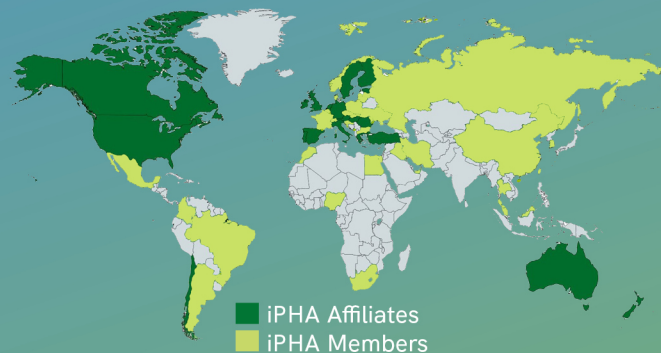


● The International Passive House Association

The global Passive House network

The International Passive House Association (iPHA) is a global network uniting both Passive House experts and enthusiasts alike. Together with its 22 Affiliate Organisations, iPHA works to promote the Passive House standard and foster a greater public understanding of its benefits and achievability. The network makes a wealth of information available and facilitates active exchange among professionals, policymakers and the public.



● North American Passive House Network (NAPHN)

The North American Passive House Network (NAPHN) is leading the transformation of the building industry to low-energy, high-performance Passive House design and construction. We support the widespread adoption of the international Passive House design and construction standards, building science principles, and protocols. Focused on the inflection point between policy and implementation, NAPHN partners with leading stakeholders across all building sectors to make the transformation complete.

Membership is a worthwhile investment! For more details on your local affiliate organisation and to secure your membership, visit the iPHA website.

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Efficiency: The First Renewable Energy

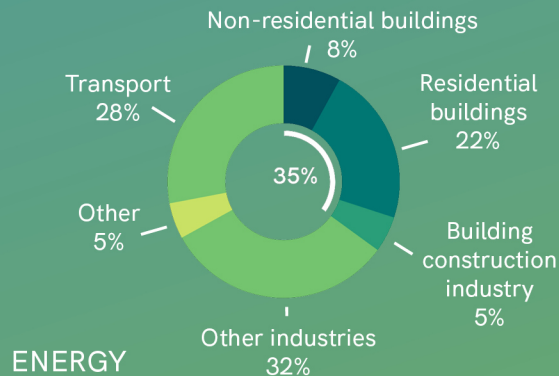


Efficiency First

Meeting our goals for climate protection

The United Nation's IPCC highlights the substantial action needed to limit global warming. Currently, 35% of global energy consumption comes from the building sector alone. The operational stage is the largest contributor to carbon emissions, with the majority of this stemming from heating and cooling demand.

Therefore, think #EfficiencyFirst! The Passive House standard (or EnerPHit for retrofits) provides a pathway to meeting our climate goal.



Global share of building and construction final energy, 2019
(*Graph based on 2020 GABC Global Status Report on Buildings and Construction adapted by iPHA)

Efficiency and renewables: A match made in heaven

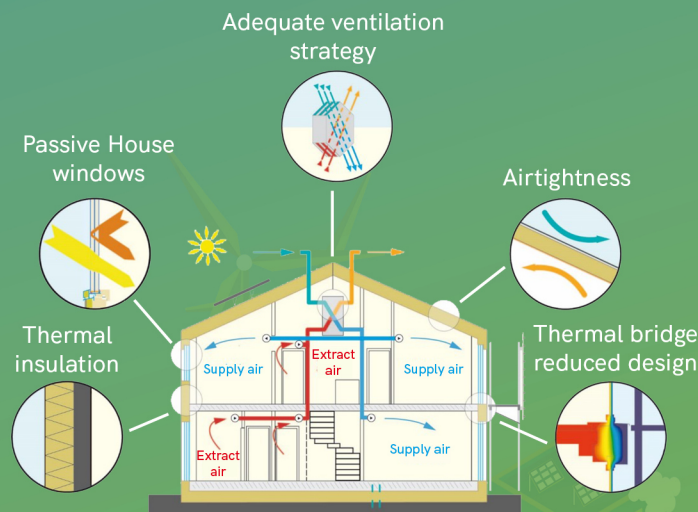
The low energy demand of a Passive House building makes it easy to achieve more with less. Renewables placed on even a small surface area suffice to cover the biggest part of your energy demand! This #EfficiencyFirst approach reduces the costs for energy infrastructure and (em)powers local communities!

The Passive House Standard

A thriving international network

Passive House stands for comfort, health, sustainability and savings. As the name suggests, Passive House buildings make efficient use of passive heating and cooling sources. This means they are heated mainly from the sun and from heat by people and equipment.

During the warmer months, strategic, passive cooling techniques such as night ventilation and shading keep Passive House buildings comfortably cool. This substantially reduces the need for active cooling.



The 5 Passive House principles (© Passive House Institute)

The Passive House standard is future-oriented and benefits all. Building professionals profit from a growing industry and satisfied customers, while end users benefit from greater comfort, health and quality assurance. The Standard does not prescribe a particular building design but rather sets transparent performance criteria based on building science.

The Benefits of Building Better

The environmental and cost benefits of Certified Passive House buildings:

- **High levels of comfort** - Passive House buildings are insulated for the local climate creating a consistently comfortable indoor climate, free of draughts.
- **Provide fresh air** - The ventilation system with heat recovery cares for comfortable indoor temperatures. In humid climates, a humidity recovery is applied.
- **Built to last** - Passive House buildings are resistant to moisture build-up and mold damage. The reason: Good airtightness and high-quality components.
- **Perform as planned** - The planning tool (PHPP) ensures a reliable energy balance. There is no so-called "performance gap" between the planned energy need and the real energy consumption of a building.
- **Designed as desired** - The Passive House standard is a performance standard and not a specific construction method. Designers are free to choose how to meet the energy performance criteria.
- **Cost-effective** - Over the building's lifecycle, a Passive House building is more cost effective than a conventional build due to its extremely low energy demand and therefore low running costs.