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The European Strawbale Gathering -ESBG 2015- is the event which brings together European players in strawbale construction.

These days, which are held every two years in a different country, will be held this year in **Montargis** (45) on CNCP-Émile Feuillette (National Center of Strawbale Construction) site and high school (lycée en forêt), **from August 20 to 25**.

A sharp program coordinated by the RFCP (French Network of Strawbale Construction) and led by speakers from eighteen different nationalities, will stimulate reflections on straw construction in Europe and the world.

In the program:

- **From Thursday, August 20, "Tour"** the participants of the opening day will be able to go to Paris for a visit and surroundings of buildings, public and private, built of strawbales.
- **Friday, August 21, "Straw goes Professional":** panorama of presentations of the techniques in Europe and worldwide; advanced experiments to an international level, theory and physics of buildings linked concrete projects.
- **Saturday, August 22, "Straw goes Social":** presentation of projects incorporating collective subjects, sharing knowledge and resources. Round tables in the afternoon around the theme of transfer of knowledge and skills.
- **Sunday, August 23, "Straw goes Urban":** discussion will be accompanied by presentations on the technical aspects, limitations and solutions, rules, public market and prefabrication systems. In the afternoon, professionals can show their own construction methods.
- **Monday, August 24, "Straw is shared":** how is the straw construction developing and relying on networks? How can these national networks contribute to the professionalization of each sector? What is the perception of each country on this? What are the points of convergence on the regulations of each country?
- **Tuesday, August 25, "Tour"** for those who did not participate in the visit of public and private buildings Thursday 20 visit.

Information and registration: <http://esbg2015.eu/>

European Strawbale Gathering (ESBG):

The ESBG 2015 is the event that brings together the 20 to 25 August 2015 in France, all European players of the strawbale construction.

The latest edition of the ESBG was held in Poland in 2013.

2011, it is the Czech Republic which hosts the event.

In 2009, the biennial rate is taken into Belgium.

In 2007, it is the ecovillage Sieben Linden in Germany.

In 2002, the ESBG is held in Wachau in Austria.

In 2000, in Buckinghamshire, UK.

1999, the ESBG takes place in Denmark.

1998, creation of the ESBG at the initiative of the European Network.

Réseau Français de la Construction Paille (RFCP):

The RFCP is the association that brings together the major actors in the strawbale construction while promoting the recognition, valuation and development of this material.

2015: the RFCP has 550 individual members, 250 professional associations and 50 training centers.

2013: creation of the National Center of Strawbale Construction (CNCP-Émile Feuillette) on the site of the Feuillette house in Montargis.

2012: First Professional Rules of strawbale building validated by the Quality Control Agency.

2006: creation of the RFCP.

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