



Comunità Montana
di Valle Camonica



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architecture award **VIONElab** first edition

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A project, a village, an award

VIONE PERMANENT LABORATORY is a multi-year regeneration project of a small Alpine community, Vione, in the upper Valle Camonica (province of Brescia, Italy) which gives a high value to its heritage of historical buildings, on which it is necessary to apply structural, architectural, energy and functional interventions.

In order to search for examples, good transformation practices and elements of unification and distinction in the interventions on Alpine architecture, Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica proposes the **Minimal Architecture Award in the Alps**, aimed at selecting projects carried out in small villages included in the Alpine area, characterised by reduced volumetric impact and minimum soil and energy consumption.

The regeneration operations, carried out in the territory defined by the Alpine Convention, have to be based on the dialogue between existing buildings and new interventions and must be inspired by an enhancement of the historical architecture of the location and the landscape.

The panel's evaluations will have the main objective of identifying the best relationship between the quantity of means used and the quality obtained from the intervention.

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The aims of the award

Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica, as part of the **VIONElab** project, establishes the international **Minimal Architecture Award in the Alps** to highlight and support quality architectural interventions, capable of producing a regeneration of existing volumes and triggering new dynamics of housing and community evolution in small mountain villages, through projects characterised by high quality obtained through a minimum use of volumes, energy and resources.

The intent is to highlight architectural operations that produce an updated conservation of historical and cultural values of the Alpine civilisations and that are appraisable, both for the restoration operations and for new arrangements, such as contemporary interventions.

Theme

The optimisation of resources is a commitment that has always characterised the Alpine communities and acquires new content in the contemporary world: integrated and compatible use of local resources, durability and adaptation of the buildings, flexibility, reconversion, multifunctionality of the spaces, typological synthesis, aggregation and clarity of forms capable of expressing new architectural qualities of contextual value.

The technical-scientific, cultural and aesthetic value of architecture is considered foundational for the regeneration of small Alpine communities and their lifestyle, capable of producing both functional and social housing innovation.

Sections of the Award

The selection considered by the Award is divided into two sections:

I - MINIMAL ARCHITECTURE FOR COMMUNITIES: Interventions on existing buildings promoted or supported by public bodies and bearing purposes of collective, social and community value.

II - MINIMAL ARCHITECTURE FOR INDIVIDUALS: Interventions of private initiative on existing buildings, regarding agricultural, commercial and artisanal residency and entrepreneurship.

Eligible projects

The projects considered eligible for selection must be architectural projects relating to existing buildings and carried out over the last decade, in urban areas or villages with a population of less than 5,000 inhabitants. The projects must include interventions such as expansion, internal restructuring, additions, partial reconstruction.

Only the owners of the architectural projects (owners of the intellectual property) can present the application.

The participation of members of the Organising Secretariat and of the Award Panel is forbidden, as well as their employees, collaborators and direct relatives.

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Technical panel

The admission and selection of projects, in the two sections considered, will be carried out by a technical panel composed of:

ARMANDO RUINELLI	President of the Panel, he is a professor at the FHGR (University of Applied Sciences) of Chur in Switzerland. He is a designer and a member of the Federation of Swiss architects (FAS). The projects of the Ruinelli Associati studio have received numerous international awards and recognition. He was a member of the Provincial Committee for Architectural Culture and Landscape of the autonomous province of Bolzano-Alto Adige and of various panels for international architecture competitions.
GIORGIO AZZONI	Architect and professor at the "SantaGiulia" Academy of Fine Arts in Brescia, he is an author and critic of art and architecture. For Distretto Culturale della Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica, he was the curator of the competition <i>Abitare Minimo Nelle Alpi</i> , artistic director of <i>Aperto_art on the border</i> and is currently the scientific curator of VIONElab .
ATTILIO CRISTINI	Architect with studio in Valle Camonica, he has carried out urban coordination actions and numerous public and private projects of architecture, furniture and restoration. He has carried out various public functions at a local and district level and is a member of the VIONElab Steering Committee.
LUCA GIBELLO	Publicist, historian and architecture critic, he is the director of <i>Il Giornale dell'Architettura.com</i> and author of volumes on the history of the construction of shelters and bivouacs in the Alps. He is passionate about mountaineering and hiking.
SERGIO PASCOLO	Architect, urban planner and professor at the IUAV University of Venice. He carries out research and professional activities in the field of sustainable development of the city. Founder of the Sergio Pascolo Architects studio, founder and president of Venice Urban Lab, from 2012 to 2018 he was a member of the Provincial Committee for Architectural Culture and Landscape of the autonomous province of Bolzano-Alto Adige.

