



## Press release

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### International Passive House Architecture Competition

#### Only seven weeks until 2014 Passive House Award submission deadline

*Darmstadt.* The examples of architecture enhanced by the Passive House Standard are many; particularly outstanding projects will be acknowledged with the 2014 Passive House Award. The award will illustrate just how beautifully designed extremely energy efficient buildings can be. For this year's award, urban planning projects will also be considered in addition to single buildings. A pre-requisite for entry is Passive House certification, whereby EnerPHit criteria will apply for refurbishments. With the energetic quality assured through certification, the assessment of submissions will focus solely on architectural design. Projects may be submitted through 30 September 2013.

An independent jury will judge the architectural integrity of the submitted projects. Depending on the entries received, the jury may also decide to certain award special recognitions, for example, for innovative designs, solutions for extreme climatic challenges or for convincing energy concepts. Winners will be personally honoured at the 2014 International Passive House Conference in Aachen as well as in a travelling poster exhibition shown at venues worldwide thereafter. This award presents a unique chance for architects, designers and Passive House Building Certifiers alike to promote their work and services in a very target-group oriented way.

In order to participate in the competition, projects must be certified as a Passive House building or EnerPHit refurbishment and registered in the International Passive House Association's Passive House Database ([www.passivehouse-database.org](http://www.passivehouse-database.org)) by the submission deadline. This applies for at least one representative building in the case of urban planning projects - whether for districts, entire streets or regions. For such

entries, the overall project may be in an early phase of development, in which case renderings illustrating the design of the finished project are encouraged.

The 2014 Passive House Award has been organised by the Passive House Institute ([www.passivehouse.com](http://www.passivehouse.com)) within the framework of the EU project, [PassREg](http://PassREg) - Passive House Regions with Renewable Energies ([www.passreg.eu](http://www.passreg.eu)), under the patronage of the German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development. Prize money will be determined by the jury based on the entries received as well as on the special recognitions awarded and total funding available from sponsors. Further information and the online submission form can be found at [www.passivehouse-award.org](http://www.passivehouse-award.org).

*For questions regarding the competition, please contact the International Passive House Association (iPHA: [info@passivehouse-international.org](mailto:info@passivehouse-international.org))*

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## 2010 Architecture Prize

The first Passive House Award took place in 2010 under the name of the *Architecture Prize*. Here a few of the finalists:



Multifamily building in Liebefeld, Switzerland (external view); © Peter Schürch, Halle 58 Architects, Bern



Multifamily building in Liebefeld, Switzerland (interior view); © Peter Schürch, Halle 58 Architects, Bern



Two new builds, one residential and one office building, in Hamburg-Ottensen, Germany; © Oliver Heissner, Hamburg, Germany



Office building and residence in Kasel, Germany; © Stein und Hemmes Architects



Single family house in Kaiserslautern, Germany; © Franz Josef Zimmermann, Planschmiede



Row house with common underground garage in Ulm, Germany; © Casa Nova, Planungs- und Wohnungsgesellschaft