



## Press release

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# Sustainable Alpine buildings selected for architecture prize

**Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein are now staging the fifth edition of the international «Constructive Alps» architecture competition. At its first meeting, the international jury selected 28 projects from over 300 entries. Those selected best exemplify climate-friendly renovation and construction in the Alps.**

«Constructive Alps» prizes are being awarded for the fifth time in 2020 for renovations and new builds in the Alps that represent the best blend of climate-friendly construction and Baukultur. Through the international architecture prize, the Alpine countries brought together under the Alpine Convention (Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Slovenia and Switzerland) are contributing to the accomplishment of their climate-related targets.

In four videoconferences held over three days, the eight-person jury shortlisted 28 out of 328 constructions. In addition to residential houses and commercial buildings, they also include mountain inns, a chapel, kindergartens and cultural centres – 11 renovations, one new construction to replace an old structure, as well as 16 new buildings. Jury President Köbi Gantenbein remarks with satisfaction: «The jury is delighted with the 28 pearls of architecture, which translate confidence in the economic and social fabric of rural Alpine regions into purposeful and climate-smart architecture.»

### **Almost a third of the projects are in Switzerland**

Nine projects in Switzerland made it to the shortlist, including the agricultural centre in Salez in the Rhine Valley, the Casa Mosogno in the municipality of Onsernone in Ticino, the Ortstockhaus mountain inn in Glarus and the St Ursula communal residence in Brig. The jury will now conduct on-site inspections of the 28 shortlisted buildings at locations reaching from Slovenia to France, and will also talk with the builders, architectural offices and users.



In addition to the climate friendliness of buildings as measured by key energy indicators and the grey energy consumed in their construction, the jury's decision also takes account of their contribution to future-oriented living and economic activities in the Alps.

On 6 November the prize money will be handed to three awardees and the catalogue and exhibition inaugurated at the Swiss Alpine Museum in Berne. As is customary, the exhibition will then become a travelling exhibition showcasing sustainable construction in the Alps. It will tour from Ljubljana to Nice.

## **Links**

<http://www.constructivealps.net/>

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## Projects selected for Constructive Alps 2020

Name	Place	Country
Haus am Schopfacker	Trogen	Schweiz
Agricultural Centre SG	Salez	Schweiz
Assembly hall, Kaufmann carpentry and joinery	Reuthe	Österreich
Entrance building, Glentleiten open-air museum	Schlehdorf	Deutschland
Casa Mosogno	Onsernone	Switzerland
New office building	Schlins	Austria
Mountain chapel	Kendlbruck	Austria
Chäserrugg mountain station	Unterwasser (Toggenburg)	Switzerland
Hergiswald Inn	Obernau	Switzerland
Mizoun de la Villo/Casa alpina del Welfare	Ostana	Italy
Preschool	Sluderno	Italy
New buildings, Pulvermühle area	Chur	Switzerland
Riqualificazione Contrada Bricconi	Oltressenda Alta	Italy
Metzler cosmetics production	Egg	Austria
Kindergarten Niederolang	Olang	Italy
St. Ursula communal residence	Brig	Switzerland
Ortstockhaus mountain inn	Braunwald	Switzerland
Josef Weiss farm buildings	Dornbirn	Austria
Congress and exhibition centre	Agordo, Belluno	Italy
Retirement homes and community centre	Schechen	Germany
Schuhmacher-Nägele-Haus	Planken	Liechtenstein
Ellenbogen «Haus mitanand»	Bezau	Austria
Cultural and commercial hall	Faverges-Seythenex	France
PCT loft office	Thalgau	Austria
Le Solaris - block of 38 multi-family apartments	Grenoble	France
Prenova Alpskega Skednja	Bohinj	Slovenia
Gugg-Hof St. Margarethen	Brannenbrug	Germany
«Storchennest» infants' home	Grabs	Switzerland