



**SOLAR DECATHLON  
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Solar Decathlon Europe in Madrid in September

THE VILLA SOLAR

“SHARED ENERGY IN A CITY MADE TO SCALE”

- 19 solar houses will compete to be the most efficient.
- The “Villa Solar” will be open to the public, free of charge, from 14<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September.



The second edition of Solar Decathlon Europe (SDE) will be held **in Madrid from 14th to 30th September**, with the participation of **19** university **teams** from 12 countries (Germany, Brazil, China, Denmark, Egypt, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Portugal, and Romania). Thus this competition will be the most international edition held so far.

Once more, the teams taking part will have to **design and build a sustainable and self-sufficient house powered by solar energy alone**. These projects started being developed at their corresponding universities in 2011, with the aim of reaching the final phase of the competition, to take place between 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September at the **Puerta de Angel concert site in Madrid’s Casa de Campo**, where participants will build their life-size houses on the site of the Villa Solar and compete against each





other for two whole weeks in order to pass the ten competition contests.

The “Villa Solar” will be **open to the public** (see schedules on the web), making it possible to visit the houses and get acquainted at first-hand with the most up-to-date technologies applied to architecture. Furthermore, visitors will have a chance to take part – also free of charge – in a **host of activities focused on renewable energies**. There will be a space devoted exclusively to children, enabling them to make close acquaintance with the advantages of a sustainable house. **(\*Information about activities attached)**

The main aim of Solar Decathlon Europe is to increase understanding and raise awareness of citizens about the importance of the environment and sustainability in construction; apart from promoting sustainable development through **research and innovation** applied to efficient architecture and construction.

The second edition of Solar Decathlon Europe is organized by the **Ministry of Public Works, Madrid City Council and the Polytechnic University of Madrid (UPM)**, through the Higher Technical School of Architecture of Madrid. Its main sponsors are **Schneider Electric and Kömmerling**, and its official collaborators: **AENA, ADIF, RENFE, INECO y FEVE**. It is also supported by **The US Department of Energy** and the **IDAE**.

SDE is an official partner in the European Commission Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign and has recently been awarded at the *Sustainable Energy Europe Awards 2011*.

## THE VILLA SOLAR

For the ten days of the competition in 2010, participating solar houses **produced three times as much energy as they consumed**. In total, **6.177 kWh** were produced, **while consumption was 2.579 kWh** and the excess energy was fed into the network so the neighbors could use it.

The Villa solar 2010 was not only a success in terms of energy production. **More than 200.000 visitors** were able to see the world’s most innovative houses in Madrid and take part in various activities related to renewable energies designed for everyone.

**In 2012, a further step is being taken: the Villa Solar is turning into a city built to scale**, where the energy is shared. It will also be a place for developing innovative projects in the field of power distribution.

For the first time in the history of this competition, houses will be connected to an **“intelligent network” or “Smart grid”**. Apart from being self-sufficient, avoiding



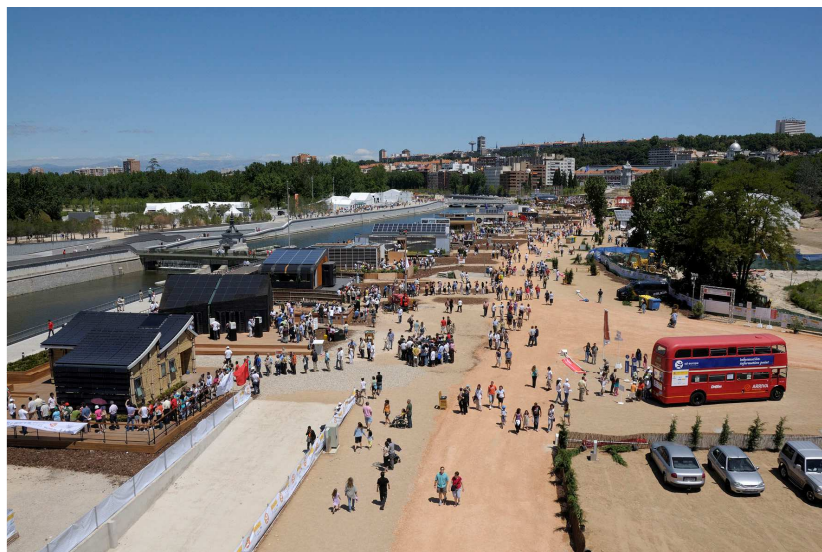


transport costs by generating and consuming in the same place, the energy surplus produced will be supplied to the Villa Solar, like that at an EV charging station (electrical vehicle recharging points) or event spaces. Any excess power will be fed into the public distribution network.

