

## **TRAINREBUILD Spin Off Association in Italy**

### **Background**

The EN-zyme Association was created at the beginning of October 2012 with the mission of building up a strategic and operating tool to pursue in mid-long terms TRAINREBUILD project goals. It can be considered as the first factual result from TRAINREBUILD activities implemented in Italy.

The registered office of EN-zyme Association was settled in Città Studi Biella headquarters in Biella, partner of the project TRAINREBUILD and a well recognized training and education center. Furthermore EN-zyme Association and Città studi Biella have stipulated a formal agreement in order to transfer TRAINREBUILD project achievements after its conclusion in December 2012. The Association is independent from Città Studi Biella, even if it shares common values and purpose for promoting special training courses and new methodologies and technologies for energy efficiency and renewable energy applied to buildings.

### **Objectives**

The Association has the mission to promote and spread new technologies, methodologies and a new culture for building retrofitting towards property owners. In doing so, the Association will use the service package produced in the framework of the project TRAINREBUILD and assist individual owners with a step by step retrofit process. In order to further promote these goals, the Association will organize technical assistance services and training for professionals in public and private sectors involved in the building development sector. The service package for Italy to be used for these trainings will be further refined to comprise:

- Web technical assistance services offered to property owners association members;
- Specific toolkit for retrofit evaluation, offered to property owners association members.

The main goal is the assistance En-zyme will provide to property owners associations technical department as it will be the fastest way to cover a great numbers of private owners who want to renovate their building with energy efficiency interventions. With these activities, En-zyme wants to fill the gap in Italy between high level but expensive energy efficiency practices, and the majority of buildings that barely comply with national law requirements in terms of energy efficiency and retrofit interventions.

### **Expected Outcomes**

The Association founding members have a multi-year experience on these issues and are convinced that it is possible to implement energy efficiency interventions and raise comfort level at current and acceptable costs, as long as interventions are undertaken by experts with adequate technical background and mindset constraints are minimised from the property owners' side.