

Press release

The four finalists announced for the Healthy Homes Design Competition

Brussels, 15 April 2022 – An independent jury, chaired by Stefano Corgnati, former president of REHVA, has selected the four finalists among the 18 high-quality applications received.

Congratulations to the four teams:

- **AAU Group 5** (HHDC065 Aalborg University Denmark)
- **Highcomft** (HHDC097 Tallin University Estonia)
- **LKMH** (HHDC099 Hochschule Augsburg Germany)
- re²THINK tank (HHDC110 Hochschule Augsburg Germany)

These four teams have impressed the jurors with their innovative solutions and are thus invited to CLIMA HVAC World Congress 2022 during which they will get the chance to present and defend their project.

We previously separated the competition into two categories: the students and the young professionals. As not enough submissions were received from young professional teams, the organisers have decided to merge both categories and evaluate them as one category.

The first edition of the <u>Healthy Homes Design Competition</u> was a real success. Other than attracting teams from all over the REHVA member's countries, two universities (Aachen University, Germany and Aalborg University, Denmark) have created a specific university course which has been added to their curricula on the competition challenges.

"The work of the jury was hard due to the high quality of the developed projects. The challenge was to approach the project through an interdisciplinary approach, taking into account comfort and health, energy and environment, architecture and urban context. The young designers were able to answer to this challenge, highlighting as these topics are crucial to drive the European energy transition towards a post carbon and healthy society," says Stefano Corgnati.

The jury has also decided to award an honourable mention to the Tinyfootprint team (HHDC018) for their creative thought process and problem-solving mentality. The jury valued the out-of-the-box thinking of the team and thus REHVA wants to offer them two free tickets to the CLIMA Congress 2022. During the Congress, the posters of the 18 teams will be displayed in the exhibition area and the jury will be picking the best poster.



All the finalists will be invited to Rotterdam and will present their projects during CLIMA 2022 and after a careful deliberation, the jury will choose the winner. The winning team will be announced during the closing ceremony on 25^{th} May and will be awarded $5\,000$.

The different projects are accessible on the Healthy Homes Design Competition <u>website</u>. We thank all the teams for participating in the first edition of the competition, and we are looking forward to meeting the nominees in Rotterdam.

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