

Sweden has taken the baton for Passivhus Norden 2013

More than 400 of the leading passive experts in the Nordic countries were gathered in Trondheim the 21-23 of October at the conference Passivhus Norden 2012.

Director from the Energy Efficiency Department at Enova SF Audhild Kvam stated that a lot has happened in the four years that have passed since the first Nordic passive house conference were arranged in Trondheim in 2008. There are more passive projects, and there are ambitions beyond passive house level, reflected Kvam.

The Swedish delegation totally agrees with this statement. From the 6 field trip of energy efficient buildings in Trondheim on Sunday 21 October we could observe the recent developments in Norway. The conference participants showed that Norway definitely has an ambitious road map in implementation of the Recast of the Energy Performance Building Directive.

The invited speaker EU MEP Fiona Hall, who for several years has fought for policy changes in terms of climate, building quality and energy efficiency in the European Parliament, pointed out that it takes longer than desired to improve the continent's building stock, and that the reason could be too vague political ambitions in the area of energy efficiency. She also stated that it is important to recognize that it is a big challenge to do something with the existing building stock in the various European countries. It needs both research and political will and Nordic Passivhus Conferences are an important forum to discuss these issues to reach more resolutions.

Congratulations to the Norwegian *organizers* (SINTEF, DiBK, NTNU, Lavenergiprogrammet and Husbanken) for a successful conference.



Are Rødsjø from the Norwegian Housing Bank handed over the baton to Pär Åhman from Swedish Construction Federation and LÅGAN and wished good luck with arranging the Passivhus Norden conference in 2013.

Nordic Passive House Conferences have previously been arranged in Trondheim Norway 2008, Göteborg Sweden 2009, Aalborg Denmark 2010, Helsinki Finland 2011 and Trondheim Norway 2012. For more information about the last conference see <http://passivhusnorden.no>

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