



International Study Tour and Workshop on nearly Zero-Energy Buildings (nZEB): Visit to a low energy municipal building in Loutraki



The 1st International Study Tour of the AIDA Project (www.aidaproject.eu) in Greece is taking place on November 10, 2013 with a visit to the newly extended energy retrofitted Municipal Library of Loutraki. The town of Loutraki, part of the new Municipality of Loutraki-Agioi Theodoroi is located 80 km outside Athens on the Korinthiakos Golf. This building is presented as a success story for the implementation of nearly Zero-Energy Buildings in Municipalities.

The Study Tour will include a short workshop with presentations on nearly Zero-Energy Buildings, description of the building design and energy systems and discussion, followed by a walk-through of the building. An additional visit is foreseen at the Thermal Spa with a presentation of its low energy systems and a seaside walk to the Thermal Springs.

The AIDA (Affirmative Integrated energy Design Action) project (www.aidaproject.eu) aims to accelerate the market entry of nearly Zero-Energy Buildings. This means highly energy efficient buildings integrating renewable energy sources, with minimal carbon footprint. Currently, there is a lack of intense actions to spread knowledge about nZEB. Thus, raising awareness towards nZEB among local authorities and building planners becomes a key factor. The target group is primarily municipal representatives as market multipliers on the demand side. It also includes architects, engineers and master-builders on the supply side. It is evident, that citizens will be better prepared and more willing to adopt nZEB, if their municipality sets an example and gives them direct access to and experience of nZEB. AIDA offers action tailored to suit all target groups including study tours, operational success stories, presentation of existing tools, active support for municipalities and close cooperation with key actors.

The Study Tour, organised by the Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRES) and co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme of the European Commission within the AIDA Project, refers mainly to the participants of the ENERGY IN BUILDINGS 2013 International Conference held in Athens by the Hellenic Chapter of ASHRAE (more information about the conference at www.ashrae.gr). Both participation and transportation by bus are free of charge. During the Study Tour a light lunch will also be offered. The overall duration of the trip is estimated about 7 hours, departure set at 9:45 a.m. from the Ledra Marriot Hotel, Athens.

The number of participants is limited and is on a first come first served basis. Registrations for this Study Tour are submitted only on-line, in the following link:

http://www.aidaproject.eu/study_tours_reg_gr.php?en

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