With the “**smart grid**”, energy produced and consumed at the Villa Solar can be managed, with specific real time data available about each area, including the twenty prototypes taking part in the competition.

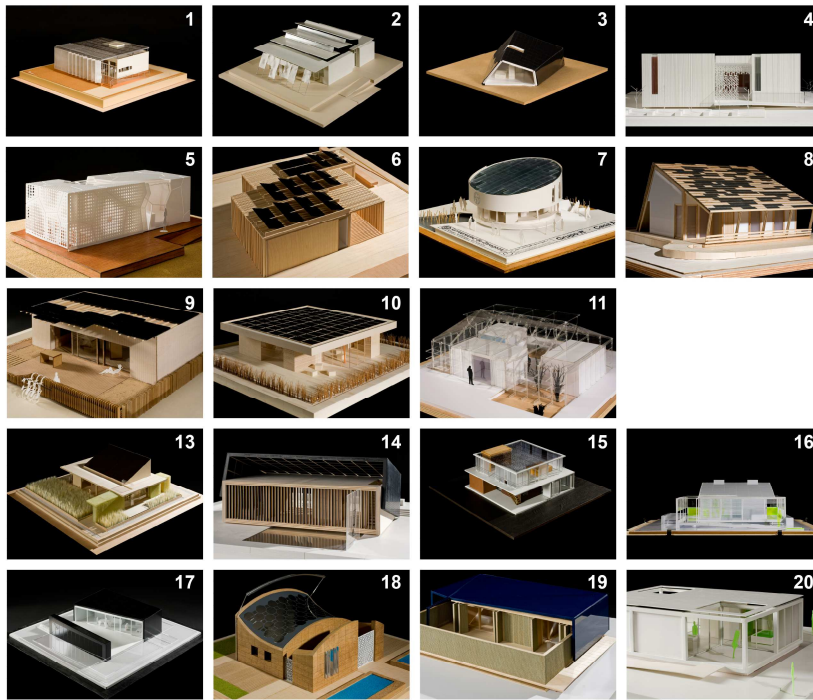
During Solar Decathlon Europe, it will be possible to visualize the Smart Grid information on three different scales. It will show how to optimize the energy of the network of the Autonomous Community of Madrid, the Villa Solar and each of the houses.

By means of intelligent networks and computer technology, production, distribution and consumption of electricity will be optimized, reaching a better balance of supply and demand.





## PARTICIPATING TEAMS



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### CASAS SOLARES 2012

1. Tongi Team, China
2. Aquitanie BordeauCampus, Francia
3. Team DTU, Dinamarca
4. Andalucía Team, España
5. American University Cairo, Egipto
6. CEU Valencia Team España
7. Casa Pi, Universidad de Zaragoza, España
8. Prispa, Rumanía
9. EHU Team, España
10. RWTH Aachen University, Alemania
11. (E)CO Team, España
13. Chiba University, Japón
14. CEM+NEM-, Portugal
15. Rhône Alpes, Francia
16. Team Brasil, Brasil
17. Odooproject, Hungría
18. Astonshine, Italia y Francia
19. Team Rome, Italia
20. Ecolar, Alemania

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American University in Cairo	Egipto	American University in Cairo	AUC	SUIDES	<a href="http://www.slides-s.com/HomePage.aspx">http://www.slides-s.com/HomePage.aspx</a>
Andalucía Team	España	Universidades de Sevilla, Jaén, Granada y Málaga	AND	Patio 2.12	<a href="http://www.andaluciateam.org">http://www.andaluciateam.org</a>
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## **COMPETITION: THE 10 CONTESTS**

Teams will arrive in Madrid on 3rd September, and will have 10 days to build their houses, in the construction phase. On Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, the competition will begin and each house will undergo 10 tests to determine the winner of the competition: **the one which consumes the least natural resources and produces minimum waste in its lifetime.** The total number of points gained in the ten contests, up to a maximum of 1000 points, will determine the winner of each edition.

