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The projects
Tour des Villes &
Constructive Alps







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Newest standard passive houses. Historical buildings in search of a new purpose: Constructive Alps and Tour des Villes unveil the numerous facets of a sustainable approach to construction and to new uses for historical buildings in the Alps. Organisers: CIPRA International and Alpine Town of the year.



Tomorrow in the Alps is also about the places where we can live, learn, work or spend leisure time in our towns and villages. Alpine Town Tolmin/SL



With Tour des Villes, we invite to a trip in time and across the Alps.

The miner's houses in Idrija
Empty Factories in Tolmin
From the 18th century with the Palazzio Linussio in Tolmezzo
A barrack area of 33 hectares in the middle of Sonthofen
Industry areas in Basel/Switzerland and
a barrack area in Freiburg/Germany

6 towns - a great variety of facettes of the transformation of historical buildings and sites for future use



Some aspects of transforming historical sites and buildings

What should be kept? What not?



What really needs to be renovated and how? > Example/picture Basel



Involving population and key stakeholders > Example/picture Tolmezzo



Not planning everything, leaving open space for the projects of future generations > Example/picture Sonthofen



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New legal and financial arrangements > Example/picture Vauban in Freiburg



Alternative picture: New legal and financial arrangements > Example/picture Vauban in Freiburg



Influence also on privately owned properties, by setting the example > Example/picture Idrija



How can historical sites and buildings contribute to contemporary and future identity of our regions



Multifunctional uses and spaces



Temporary use > Sonthofen, gardens -> here Tolmin gardens



The project Constructive Alps sets a particular focus on sustainable construction and renovation, exemplary buildings in terms of Energy

(winning building Constructive Alps 2015: Pfarrhaus Krumbach, Bregenzerwald, Austria)



...but also in terms of sustainable construction materials, social sustainability or low impact on soil.

(Building: Casa Riga, Comano Terme, 2nd prize Constructive Alps 2015)



With projects such as Constructive Alps and Tour des Villes we develop and spread new ways of approaching the question of construction or rehabilitation of buildings in the Alps. An approach which is at the same time conscious of the local identity, resources and needs, of the contemporary challenges at local and global level and open to new ways of occupying space, of working, of living.

(Winning building Kindergarten/Schule & multipurpose building Brand, Austria, Constructive Alps 2017)

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