

Factsheet

Housing complex - Via Passeggiata dei Castani, Bolzano



PROFILE

Name and address	Aslago-Oltrisarco Quarter Via Passeggiata dei Castani 33/abcd Building A and 33/efgh Building B
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Description	Passeggiata dei Castani Area is located in the east side of the city of Bolzano, on a mountainous area and it was built in the nineties. Due to thermal bridges and a non-continuous insulation, the buildings have been exposed to high humidity, water infiltrations and internal surface condensation.					
Ownership	Municipalit	Municipality of Bolzano				
Gross heated volume	24.165 m ³					
Net surface	5.712 m ²					
Number of dwellings	72					
Energy perfor	mance					
	Final energ	gy consumption for heating				
	BEFORE 260,1 kWh/m ² year					
	AFTER	14,8 kWh/m ² year				
	Renewable energy					
	BEFORE	-				
	AFTER	74 kWp of photovoltaic plan 437 m ² of solar thermal 15 Geothermal wells 150 mt + heat pump				



1 - DESCRIPTION BEFORE REFURBISHMENT

Detailed characteristi cs of building	The project concerns the renovation of the buildings located in Via Passeggiata dei Castani 33/abcd (building A) and 33/efgh (building B) in Bolzano. Each building is composed of 4 staircases for a total of 72 flats, plus a common garage in the basement. The buildings have no cantilevered elements, the balcony spaces are made up of three side enclosed loggias. The shading is affected by the position of the mountainous hill close to the south-east side and this strongly penalizes the energy aspect of the intervention in relation to the solar gains on the façade.
Plot map	Images ©2017 Google, Cartographic Data ©2017 Google
Building envelope	The perimeter walls are made of hollow wall tiles with an insulation layer of 4 cm. The stairwells walls are reinforced concrete insulated towards the flats with 8 cm perforated bricks. The slab to the basement is devoid of thermal insulation, while the underside of the slab on the first floor has been isolated with different thickness in the two buildings. The reinforced concrete structures are insulated with Eraclit or polystyrene panels, with a variable thickness of 4 to 6 cm, in the outer side. Covering has an insulating layer and a waterproofing sheath covered with nonwoven fabric and protective gravel. Technical features: Exterior walls with reinforced concrete frame and double layer of bricks and cavity insulation (isolamento intercapedine).



	U = 0.67 W/m2K
	Insulated brick roof
	U = 0,47 W/m2K
	Ceiling to cellars with predalles type structure
	U = 0,63 W/m2K
	Windows:
	Double glazing: Ug = $3,1 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$
	Aluminium frame: Uf = 2,5 W/m ² K
	Aluminium spacer
Technical system	Heating and domestic hot water are produced by autonomous gas fired boilers installed in each flat.







2 – REFURBISHMENT CONCEPT

Concept The project involves the realization of an envelope for the energy improvement of buildings and the rehabilitation of the moisture infiltration in the basement.

It includes the installation of a centralized heating system with a geothermal heating pump (characterized by two vertical loops with 15 holes 150mt deep), the implementation of a controlled mechanical ventilation system, plus a photovoltaic field and a solar thermal field on the roof.

The need for a "slender" construction site in order to ensure the least impact on the site's inhabitants, together with the goal of high performance energetic envelope have orientated the design team to foresee the use of prefabricated timber frame façade. The façade consists of boxes made of wood beams and wood agglomerated panels. These panels will cover the perimeter walls of the blocks from the first to the fourth floor.



Figure 1 - Images: © Studio Mellano Associati

The panels have been fixed to the existing walls with reinforced steel supports, connected to the existing reinforced concrete slabs. Attention has been paid to the lateral alignment of the panels in order to ensure the correct alignment of the new façade and to avoid thermal bridges.



Energy Solutions	The project goal is a sharp reduction in the energy requirements for heating and domestic hot water production.					
	The existing boilers and the entire gas network for domestic use were dismissed. The project considered extensive use of the renewable sources (solar thermal and geothermal) in the implementation of a hydronic system.					
	The solution reduces fossil energy needs and ensure low operative costs and is based on a hybrid system that includes a gas-fired boiler for DHW production and a geothermal heat pump for heating.					
	This solution covers 69% of the heating needs with renewable sources.					
	The construction envelope has been designed to achieve a high thermal performance, with energy demand for heating of 14.8 kWh/m2year.					
	The solar photovoltaic and solar thermal plants on the roof of the buildings and the design of the thermomechanical plants involved a careful analysis of the solutions that would allow the exploitation of an additional share of renewable energy through the use of a heat pump. In order to avoid the demolition of large partitions inside the housing, the executive project involved the creation of external cavities for the existing enclosure for the passage of the implant posts and the passages of the connection systems to the accommodation at the staircases. This design option also optimizes the transition from the existing system to the new centralized system without having to use transitory solutions					
Financing Model	The Sinfonia project covered the part of costs which allowed to bring the energy performance level above the legal requirements. The funds were integrated with the national contribution called Conto Termico.					





































