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Abstract

It is impossible to separate the theme of alpine hut management, with its organisational, technological, environmental and energy-related aspects, from a holistic vision of the challenges present in any project regarding the spatial, material, formal and constructive qualities of an alpine hut building.

An architectural approach, on the other hand, can sometimes be relegated to the sidelines. However, an architectural vision is essential to understand the complete picture of requirements and to provide adequate solutions in terms of quality of space and ability of the structure to integrate into and dialogue with the surrounding alpine context.

For a mountain hut which serves as an important observation point, it is critical that its environmental impact is also evaluated from a visual point of view. Furthermore, an enhanced quality of space not only guarantees an increased sense of comfort for managers and users, it also creates improved functionality and optimised performance through consistent distribution and organisation combined with technological strategies.

The contributors propose to display and analyse a series of recent interventions to mountain huts distributed over the Alpine chain that exemplify this approach, evaluating strengths and weaknesses in order to verify theoretical principles and identify best practices and model case studies.