

## Solar Decathlon Europe Proclamation

We, the faculty advisors of the 17 university teams participating in the first Solar Decathlon Europe, make the following proclamation on 27 June 2010:

1. Solar Decathlon Europe has exceeded expectations as a learning experience for students from all over the world, providing the interdisciplinary educational opportunity of a lifetime and international exchange
2. Solar Decathlon Europe has exceeded expectations as a public demonstration and educational showcase for building designers & industry as well as the general public
3. Solar Decathlon Europe has successfully advanced the development of sustainable architecture and Zero Energy Buildings

Therefore, we have the following recommendations for Solar Decathlon Europe:

1. The European Union has to provide support for future events, participating teams, the subsequent use of houses and wider dissemination of research
2. Increase educational outreach within Europe by holding the event in different European countries.
3. The event should be further developed towards a profile reflecting dense urban living, building renovation and life cycle cost – in order to fully satisfy human needs.

On behalf of the 17 participating universities of the 2010 event, we congratulate the organizers of Solar Decathlon Europe and the Spanish Ministry of Housing for an impressive and highly successful competition. Solar Decathlon Europe 2010 is just the start. We all are committed to make this event a real catalyst for change.

Thank you very much.

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