories. This calls for a new culture of planning interfaces.
  - We have to combine „Material culture“ (Richard Sennett) with state of the art technology, integrating vernacular technologies and materials and the wisdom of repairing.
  - Target-group specific strategies for transferring knowledge - by media communication as well as by educational offers - strengthen the relationship between the actors and their unique regions as well as the bonds between the target groups.

For laying the ground for a broad pool of knowledge on renovations, the AlpHouse approach and spatial strategies for renovations and energy efficiency in all scales, the results of work packages 5 and 6 („Implementation“) will lead to a „collection of training modules“ which will be available by March 2012 on the AlpHouse homepage.

This enables interested educational institutions to gain information on trainings in demand for craftsmen, architects, planners and decision makers.

Please also have a look on [www.alphouse.eu](http://www.alphouse.eu) for the latest news and information.

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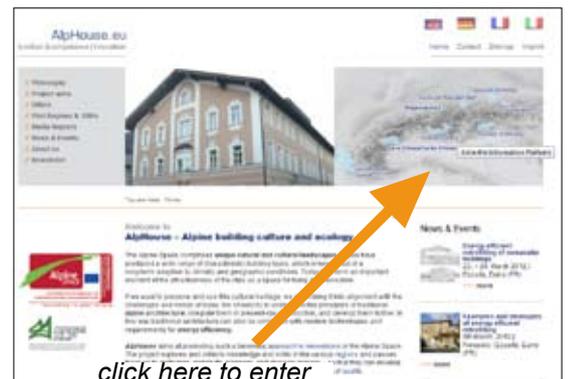
## Research Studio Austria Studio iSpace Information Platform

To get a general idea of the analysed regions and the results of this analysis, please have a look at the information platform on our website [www.alphouse.eu](http://www.alphouse.eu).

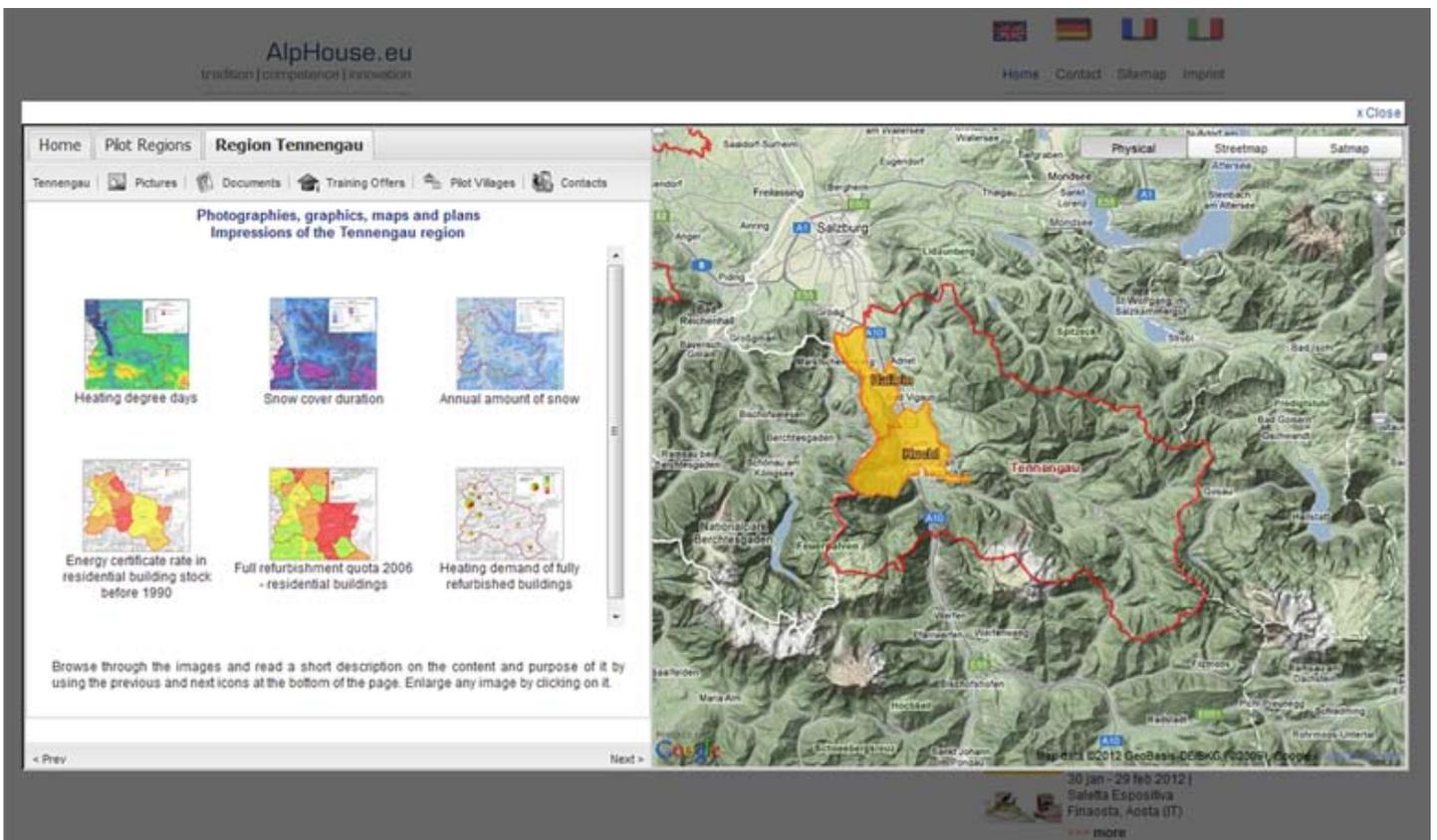
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By a click on the map at the front page of the website the platform will open. Select a region and navigate through, taking a look at pictures, maps and also parts of the original analysis documents on the region and on the analysed villages and buildings. You can read about the regional education offers that are provided by AlpHouse and write to contact persons in case you have any further questions.