Evaluation criteria

For the selection and evaluation of the works, in the two Sections of the Award, the Panel will make its decisions based on the following criteria:

1. best relationship between quality achieved and resources (in a general sense) employed
2. architectural relationship between the existing situation and the new intervention
3. innovation and environmental/energy sustainability
4. value of the intervention in terms of architectural and community regeneration
5. replicability of the intervention
6. urban dialogue with the existing situation.

The decisions of the Panel are to be considered unquestionable and the application automatically implies acceptance of the announcement and the defined criteria.

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Award recognition

The projects selected and awarded by the Panel will become part of the cases recognised as "exemplary" by **VIONElab**, and will be promoted through a published catalogue and a public exhibition dedicated to **Minimal Architecture in the Alps**.

The awarded designers will have the opportunity to present their project and their activity during public meetings, also broadcast in streaming, organised by **VIONElab**.

The awarded designers will be given a certificate of recognition and will be invited to the awards ceremony, which will be held in spring 2024, with the possibility of staying in the historic centre of Vione for a long weekend. Both the certificate of recognition and the stay during the awards ceremony are also extended to the client of the work.

The Panel has the right to report specific achievements deemed worthy of architectural and environmental significance, conferring special mentions and reports on specific thematic areas.

Deadline for submitting projects

The deadline for the presentation of the projects is **15th November 2023**, according to the procedures and methods indicated on the website www.vionelab.it

Documentation to be sent in order to participate

Participants must send the following documents, presented in Italian or English, only by email and following the instructions found on the website www.vionelab.it:

1. **Application** drawn up according to the forms and indications given.
2. **Summary report (abstract)** briefly illustrating the value of the project. The summary report must have a maximum length of 3,000 characters (including spaces) and may be accompanied by a single significant image.
3. **Descriptive documentation of the project**, which must be within the following limits:
 - Descriptive report (max 9,000 characters, including spaces).
 - Tables with graphic and cartographic documentation (max. 6) and photographic documentation (max. 6), better if with a table of distinction between existing situation and new intervention/insertion.
 - Documentation (2 photographs) of the situation prior to the intervention.

It is optional to attach a video of a maximum duration of 5 minutes to the summary report.

4. **Consent form** regarding the use and publication of the information and content of the project and declaration on **data processing** (as per the model downloadable from the website)

Participants agree to complete their documentation in formats and versions suitable for the publication and distribution initiatives of the Award, at the request of the Panel and the Organising Secretariat.

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Processing of personal data

The data entered when submitting the application will be processed only for the purposes of the Award, including the promotion and enhancement of its results, by the technical secretariat, by the system administrator, by the Panel and by those who operate in the management and promotion of the Award. The subjects mentioned above agree to maintain and protect the confidentiality of the materials and information submitted for their evaluation only for the purposes relating to the Award.

For information

Information and participation forms are available on the website www.vionelab.it

To obtain specific information or to resolve technical sending issues, it is possible to contact, exclusively by email, the Award secretariat at Comunità Montana di Valle Camonica, Piazza Tassara, 3, 256043 – Breno (BS) – Italy- email: uff.culturaturismo@cmvallecamonica.bs.it

Breno/Valle Camonica, 28th August 2023

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