



1st European **Earth building associations** gathering

1^{ères} Assises européennes **de la construction en terre**

8th-9th July 2016 **LYON** Musée des Confluences

The French national earth builders association AsTerre and the associations from other European countries have the pleasure to invite you to two days of exchange, in the run-up to the Terra World Congress 2016.

Since 2002, training centres, associations, practitioners, construction companies and universities from all over Europe work together to introduce earth as a construction material in the training of building professionals. From these dynamics is born an informal network that continues to expand. Educational tools and skills repositories are available to all. AsTerre has been engaged in these efforts since 2007.

Topics

Training tools

European dynamics in Earth building education: tools, practice, dissemination, development

Visibility and dissemination of the **ECVET Earth building**, in France, in Europe, beyond.

Presentation and activation of the 2 paths of recognition: Learn • Earth memorandum of understanding and certificates, national qualifications and possible equivalences

Network strategies

Future projects et trans-border cooperation of the national networks: get to know each other, consult each other, exchange

There is an upcoming need for common communication platforms and coordination. In 2016, there are European 21 countries that have participated or plan to do so in a trans-border training activity for earth building training in our **Learn • Earth** network!

Concept

LISTEN - Plenary sessions

Morning 1 : in French
Morning 2 : in English

INTERACT - World café

Afternoon 1
thematic **info tables**

Afternoons 1 and 2
thematic **working groups**

Who

Your are invited

Actors from the fields of earth building, construction, heritage, training and International Earthen Architecture networks
DSA and UNESCO Chair
Learners

They will screen

French training providers
Partners from the European earth and straw bale building networks
Fédération Ecoconstruire
ECVET Experts
French Ministry of Ecology

State of mind

From the start and over the years, it is the human aspects that have supported and mobilized our informal network. What has been built after more than a dozen EU projects goes beyond the technical standards and consensus. Since 2002, respect for the environment, respect for manual labour and constructive intelligence, the place of women, freedom of enterprise, encouraging creativity, attention to migrants, were ingredients of our work. We are also working with our hearts, let's dare to talk about it.

Earth construction, European cooperation and substantive changes required for a radical change in our society towards a more sustainable and humane system have in common overcoming limitations / barriers / boundaries. It is a matter of trust. Earth as a building material confronts us with precisely this notion, although it is often presented rather as a lack of institutional recognition and of cultural or technical knowledge.

What you can expect from the gathering

Meet

- people from all continents
- organisations active in the field of earth construction and training

Discover

- our 9 units of learning outcomes in different languages
- our many additional tools in different languages
- our learning assessment methods and practices
- existing national certifications and ongoing initiatives

Understand

- the principle of the Learn•Earth Memorandum and certificates
- the interest and the entry procedure in the agreement
- mobility opportunities

What we hope to get from you

- Questions asked at the info tables and stands during the first afternoon, to enable us to meet your specific concerns
- Active participation in thematic afternoon workshops

A world café is a collaborative practice aiming at the emergence of questions, new ideas, practical and shared proposals from a group.

What we expect from the gathering

Amplification

The European gathering allows us to

- Make the results of 14 years of work visible
- Liaise between organizations in different countries, on future action, work, collaborations
- Prioritize future actions on a European level
- Enhance training of trainers and assessors
- Liaise with the dynamics of the straw bale construction network
- Meet with colleagues beyond Europe interested in ECVET Earth Building units and Learn•Earth certificates

Zoom on the earth building skills transfer

- Support qualifying training initiatives for earth construction in France (Federation Ecoconstruire, AFPA, Compagnons du Devoir, IUT, GRETA) and encourage new players to use the tools available;
- Discuss the process of national certification: link between ECVET units, the French qualifications registered in the RNCP (repertoire national des certifications professionnelles and codes of practice);
- Disseminate tools to the UNESCO Chair and to participants of the World Congress TERRA 2016, which ultimately will enhance the value of the Learn•Earth certificates at an international level;
- Encourage the mobility of learners and trainers.

Networking

The European gathering allows us to

- Get closer between European associations
- Continue to cultivate the potential of trust that allows us to be open and creative, ready to discover and share our resources
- Consult and coordinate to prepare for future actions
 - in the field of training
 - in the field of communication
 - in the area of codes of practice or standards
- Guide the expansion of the Learn•Earth partnership
- Show a clear intention as to the connection between the ECVET competence standards for earth and straw.bale construction.

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