

**ESBG 2015**

EUROPEAN  
STRAWBALE  
GATHERING

**PARIS**

**FRANCE**



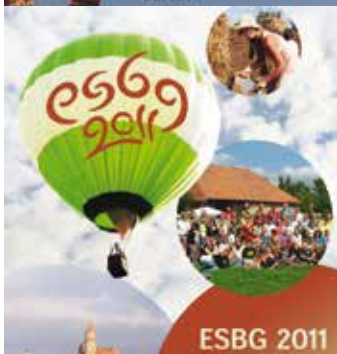
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## EUROPEAN STRAWBALE GATHERING PARIS



As some of you probably remember, the first **European Straw Bale Gathering (ESBG)** took place 16 years ago in France. ESBGs have been hosted since then by several countries, the last one being in Poland. Following that meeting many balers have asked to see how straw bale building has progressed and evolved in France during this time. Because of this interest it has been decided that the French straw bale network **RFCP** will host the next ESBG in August 2015 in one of the straw bale schools of the Paris area.

We will welcome you for 4 days of conferences, sharings and demonstrations.

The RFCP has been working on the organisation of this event since the summer of 2014. They organized a day meeting with the Leonardo partners visiting France to assess the needs of different countries for a future ESBG. Based on this varied feedback we tried to design the most appropriate program for the wider interested public. The main emerging overall theme for the conference is Urban solutions for Straw, named : "Straw goes Urban".

This general theme is split up into the following daily topics to structure the meeting :

Friday 21/08 :	Straw goes professional
Saturday 22/08:	Straw goes social
Sunday 23/08:	Straw is
Monday 24/08:	Straw goes urban

We are now looking for participants to propose activities in order to create the ESBG you want to have!

If you feel like taking part or sharing ideas, feel free to propose activities such as a conference, debate, demonstration or exhibition that fits into the following program.

Getting to the final call for abstract, took us more time as planned, due to many project the RFCP is leading and managing like the Feuillette house. To reach this goal to organise such event in Paris, we are now looking actively for participants to propose activities in order to create the ESBG-you want to have! We count on the active participation of everybody to help us on feeding this call for abstract in order to get as soon as possible the first final program as this program is just a draft and a goal we wish to reach.

Following are presented for each dates, the proposal themes. At the end of the document, please find the way you can propose us your participation and your help.

We look forward to get your general feedbacks and participation as to meet you in august.

For the RFCP, the coordinators of the ESBG organisation team.

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## Previous activities

Before the event, the RFCP propose to organize a course in English for those who want to learn the **french building rules**. It will be based on the course we are running nationally to allow craftspeople and professionals to improve their knowledge and obtain certification.

Other activities can be proposed; there is already a **Flash Mob** project in preparation and some participants are starting to plan **carpooling** to the event. Feel free to propose and organize other activities.

## Opening day

thursday  
20/08

This first day will **welcome** you to Paris.

A **tour** will be organised to visit different buildings made of straw in the Paris area, including the famous Feuillette house in Montargis.

In the evening the **official opening** ceremony will take place.

No other special activities are planned on this day.



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## Straw goes professional

This day, aimed primarily at professionals, will principally involve plenary Conferences.  
Some professionals could also present their own pre-prepared modules.

friday  
21/08

### Themes:

#### **Materials:**

Availability of straw throughout Europe.  
Certified bales.  
Overview of bale production.

#### **Research:**

How research can be used to respond to the market.  
What the main developments are in different countries.  
What test procedures are used and how they can be validated so they can be recognised throughout Europe.

#### **Building codes France and EU :**

The French situation regarding codes and regulations.  
Situations in selected other countries regarding codes and regulations in their countries.

#### **Transition from "do it yourself" (DIY) to professional:**

European public markets.  
Perspectives coming to the market: business development

#### **Demonstrations**

Tour to see different building techniques and to see how they fit with regulations.  
Different groups make short presentations. 15 min each.  
Show of different companies with their products, panels....

### **Presentation conditions:**

Slideshow  
20-40 min  
Outside space for modules

### **Evening:**

#### **Theme:**

European tour, presentation of what is going on in each country

#### **Speakers:**

Countries' network leaders

#### **Presentation conditions:**

10 min

### **Researchers:**

A part of the conference we organize a meeting to present and discuss an overview of all research about straw bale building throughout Europe. The aim is to offer a round table to the different participants who have been carrying out research in order to have an overview of what's going on and to connect people.

