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Lessons from vernacular heritage to sustainable architecture

Overall description

VerSus Project is an international research project whose main objective is to gain knowledge from the fundamental principles of vernacular architecture, and to explore new ways of integrating those principles into modern sustainable building, going beyond their usually passive description. Another important objective is to focus the key factors that make a project fully ecological and sustainable and to improve the visibility and recognition of vernacular architecture through raising awareness of its value and quality.

Within this framework, **university students, recent graduates and teams** are invited to compete in a design competition in which participants have to propose socially, economically and environmentally sustainable building solutions taking inspiration from vernacular architecture.

Who can participate?

The Competition is open to architecture | building engineering undergraduate students and recent graduates (MS Degree) from around the world. Recent graduates are eligible if they graduated after **December 31, 2011**. Participant can form teams with up to **three people**. No member of the jury can be part of a team.

Project categories

Teams can apply on three different categories, each one taking into consideration a different design scale:

- Urban scale and landscape design;
- Buildings;
- Building construction systems.

The project should be applied to a new building or a building rehabilitation/requalification.

Awards

- 1) 500 + free participation to **Versus Mediterra Restapia conference** + conference proceedings
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 - 3) **Versus Mediterra Restapia Conference** proceedings
- All the best projects will be part of an exposition at the conference and published on the VerSus website.

for more information

<http://www.esg.pt/versus/>

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international student competition

scheduling

registration opening

20 may 2014

registration deadline

10 july 2014

submission deadline

25 july 2014

announcement of winners

31 july 2014