

## **Private Sector Initiative actions on adaptation**

Title of case study	The 100K Home
Name of organization(s)	Mario Cucinella Architects (MCA)
<b>Business sector</b>	Construction and Engineering
Region(s) relevant to case study	
Country(s) relevant to case study	Italy (MCA headquarters)
Adaptation sector(s) relevant to case study	□ Business □ Education and training □ Food security, agriculture, forestry and fisheries □ Human health □ Oceans and coastal areas □ Science, assessment, monitoring and early warning □ Terrestrial ecosystems □ Tourism □ Transport, infrastructure and human settlements □ Water resources □ Other (please specify): Access to low cost, low environmental impact and well-adapted housing
Adaptation activity	The "100 k € Home" is a research project for a low cost and low impact residential complex. The aim of the project is to develop a high quality, zero CO <sub>2</sub> emissions, and well-adapted housing prototype.  As climate warms, projecting terraces and stairways have been designed to control solar irradiation during summer, while the garden and rooftop greenery reduce the heat island effect and contribute to passive cooling. Depending on the climatic conditions of the location, photovoltaic panels, wind turbines, and geothermal heat

provide at least enough energy to cover the total consumption of each housing unit. Hot water is produced locally thanks to a solar-heating plant integrated into the roofing. Since water scarcity is increasingly an issue for many countries, a rainwater collection system, alongside use of low-consumption fittings, has been designed to lower potable water requirements. The rainwater is then reused for permitted purposes (irrigation of greenery and toilet wastewater). Thanks to its modular structure, passive design, and the flexibility of the project, the "100 k € Home" can easily be adapted specifically to the climatic conditions of each location. Its low energy requirement, covered by renewable energies available on site, and its water harvesting system among other features, make this project accessible, even in locations where reliable access to energy and water sources are strained and likely to be exacerbated by climate change. Thermal simulations of the "100 k € Home" were conducted in locations with differing climates (i.e. USA (New Orleans and Chicago), Ireland, Italy and Palestine). The result of reduced heating and cooling **Cost-benefit** demands translated into lower energy bills for each location, despite the geographic variability of sunlight and wind as resources. Furthermore, as the climate warms, the building may even produce an energy surplus, which can then be sold to the power grid. CLICK FOR MORE INFO



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