



# REBECCO FARM: A COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH IN ENERGY RETROFITTING OF A RURAL HISTORIC COMPLEX

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# REBECCO FARM

- Rebecco Farm **renovation project** is explored
- **rural historical complex** of the 16<sup>th</sup> century transformed into a hospitality complex
- **public and private partners** involved
- innovative **sustainable solutions** were implemented
- activities of education, and **community involvement**
- **model for sustainable retrofitting** in rural built heritage



## PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS

PRIVATE  
FOUNDATION



LOCAL  
COMMUNITIES



HERITAGE  
BOARD



Soprintendenza  
Archeologia, Belle Arti  
e Paesaggio per le  
province di  
Bergamo e Brescia

CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE  
INDUSTRIES

CONSTRUCTION  
SOCIETIES

PRIVATE OWNERS

25 MUNICIPALITIES

PROFESSIONALS

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES



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# THE COMMUNITY-LED PROJECT



- Workshops and activities carried out with the local community and several stakeholders (e.g., institutions, universities, the Cariplo Foundation) for **defining intervention actions**
- The Rebecco Farm project also served as a practical **learning experience** in sustainable conservation methods
- Seminars to educate the broader community **about the importance of heritage preservation and sustainable practices**

# SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION PROCESS

- The conservation process aimed at **preserving as much of the authentic material as possible**, while making the buildings usable and sustainable
- **Natural local materials** of Valle Trompia were tested (hemp blocks, marsh reeds, also wooden fiber panel)
- Detailed **simulations**
- **Second internal windows** were implemented while preserving the existing historic openings
- As HVAC system: a **wood-burning heating system**, contributing to the clearing of woods and undergrowth in the area