1. Architecture \_\_\_\_\_ 120 points \_\_\_ Jury
2. Engineering and Construction \_\_\_ 80 points \_\_\_ Jury
3. Energy Efficiency \_\_\_\_\_ 100 points \_\_\_ Jury
4. Electrical Energy Balance \_ 120 points \_\_\_ Measurement
5. Comfort Conditions \_\_\_ 120 points \_\_\_ Measurement
6. Appliances and Functioning \_\_\_ 120 points \_\_\_ Measurement
7. Communication and Social Awareness \_ 80 points \_\_\_ Jury
8. Industrialization and Market Viability \_\_ 80 points \_\_\_ Jury
9. Innovation \_\_\_\_\_ 80 points \_\_\_ Jury
10. Sustainability \_\_\_\_\_ 100 points \_\_\_ Jury

\*More details about each contest at [http://www.sdeurope.org/?page\\_id=6627](http://www.sdeurope.org/?page_id=6627)





This **evaluation is carried out in three ways:** by tasks completed, by measurement in situ (objective evaluation) and judgment by jury (subjective evaluation):

**1. Points for Tasks Completed**

Teams will receive points for successfully completing a task or getting as close as possible to doing so.

**2. Points from Measurements in situ**

During the competition, the houses will be monitored constantly, with spot measurements of additional parameters. Points will be awarded according to how close certain variables approximate to the target set for a given contest.

**3. Points awarded by juries**

Expert juries will award points according to evaluation criteria and guides established by the Organization.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

SDE originates from the US DOE Solar Decathlon competition, created by the US Department of Energy in 1999.

The first edition of this competition was held on the National Mall in Washington DC in the autumn of 2002 <http://www.solardecathlon.gov/>.







As a result of the **Polytechnic University of Madrid's** participation in the 2005, 2007 and 2009 editions, the Spanish Government signed a bilateral agreement with the United States in order to be able to hold the competition outside the USA for the first time in June 2010, under the name of Solar Decathlon Europe <http://www.sdeurope.org/>.

A similar agreement has recently been signed for the presentation of **Solar Decathlon China**. In this way, the European edition is held in even years and the North American in odd ones. **As from 2013**, SD China will be held a few months after the US DOE Solar Decathlon. [http://www.solardecathlon.gov/sd\\_china.html](http://www.solardecathlon.gov/sd_china.html) / <http://www.sdchina.org/>.

Finally, the governments of France and the U.S. signed on 21 th of March the adhesion protocol by which our neighbouring country will host the third European Edition of Solar Decathlon Europe in 2014. The French Minister of Housing, Benoist Apparu, and the U.S. Ambassador in France, Charles H. Rivkin, were responsible for signing the adhesion protocol by the European competition by which it will be continued changing the stage from Madrid to Versailles, Paris. <http://www.solardecathlon2014.fr/>.

All three competitions have a common base and common objectives, but are organized independently and may differ in their regulations and tests, adapting themselves in this way to their own circumstances and context.





**MATERIAL:**

[www.qmscomunicacion.com/sdeprensa/20maquetasparticipantes.rar](http://www.qmscomunicacion.com/sdeprensa/20maquetasparticipantes.rar) : photos of models of the 20 houses that will be built in the last phase of the competition in September 2012.

[www.qmscomunicacion.com/sdefotos/VillaSolaren2010.rar](http://www.qmscomunicacion.com/sdefotos/VillaSolaren2010.rar) : photographic overview of the first edition of Solar Decathlon Europe, held in Madrid in 2010

[www.qmscomunicacion.com/sdefichaseng/FICHAS CASAS ENG.rar](http://www.qmscomunicacion.com/sdefichaseng/FICHAS CASAS ENG.rar) : files and photos of each team

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