#### **Themes profile:**

EU and national straw bale research situation  
Presentations of works and projects  
Connecting people

#### **Presentation conditions:**

Slideshow/ debate / test reports



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## Straw goes Social

During this day, we will jump into communities and live projects, to put projects into a wider context. We will share and exchange about all the interconnected elements of a project. As we are not only building with straw, but trying to answer all of today's challenges, we must reflect on how we do it. A global perspective is needed to give sense to projects, to people ...

saturday  
22/08

### **Simultaneous running themes :**

#### ***Interests and issues of building as part of a community***

- The place of straw in a community project
- Organisation of collective building sites
- Self Building your house with straw
  - Possibilities of today
  - Presentation of accessible techniques
  - Professional accompaniment
  - Questions and answers

#### ***Learning***

- Workshops
  - workshops on building site
  - Needs of today and tomorrow
- Teaching courses:
  - Needs of today and tomorrow
  - Leonardo statement

#### ***Limitations***

- Insurances
- Architectural rules and constraint

#### ***Networks:***

- Country situations
- EU network
- EU magazine
- Internet websites

#### ***Let's be community Now ! :***

- Olympics games

### **Presentation conditions:**

- Simultaneous conferences
- Debate / Round tables
- World café

### **Evening party**



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## Straw is

This day is yours, as you want it, you have only to be.

This is the time to show what straw is for you, what are your aims, your companies, your profession, your passion. A day to go out in the street and in groups you can join what interests you, you can choose to exchange, to give demonstrations, to practice a little or to speak

sunday  
23/08

### **Simultaneous running programs:**

#### ***Big public workshop:***

##### ***Themes:***

- Building wide walls with different technique
- Plastering big surfaces with different clays and plasters
- Building organics challenges / games...
- Exhibition of earth building from Laetitia and Romain from Craterre

#### ***Fair:***

##### ***Themes (stands):***

- Building companies, Associations, Course centers, Resellers

#### ***Lectures:***

##### ***Themes (many at same time):***

- Technics presentation
- Company presentations
- Material (straw) presentation
- Craftsmans presentations

#### ***Working groups:***

##### ***Themes:***

- Organised and define by people on site

### **Free evening**



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## Straw goes Urban

As the main goal now for ecology is about Urban projects, we propose an entire day for urban and public experiences to see the development of straw in urban areas.

The aim is to present an overview of urban building practice up to now and give an idea of the constraints and relevant answers.

This day is meant to give also an official presentation of that theme state to people and politics from all countries.

monday  
24/08

### **Unique program themes :**

#### ***Interests and issues of Urban and Public buildings:***

The interest in and need for straw in cities : Social, affordable living spaces

#### ***Technical solutions - Prefabrication and other techniques:***

Companies's experience and feedback

Technical detail and problem resolution

#### ***Limitations of Urban and Public buildings***

Urban rules and constraints

Materials' properties and restrictions

Building physics

#### ***Solutions for the future:***

Presentations of urban and public projects

### **Presentation conditions:**

Plenary conferences

Slideshow

Ted format conferences

### **Evening:**

Closing ceremony

Special presentation and event

## Other activities during all the meeting

Parallel to the daily programme, there are planned specific activities and animations by you in collaboration with the organisation team to supply all requirements.

Children workshops

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tuesday  
25/08

### Departure day

Tour of straw bale buildings (private and public) in the surroundings of Paris including a visit of The famous Feuillette house.

### Afterward activities

After the event, the RFCP in collaboration with the Leonardo group, propose to give a 6 week training course based on the leonardo program.  
Depending on the subscriptions.

***This is just a proposal program. The final program will be adapted and define with your participation and offers.***

#### **Call for abstract:**

If you have something to share, to show or to propose, send us your proposals at [straw@esbg2015.eu](mailto:straw@esbg2015.eu) until the 01/03/15 with the following information:

A title – no more than 10 words long

Description – no more than 40 words. This will appear in the Conference Program.

Abstract – no more than 250 words.

Biography – no more than 100 words. This will appear on the conference website.

Photograph – a head and shoulders shot of you at your best! This will appear on the conference website.

Your contact details

Feel free to send this document to anyone interested.

To organize this meeting the RFCP set up five different working teams (communication, program, logistic, finance and coordination) composed of French and European people.

The following steps are collecting all your proposal to complete a beautiful program, have the confirmation of the place and get financed, to define a ticket price. They will be available from the start of April.

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