

Press Invitation

International Passive House Conference 2015
Congress Center Leipzig, Messe-Allee 1
Press Conference: Friday 17 April, 12.00 p.m. (Room 9, Level 2)

Passive House Conference highlights solutions for sustainable energy future

International building experts to gather in Leipzig, Germany on 17 - 18 April 2015

Darmstadt. The successful transition to a sustainable energy future depends vitally on the building sector – more than a third of total energy is consumed in buildings. The International Passive House Conference 2015 will demonstrate how this consumption can be reduced significantly. Experts from all over the world will present their latest projects and approaches on 17 and 18 April at the Congress Center in the city of Leipzig. The patron of this event is the German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy, Sigmar Gabriel.

Press representatives are cordially invited to attend the Passive House Conference and the accompanying exhibition in Leipzig. A press conference will be held, at which the main Conference speakers will be available for questions and interviews. Press accreditation at: www.passivehouseconference.org/en/media

The International Passive House Conference 2015 will be inaugurated by Dr. Frank Heidrich, who is responsible for the promotion of energy efficiency in the building sector at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, and Philippe Moseley, who is working for the European Commission on sustainable concepts for new builds and retrofits. The City Manager for Construction of the City of Leipzig, Dorothee Dubrau, and Ruairi O'Brien of the Chamber of Architects in the State of Saxony will report on regional approaches. The Director of the Passive House Institute, Dr. Wolfgang Feist, will highlight the importance of certified building components for planning and implementing energy efficient buildings.

Altogether, more than one hundred speakers will report on the potentials of intelligent architecture for climate protection and cost savings. The framework programme will start on 15 April with workshops and seminars. On 19 April, excursions will take place to a variety of completed Passive House buildings in the Leipzig region.

Over a third of the total energy used in industrialised countries is attributable to building operation and especially to heating. With Passive House technology, it is possible to reduce this consumption by up to 90 percent. The extra investment is compensated within a few years by the saved energy costs. Improving the efficiency of buildings therefore not only contributes significantly to a shift to sustainable energy, but is also an attractive investment opportunity for all building owners. This principle works equally well for new builds and refurbishments of existing buildings.

Participants at the press conference:

Dr. Frank Heidrich, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

Philippe Moseley, EU Agency EASME

Raimund Krell, Office of Building Management in the City of Leipzig

Ruairi O'Brien, Chamber of Architects in the State of Saxony

Dr. Wolfgang Feist, Director of the Passive House Institute

Following the press conference, there will be an opportunity to take part in a guided tour through the Passive House exhibition. Early registration is requested for participation in an excursion (on 19 April).

19TH INTERNATIONAL PASSIVE HOUSE CONFERENCE 2015

Conference: Friday and Saturday, 17 and 18 April

Framework programme from Wednesday, 15 April

Excursions: Sunday, 19 April

Organisers: Passive House Institute, City of Leipzig,

Saxony Chamber of Architects and the University of Innsbruck

Information on the Conference programme: www.passivehouseconference.org

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