



FuturHist

An integrated typology-based approach to guide the **future** development of European **historic** buildings towards a clean energy transition

The aim of FuturHist

FuturHist aims to improve the planning process for energy retrofits of historic buildings, develop innovative, replicable solutions, and shift the focus from individual buildings to building typologies.

We want to contribute to decarbonising historic buildings by developing sustainable heating, ventilation, and cooling strategies. Also, by implementing durable and sustainable insulation systems based on natural materials.

The expected outcome is to reduce energy demand by at least 60%, preserving historical and cultural heritage values.

Demonstration is at the heart of FuturHist. The simplified approach and novel solutions developed will be applied and tested in our five demo cases



Edinburgh

KÖPPEN-GEIGER CLIMATE CLASS
warm temperate, fully humid,
warm summer (Cfb)

TIME OF CONSTRUCTION
18th century (≈1770)

CONSTRUCTION TYPE
harled rubble stone masonry,
pitched slate roof

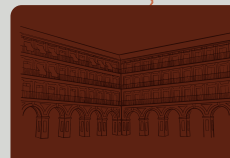


Edinburgh

KÖPPEN-GEIGER CLIMATE CLASS
warm temperate, fully humid,
warm summer (Cfb)

TIME OF CONSTRUCTION
19th century (≈1819)

CONSTRUCTION TYPE
ashlar and rubble stone
masonry, M-shaped slate roof



Córdoba

KÖPPEN-GEIGER CLIMATE CLASS
warm temperate, summer dry,
hot summer (Csa)

TIME OF CONSTRUCTION
1683

CONSTRUCTION TYPE
solid brick walls, pitched roof
with timber structure and
clay tiles



Kraków

KÖPPEN-GEIGER CLIMATE CLASS
warm temperate, fully humid,
warm summer (Cfb)

TIME OF CONSTRUCTION
first half of 19th century

CONSTRUCTION TYPE
solid brick masonry, timber
roof covered with metal sheets

Linköping

KÖPPEN-GEIGER CLIMATE CLASS
snow, fully humid, warm
summer (Dfb)

TIME OF CONSTRUCTION
1830

CONSTRUCTION TYPE
plastered brick walls, pitched
roof with timber structure

4 research and innovation areas

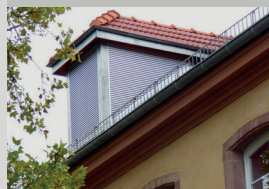
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Insulation systems based on natural materials



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HVAC and RES solutions



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Windows retrofit



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Decision-making toolkit



We develop

- prefabricated lime-based insulating panels
- self-healing exterior plaster
- prefabricated panels made of biochar and clay
- insulating plaster made of biochar and clay

We develop

- innovative HVAC packages adapted to retrofit historic buildings
- guidelines for the adoption and implementation of renewable energy sources in historic buildings

We aim at

- preserving the diversity of historic windows
- promoting durability and reducing environmental impact
- testing existing and retrofitted windows to assess the energy performance improvement

We develop

- a toolkit tailored to typologies researched in FuturHist considering aspects like climate, construction materials, and heritage significance

FuturHist in numbers

BUDGET

4.5 million €

DURATION

January 2024 – December 2027

CONSORTIUM

15 partners and 3 associated partners from 9 countries



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