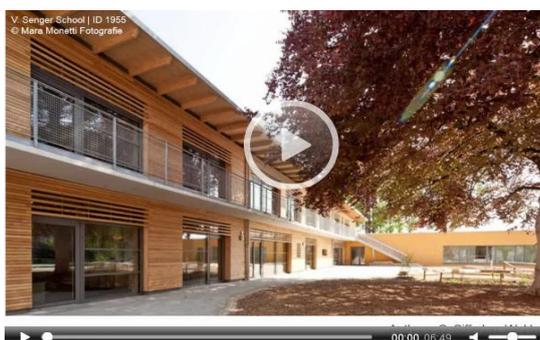

Press Release

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Passive House Institute launches e-learning program

New online modules form an ideal basis for experts' workshops and seminars



Darmstadt, Germany. With a tablet at home or with a smartphone during the daily commute – a new e-learning program is making basic Passive House training more comfortable than ever before. The video-based modules, now [available online](#), are equally suitable as an introduction for laypersons and as preparatory material for courses aimed at certification as a Passive House Designer or Consultant.

The Passive House principle is simple; however, a few details need to be kept in mind during planning, to ensure that the energy savings expected by building owners are actually assured. The most important points are clearly presented in the new e-learning program offered by the Passive House Institute. The individual modules deal with general questions relating to heating demand and air quality, as well as with specific examples of planning for building services systems and the building envelope. Three freely accessible [introductory modules](#) provide an initial overview of the range of topics.

Due to its modular concept, the e-learning program can be directly integrated into courses for professional designers; examinations can be taken at more than 70 [training institutions](#) in almost 30 countries worldwide. For university students or other interested individuals, it is also a suitable way to prepare for workshops or the [International Passive House Conference](#) which will be held on 22 and 23 April in Darmstadt. Conference participants will receive a discount of 100 Euros on the full e-learning program. As a useful supplement to the video material, various special activities will be offered at the conference, including a training model for planning an airtight and thermal bridge free building envelope.

In total, more than 7000 experts have already been certified as Passive House Designers or Consultants internationally. For a continuous preservation of the certificate, an up-to-date proof of expertise is required after every five years – either in the form of built projects or, as a recently introduced alternative, through training credit points. These certificates thus provide reliable orientation for building owners in the search for a competent partner for their building project.