We hope you will enjoy exploring!



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the platform*



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## Chamber of Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria

### Internationale Handwerksmesse in Munich

AlpHouse will be presented at this leading fair for international crafts by the Chamber of Crafts, the Building Academy Salzburg and the Bavarian Chamber of Architects.



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On the IHM fair you can visit the AlpHouse fair stand and get information about the project and how to cooperate with AlpHouse. Our experts are there to answer your questions concerning the link of energy efficient renovation of alpine building stock and alpine building culture.

14.-20.3.2012 Munich, Germany  
Neue Messe München  
daily 9:30 - 18:00  
Visit us in hall A1 / 829

Wir setzen Maßstäbe.



Presentation on the main stage on Friday  
16.3.2012 16:00 - 16:20  
Invited Workshop  
15.3.2012 15:00-17:00

## Energy Institute of Vorarlberg

### Spring Trade Fair in Vorarlberg

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The Dornbirn Trade Fair will be the meeting point for the economic and social life in this extraordinary transnational region. One main issue will be link between construction and energy with a special focus on energy efficiency and renewable sources.

The Energy Institute of Vorarlberg and its four partners (Vorarlberger Illwerke, IG Passiv-



haus, Erneuerbare Energien, Vorarlberger Holzbaukunst) will show a quite exceptional fair stand: A model of a part of a village made out of a special material (board which contains wood) will host the different institutions. The slogan "We build our future" will be within reach.

All interested guest are invited to visit the trade fair.

29.3. - 01.4.2012 Dornbirn, Austria  
Exit Dornbirn Süd,  
Highway Feldkirch - Bregenz  
Visit us in hall 10

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## Regione Valle d'Aosta & COA Energia Finaosta

### Atelier AlpHouse

A series of events on rethinking the traditional alpine architecture in combination with ideas and projects for energy renovation.

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**30.1. - 29.2.2012 Aosta, Italy**

#### 1. Exhibition

You can see the AlpHouse Fair Stand and building models resulting from an AlpHouse workshop performed by Regione Veneto and the university of Venice. These will show you some examples of re-thinking vernacular architecture in a creative and „young“ way. The inauguration took place at 9.2.2012, with the presence of the President of the regional Council and the Councillor for Productive Activities.

*Sala espositiva "Finaosta iniziative"*  
*Via Festaz, 22 Open: 14:30 - 18:30*

**16.2. - 17.2.2012 Champorcher, Aosta, Italy**

**22.2. - 23.2.2012 Aosta, Italy**

#### 2. Workshop

for professionals (architects and planners, engineers, surveyors) will be organized in the AlpHouse pilot village of Champorcher and in Aosta. The module „House in context II“ will concern the renovation of a traditional alpine

building in its context (situated in the vernacular village named Ecreux).

**24.2.2012 Aosta, Italy**

#### 3. Conference

This one-day conference, open to the public, will discuss the rules of energy renovation of vernacular buildings through some projects or some guidelines already realized in some Alpine regions and countries.

The conference will also show the results of the workshop „Atelier AlpHouse“ to the public

*Cittadella dei giovani*

*Viale Garibaldi, 7*

*10:00 - 17:00*



## Neopolis

### AlpHouse Trainings in France

Two AlpHouse trainings will take place in France in March. They will deal with the topic of energy efficiency in the retrofitting of vernacular buildings in the Rhône Alps region.

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**8.3.2012 Eurre, France**

#### Training for local deciders and municipality technicians

A training session is planned for local deciders and municipality technicians who aim at supporting and supervising the different phases of retrofitting operations in their communities. The administrative, financial and technical aspects of renovation will be presented through examples, slideshow and discussions.

