



The creation of the National Center of Straw-Bale Construction

After two years of campaigning, the National Center of Straw-Bale Construction project is launched, following the purchase of the Feuillette house at Montargis (France).

On November 7th the association bought the Feuillette house, thanks to the dynamic rallying of the French Network of Straw-Bale Construction (RFCP) members, donations (€70.000), solidarity loans (€250.000), and the support of institutional partners.

The adventure goes on, the solidarity loans and donations remain essential.

The project is in three phases:

- the Feuillette house (the first house built in wood and straw-bale in the world) becomes a hosting house;
- the creation of a training and information center about ecological construction and restoration;
- the construction of positive energy Participative Housing.

The project prospects:

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| winter 2013-2014 | minor restorations of the Feuillette house |
| march 2014 | first open day of the place |
| april 2014 | opening of the training building site (masonry, structure, insulation, floor cover, partitions...) |
| may 2014 | national meeting of the RFCP in Montargis (France) |
| summer 2014 | training building site in ecological construction |
| end 2014 | official opening of the National Center of Straw-Bale Construction |

The creation of this Center follows sustainable development and social/solidarity economy logic whose vocation is to **promote, highlight and experiment the straw-bale and ecological construction.**

The ambition is to be a lively place where we will organize national and international events, open days and regular visits, a training building site accessible to everybody, and professionals training around ecological construction.

2013: creation of the National Center of Straw-Bale Construction.
2012: project of the creation of the National Center of Straw-Bale Construction.
2011: the first house in wood and straw-bale is for sale.
2005: creation of the French Network of Straw-Bale Construction with the aim of getting together straw-bale construction's activists.

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