

WORKSHOP

1plus1

Castelveccchio Calvisio

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The Workshop 1plus1 is a participatory seminar where participants have the possibility to learn building techniques, work side-by-side with the local communities and develop personal skills while working together with the EAHR team. It aims to train participants on sustainable construction techniques and inclusive participatory methods.

The participants will have the possibility to contribute in building a concrete intervention relevant for a specific community while supporting the development of resilient local approaches. By empowering communities, the workshop builds on the idea that architecture is a tool to enhance Human Rights.

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INTRODUCTION

01. Background

On the night of April 6th 2009, a disastrous earthquake, measured 6.3 on the Richter scale, erupted in the territories of Centre-Italy. Castelvechio Calvisio, about 30km from L'Aquila, was among the most affected townships. Located in a remote and difficult to access area, the village became inaccessible due to safety reasons; around 200 residents were forced to leave the village. After over ten years, most of Castelvechio's inhabitants have not returned to their homes yet. About 40% of the buildings are not accessible or have suffered several damages.

EAHR, in partnership with the Municipality of Castelvechio Calvisio, LAP and Viviamolaq, has started to work on a long-term reconstruction strategy focused on social, economic and physical developments for the area.

02. Reconstruction

Since 2018, thanks to the collaboration with Viviamolaq, EAHR has worked on reconstruction strategies for different townships in the territories of L'Aquila. In March 2019, the latest EAHR's 5x5 workshop was held in Castelvechio Calvisio focusing on the initial steps of a possible reconstruction strategy. Through a fruitful cooperation among the partners, on-site activities, and open dialogues with the local community, the first steps were drawn through a participation-based approach. During the seminar activities, a reconstruction plan based on different social, physical, and economic perspectives was laid out. These first interventions, focusing on the core area of the township, were approved by the local Municipality and other relevant authorities.

Now, the goal is to further explore new solutions and approaches to positively contribute to the local community's resilience. This new workshop 1plus1 builds on this fruitful cooperation and aims to result in a series of construction interventions (small-scale and using sustainable construction techniques) to be realised by the participants together with members of the local community.

03. Partners

ViviamolaQ, L'Aquila, Italy

LAP, L'Aquila, Italy

Emergency Architecture and Human Rights, Denmark

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

04. Topics and Objectives

The Workshop 1plus1 in Castelveccchio is an on-site interactive experience consisting of practical exemplifications of sustainable building techniques and theoretical lectures, always in close collaboration with the local community (organisations, activists and experts) to co-create valuable social and physical solutions even in times of pandemic. This experience is going to take place over a period of six days in Castelveccchio Calvisio, Italy, surrounded by the GranSasso Mountains.

The interventions points to provide, even in times of pandemic and with limited resources, original solutions to improve the local urban livelihood right inside the damaged township. The interventions will contribute to “re-build” flexible and temporary public spaces able to adapt to different activities; and to enhance the local social dynamics challenged by the pandemic. As an example, the Municipality, together with the local community, has expressed its will to use the interventions for a two-days Festival to take place right after this workshop.

Through knowledge-sharing activities focused on challenges and difficulties in the reconstruction processes, the objectives of the workshops are:

- To develop a shared awareness on post-emergency and preparedness
- To build small interventions together with Viviamolaq, LAP and EAHR.
- To train participants on low-tech construction techniques such as: Superadobe, wooden structures, gabion.

05. Activities

The Workshop activities will have a duration of about 40-50 hours distributed over a period of 6 days developed over two sessions: one on-line and one on-site.

The on-line activities will be held on the 20th of September from 6pm to 8pm (Italy UTC); the on-field activities will take place in Castelveccchio Calvisio from the 28th of September to the 2nd of October 2020.

On-line Activities (4 hours):

- Introduction of Viviamolaq and EAHR Organizations;
- Introduction to the project, the context and the on-site activities.

On-site Activities (around 40 hours):

- On-field construction activities in a learning-by-doing approach
- Walking tour in “MAP” and “Progetto Case” (post-disaster housing)
- Walking visit in L’Aquila City Centre and some modern iconic architecture (Shigeru Ban’s Auditorium, RenzoPiano’s Auditorium del Parco)

Due to limitations related to Covid-19, a maximum number of 21 participants will be accepted. The on-site activities will be arranged in teams of maximum 7 participants each to include experts and supervisors without exceeding the maximum number of 10 people per group.

HOW TO APPLY

06. Candidate profile

The Workshop 1plus1 is open to everyone eager to share, learn and work together. Everyone can participate as no particular technical skills or knowledge are required. However, the workshop is recommended for students of architecture and civil engineering willing to gain practical experience on low-tech construction techniques.

How to Apply

To apply for this on-field experience in Castelveccchio applicants should fill out the on-line form on the workshop page of EAHR web site <https://ea-hr.com/workshops/1plus1/>.

The official language of the workshop is English.

07. Deadlines and fees

All the participants are co-financing the project through the registration fee of the workshop.

Deadlines and fees are the followings:

Workshop publication	5th August 2020
Registration period	From 5th August to 15th September 2020
On-Line Activities	20th September 2020
On-Field Activities	From 28th September to 2nd October 2020
Fee	300 € (*)

The workshop will be postponed if the minimum number of 10 participants is not met. If unable to attend the activities (after the registration), a refund is possible only if it is communicated by email to workshop@ea-hr.com no later than September 14th.

