

## Press Release

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### Passive House Conference in Leipzig with many offers for municipalities

#### Results of EU funded project PassREg to be presented as part of the programme

*Darmstadt, Germany.* The success of the energy revolution will largely be decided at the local level. The building sector is especially important here because this is where a third of the total energy is consumed. Opportunities for greater efficiency in cities and municipalities will be one of the main topics at the [International Passive House Conference](#), which will take place from 17 to 18 April in Leipzig. Municipal representatives will be able to attend lectures addressing their specific needs. Speakers from many European countries will also present the results of the EU funded project PassREg (*Passive House Regions with Renewable Energies*).

"Energy efficiency doesn't just reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but municipalities will also be able to achieve considerable financial savings", says Dr. Wolfgang Feist, Director of the Passive House Institute. Early planning by all those concerned is essential. "Several cities and municipalities have set good initial examples by stipulating the Passive House Standard for all their new buildings", says Feist. Additional incentives can be provided by means of targeted subsidy programmes, for example. The key points for this have been compiled by the Passive House Institute in a [ten point plan](#).

The combination of the Passive House principles with the use of renewable energy has proved successful as a solution in practice. This approach was at the core of the [PassREg](#) project, the results of which will be presented at the conference, which will be held in the Congress Center in Leipzig. Among others, the Passive House urban district "Bahnhofstadt" in Heidelberg and the region of Brussels will be presented as successful examples. Experts will also explain why the Passive House Standard serves as an ideal basis for the Nearly Zero-Energy Building, which will become mandatory throughout Europe from 2021 onwards in accordance with the Energy Performance Buildings Directive.

Since 1997, the International Passive House Conference has been held annually by the Passive House Institute in different locations. The City of Leipzig, the Saxony Chamber of Architects and the University of Innsbruck are co-organisers of the 2015 Conference. At the end of the conference itself, on 19 April, participants will be able to visit many Passive House buildings in the Leipzig area during [excursions](#). Registration for the conference as well as all other framework events is possible online at [www.passivehouse-conference.org](http://www.passivehouse-conference.org).

# 19<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL PASSIVE HOUSE CONFERENCE 2015

Conference: Friday and Saturday, 17 and 18 April 2015

Framework programme from Wednesday 15 April 2015

Excursions: Sunday, 19 April 2015

Venue: Congress Center Leipzig

Organisers: Passive House Institute, City of Leipzig,  
Saxony Chamber of Architects and the University of Innsbruck

The full Conference Programme can be found online at: [www.passivehouse-conference.org](http://www.passivehouse-conference.org)

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