**23.3 - 24.3.2012 Eurre, France**

#### Training for SMEs

A training session for SMEs will introduce the materials and techniques of retrofitting adapted to vernacular buildings as well as the specificities and principles of this particular type of building. Jean-Pierre Oliva, an expert of vernacular building and ecological retrofitting, will lead the training session.

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Chamber of Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria  
Education Center Traunstein  
**Lime Colour Course in Traunstein**

This training for painters, plasterers, architects and planners on lime colour and lime surfaces will take place in Traunstein in March 2012.

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*March 2012 Traunstein, Germany*  
**Training for painters, plasterers, architects and planners**

Lime is approved as a building material since centuries. It has various positive properties. The course is aiming at showing an overview about various applications and various ways of processing of lime colours. This course is based on the module „Lime plaster“ and gives intensive training on working on architectural surfaces with lime colour

theoretical and practical. Lime plaster and lime plaster provide a large scale of application opportunities e.g. fresco, stucco or sgraffito. More detailed information and invitation for the course will be provided on the AlpHouse homepage soon. MBA Katrin Dullinger, Austria, will lead the course.



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## Building Academy Salzburg AlpHouse Qualification Module - Repair of Historic Architectural Surfaces

This 4-day restoration workshop was held in cooperation of the Austrian Federal Monuments Office in the Charterhouse Mauerbach.

*The Workshop took place in Mauerbach 23.-26. January 2012. more information on [www.alphouse.eu/Training-Offers-en.html](http://www.alphouse.eu/Training-Offers-en.html)*

At the workshop the most important historical architectural surfaces were presented and practical restoration measures were carried out. The project process in the architectural conservation was discussed and the main injury mechanisms and remedial measures were presented. 26 experts of various fields attended this workshop.

Part of the event was a discussion on „Craft and Conservation“ in cooperation with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce Austria and the Austrian Federal Monuments Office.



## Building Academy Salzburg AlpHouse Module Sgraffito - Old Craft Techniques

This seminar event at Lehrbauhof Salzburg provided a two day overview on theory and practice of this ancient traditional technique.

*The training took place on January 10th-11th in Salzburg, Austria. more information on [www.alphouse.eu/Training-Offers-en.html](http://www.alphouse.eu/Training-Offers-en.html)*

In every major Austrian town and also in many alpine regions sgraffitos are part of the decoration of houses. This technique uses different coloured layers of plaster that are applied over each other. Then ornaments or images (graffiare = scratch)

are scraped out of the plaster. Most of the time two layers of coloured plaster are used. The work has to be done in damp moist. When the top layer is dry enough, prefiguration of the desired ornaments can be started.



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## Chamber of Crafts for Munich and Upper Bavaria Building Academy Salzburg International Fair „Monumento“ in Salzburg

*The fair took place in  
Messezentrum Salzburg,  
12.-14. Januar 2012*

With the fair „Monumento“, the first time in Salzburg, an international platform for conservation, preservation, restoration and soil conservation was created and thus promoted the awareness of heritage preservation.

The motto of the fair was „Emotion & Material“ and the main topic for the first event 2012 was chosen „wood“. The project AlpHouse was presented by its own fair stand. The booth was visited by a large number of interested visitors which discussed with us about possibilities concerning (energetic) renovation of existing buildings and the needs for education on this sector.



## Regione Valle d'Aosta & COA Energia Finaosta AlpHouse on TV!

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The European project AlpHouse was the lead article of the “Direttamente Europa” programme broadcast on 13 January 2012.



In particular, the project AlpHouse was illustrated through the pilot building construction site “Clusaz”, a historic building that has been the site of an energy renovation plan. The video can be viewed online at the following link:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0OGvzkegKg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p0OGvzkegKg)

The new TV programme, produced by the Presidency of the Valle d'Aosta Region, is broadcast fortnightly on Fridays and offers a space for analyses in order to understand how the EU intervenes in the local reality of the Valle d'Aosta and it also illustrates the available opportunities.

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## Veneto Region

Department of urban and landscape planning

### Exhibition - Building Culture and Ecology in Alpine Settlements

*The exhibition took place  
in Selva di Cadore  
05.12.2011-5.01.2012*

Urban regeneration and enhancement of Alpine Cultural Heritage in the Province of Belluno. The took place in the Vittorino Cazzetta Museum in Selva di Cadore.



Exhibited works (1:200 settlement model; wood models of traditional houses and project sketches) illustrated different hypothesis for the architectural renovation and urban regeneration of two of the most beautiful and well preserved historical settlements of the Dolomites, the villages of L'Andria (Selva di Cadore) and Vinigo (Vodo di Cadore), both located in the Belluno Province. Materials and projects presented were developed through workshop activities undertaken

by the Urban and Landscape Department of the Veneto Region in collaboration with the University of Venice, Department of Architecture, the Belluno Architecture Foundation and the Belluno Forum of Architecture under the patronage of the Municipalities of Selva and Vodo di Cadore.



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