(*)For local participants, who are not in need of accommodation, the price is 100 €.

08. Bank's details

BENEFICIARY: Emergency Architecture and Human Rights
TEXT: WS Castelveccchio Calvisio 2020
IBAN: DK4584010001293804
SWIFT/BIC: MEKUDK21

09. Building site and accommodation

Working site GPS coordinates
Castelveccchio Calvisio, L'Aquila, IT
42.310270, 13.689182

Accommodation
Adonis
42.311358, 13.686460

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

10. What is needed?

The on-site activities will also take place in a construction site; participants are recommended to bring for e.g:

- Working clothes
- Working shoes (like trekking shoes)
- Water Bottle
- Hat, wind and solar protection (lotion and k-way)

10. On-Field tutor and supervisor

Matteo De Marco, Viviamolaq

Federico Sorgi, Viviamolaq

Andrea Maggiolo, EAHR

Federico Tomasoni, EAHR

11. What is included

The registration fee includes:

- Accommodation, including the night before the start of the workshop
- Breakfast and lunch
- Transportation costs for the visits on the sites (during the workshop period)
- Certificate of participation
- EAHR t-shirt
- Viviamolaq t-shirt

It might be noted that the registration fee does not include the travel expenses to and from the township; the participants are responsible to arrange their own travel to Castelvechio Calvisio prior to the beginning of the workshop. The accommodation is available also the night of September 27th.

SORROUNDING PICTURES



Castelvechio Calvisio

Narrow streets, arches and vaults, houses built on several levels and the soft lines of the hill can describe the village of Castelvechio. The streets are arranged regularly and the village is divided into almost perfect geometric portions.

More than ten years after the seism the whole village is still not accessible for living. Today the challenge is to develop a reconstruction strategy.

ON-SITE PICTURES



THE SITE

The project sets on building small urban devices with Castelveccchio settlement. The project aims to re-generate squares or spaces through an urban acupuncture approach.

LOCAL INTERACTION

14. Building site and accommodation

Here below some words that can help participants on-site. This can facilitate participants interaction with local community or within the country.

English	Italian
Hello	Ciao
Good morning	Buon giorno
How are you?	Come stai?
I am fine, thanks!	io sto bene, grazie
How old are you?	Quanti anni hai?
Can I have a coffe?	Posso avere un caffè?
I would like to have...	Mi piacerebbe avere.../Vorrei avere...
Are you living here?	Vivi qui?
Do you know where is...	Tu sai dov'è...
What is the name of...	Qual'è il nome di...
Road	Strada / Via
Square	Piazza
House	Casa
Building	Edificio
Map	Mappa
Door	Porta
Window	Finestra
Roof	Tetto
Wall	Muro

ABOUT EA-HR

Emergency Architecture & Human Rights (EAHR) was officially founded in October 2015 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

After the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake, and series of catastrophic tsunamis that followed in its wake, the team behind EAHR recognized that the profession of architecture had forgotten the most vulnerable people of the world and the significant impact architecture could have on building resilience and stimulating development before and after emergencies.

In the following years, EAHR conducted more than 25 workshops on architecture in humanitarian emergencies at different universities in Asia, Europe, Africa and South America. Furthermore, EAHR and its experienced team have completed various humanitarian construction projects in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and South America.

The team of EAHR has more than 20 years of experience working in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (U.N. Paris 1984) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals adopted in 2015.

By using architecture as a tool for social and environmental change, EAHR seeks to empower the most vulnerable groups and to increase community resilience to inequality, humanitarian crisis and violation of human rights as well as influencing local authorities to follow these targets.

EAHR engages communities by using participatory methods to generate social, economic and environmental progress.

Today EAHR focuses its activities through humanitarian and development programs and projects, postgraduate master programs and trainings in the field of architecture and social science.

EAHR has developed organically since 2015. The implementation of a new effective strategic plan will begin in September 2019, while operating business as usual to secure basic income. As the organization is growing, so is the management demand; therefore, EAHR is aiming at strengthening and improving its management team and organizational management activity that is used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working toward common goals, establish agreement around intended outcomes/ results, and assess and adjust the organization's direction in response to a changing environment.

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EAHRs' Values

We operate in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (U.N. Paris 1948) and the UN Sustainable Development Goals adopted in 2015. We build resilience in people and communities by implementing projects and programs that are relevant for the fight against poverty and inequality.

EAHR believes in democratizing leadership in society where inclusion, openness and transparency are the base for all development: EAHR has zero tolerance policy for corruption and seeks to promote transparency and democratic process' that respect all people.

EAHR believe that Architecture is a Human Right.

Vision

EAHR is a leader and world reference organization in the field of Architecture & Human Rights. Our vision is to use architecture to improve life quality, resilience, and defend human rights for the most vulnerable communities around the world.

Mission

- To improve quality of life by generating social, economic and environmental improvement through architecture implementations.
- To increase resilience by using local material, cultural architecture and co-creative processes.
- To defend human rights by advocating vulnerable communities and local organizations and governments, and by teaching professionals on the topic of Architecture & Human Rights.

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