CONTACTS AND WEBSITES ABOUT EARTH BUILDING ARCHITECTURE

The revaluation of the traditional techniques for building with earth is progressively spreading itself in many Countries. Earth buildings are more energetically efficient, ecologic, resistant and durable. Today, the revaluation of these modalities of bio-construction represents an important trend both for the sustainable development and for the green economy. This kind of buildings allows to recovery the territorial heritages of traditional know-how and knowledge, of historical and cultural issues and natural resources, in order to improve the local economies, the landscape quality and the quality of life of communities.

The links to the websites of three recommended Organizations specialized in the issue of earth building are listed as follows: the <u>International Centre for Earth Building *CRATerre* (France), the <u>Grupo</u> <u>TIERRA</u> (Earth Group) of Valladolid (Spain) and the <u>Associazione</u> <u>Nazionale delle Città della Terra Cruda</u> (National Association of the Raw Earth Towns, Italy).</u>

The *CRATerre Centre*, created in 1979 and belonging to the National Technical Superior School of Architecture of Grenoble (France), has been recognized by UNESCO and it is a model worldwide in the field of the earth building architecture. This Centre operates in more than 50 Counties of the world.

The *Grupo Tierra* is part of the Technical Superior School of Architecture of Valladolid (Spain), and it operates in several Countries in order to promote the traditional architecture techniques, including the earth building in its different versions.

The National Association of the Raw Earth Towns is located in Sardinia (Italy). It joins together 38 Municipalities, 5 Provinces, a Natural Park, professionals, associations, enterprises in several national and international activities, in order to revaluate and promote the culture of the raw earth building.

In turn, in the websites of the organizations based in different Countries and recommended by the above mentioned institutions, more information about the activities in progress, other references, other specialized centers and associations operating with regard to the technologies of earth building, can be found.









To know more

Links recommended by CRAterre

Links recommended by Grupo Tierra

Links recommended by National Association of the Row Earth Towns