3 - IMPLEMENTATION

Stakeholders involved					
Building owner	Municipality of Bolzano				
Architectural project	Ing. Giorgio Sandrone e Ing. Paolo Sobrino - Studio Mellano Associati (TO) Arch. Alberto Sasso - Officina di Architettura (TO) Arch. Manuel Benedikter - Manuel Benedikter architecture (BZ)				
Plant engineering project	Ing. Andrea Cagni - EQ Ingegneria (TO) Ing. Massimo Vettori - Studio Tecnico Vettori (BZ)				



	Arch. Dipl. Ing. Gerhard Kopeinig - Arch + More (Austria)
Responsible for the Procedure (RUP)	Ing. Rosario Celi
Project Co- ordinator:	Dott. Emanuele Sascor
Construction company	Associazione temporanea d'Impresa made up by the firms CARRON BAU S.R.L., ASTER HOLZBAU S.R.L. WOLF FENSTER S.P.A.
Energy consultant, scientific support	Agenzia Casa Clima, Eurac

Costs and finan	cing
Refurbishment costs	 Overall costs for renovation € 5,394,130.23 Monitoring € 167,463.16€ Monitoring system € 6,897.95 DL (Works' supervision): € 153,211.51
Financial resources	 Renovation works covered by Sinfonia: (50%) € 1,486,480.00 Renovation works covered by conto termico (65%) € 3,301,650.00 Sinfonia's contribution to monitoring € 247,000.00 (50%) DL (Works' supervision): € 72,800 (50%) Monitoring system = € 7,795.00



Implementation planning				
1 - Signature consortium agreement	2014			
Approval of the European Community; the City Council of Bolzano approved the participation at the project, start of the Sinfonia project.				
2 – Planning of the energy pilot district	2014			
3 - Tender procedure for the energy refurbishment project	December 2015			
An open procedure was chosen.				
4 - Approval of the preliminary, the final and the detail project	May-December 2016			
5 - Tender procedure for the energy refurbishment works	April 2017			
6 – Start of the energy refurbishment	July 2017			
7 – End of the energy refurbishment	May 2019			
8 – 60 days for the refinement works	May 2019-July 2019			
9 – Administrative and technical validation	July 2019- November 2019			



Work progress

Installation of the VMC in the inner of the flats (photo by Rosita Izzo)





Multifunctional precast façade in Aster laboratory (photo by Rosita Izzo)









Insulation of the heating distribution and insulation of the cellar (photos by Arch. Rosita Izzo and Arch. Alberto Olivotto/Arch. Manuel Benedikter)





4 - DESCRIPTION AFTER REFURBISHMENT

Photo to show
architectonic
concept



PHOTO: Dario Conci

Envelope	Façade/wall	W/m ² K	0,14
characteristics	Roof	W/m²K	0,08
(from the HOC	Ground floor	W/m²K	0,22
certificate)	Windows	W/m²K	0,7
	Average U-value	W/m ² K	0,19



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5 - PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Monitoring System System Sometimes refurbishment works alone are not enough to reach high goals in terms of energy savings. Monitoring systems can help boost the effectiveness of retrofit interventions by assessing the performance of specific technologies while encouraging tenants to reduce their energy consumption. The monitoring system installed in the housing complex of via Passeggiata dei Castani collects data produced by existing appliances, measures conditions from internal areas, and at the same time, stores such data for further assessment and future improvements.

> The monitoring system is made up of different sensors that collect data from different signal inputs. All sensors are connected to the same network, making it possible to collect data through a data logger; which can also store data on a temporary basis. The data logger transfers the collected data to Eurac Research servers via an Application Programming Interface (API) to be validated and stored in a time-series database. Once data are transferred, they are erased from the data logger.

> The interface that stores data in Eurac Research servers allows researchers to retrieve data and perform calculations that are used to provide other services. Specifically, a web application was developed to provide feedback to tenants. It allows to visualize energy consumption and environmental conditions on a real-time basis and sends messages to raise the awareness of tenants of possible consumption misbehaviors, suggesting how to solve them. Such application is displayed on a mobile device as an in-home display. The interface also allows to retrieve collected data in order to assess the performance of specific technologies.











External temperature (where available)
 (B) Measures from apartments Energy consumption Electricity Domestic hot water and Heating Ventilation system (where available) Environmental conditions Temperature Relative humidity Carbon dioxide concentration Windows status (open or close) Water consumptions (hot and cold)
 (C) Measures from appliances in some apartments Energy consumption Fridge Washing machine Oven Hob Dishwasher

