# UP THERE

#### The trail towards a more sustainable alpine hut. A renovation project for Rifugio Carducci, 2297 mt., Alta Val Giralba, Dolomiti.

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Ground Floor

First Floor





South Elevation

North Elevation









- Renew the systems.
- Expand the refuge from 25 to at least 50 beds.
- Expand the dining area.
- Provide an independent winter bivouac.
- Enhance the experience of an alpine hut.



"What would be the vision for a future Rifugio Carducci?."



Photo Credit: Club Alpino italiano

#### <mark>Study sketch</mark> Rifugio Carducci, Lago Nero, trails 101-103-109.









Photo Credit: Rifugio Carducci



### Rather than seeing the built environment as a series of "earth-ships"



Why not looking "at the built element and the built environment as a connected system of systems?

# Refuse self sufficiency to maximise the positive impact of the built in the environment





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## Main question

How can we maximise the positive impact of a highaltitude alpine refuge towards its (eco)system? What is an alpine refuge?

#### Shelters and bivouacs

Early examples of shelters and current bivouacs basic structure.









Photo Credit: Rifugi e Bivacchi, Gli imperdibili delle Alpi. Dini, Gibello, Girodo.



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"Water, food, heat, space: High altitude teaches us to rediscover the use-value of the most precious things."

Roberto Dini, Luca Gibello, Stefano Girodo -Andare per rifugi-





Why are they there?



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Rifugio Carducci

Axonometric view of the current refuge.



187.3 m<sup>3</sup> of Dolomia stone walls

 $187.3 \text{ m}^3$  at 2.6 ton per m<sup>3</sup> = 486.980 Kg


= 350+ helicopter flights



#### Energy Consumption and Generation Extract from a normal operation day of the current refuge.



# Cast Shadow Study The Refuge within its natural Context.



1615



0825

1508

October

Morning









Highly efficient solar panels and abundant rain fall led me to consider hydrogen as energy carrier.

Photo Credit: sas-cas.ch

What is the best way to use the rainwater and to store energy?



kWh comparison Amount of fuel necessary to cover the daily needs of the refuge.



Required resources kWh and water necessary to extract the necessary Hydrogen.



Demand, resource, Necessary PV surface Season's required energy, peak solar irradiation, necessary PV surface to cover the needs.



How?

Project diagram Project's fundamentals.



By integrating technology and design.

Shelter & View









West Elevation

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Supestructure Sheltering the shelter.





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## Comparison Existing R-Values and Project R-Values.

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### Assembly Renovation, Superstructure, Boxes assembly.





Prefabricated elements are used for the expansion and insulation of the existing refuge.

1/10 plan detail of the Integration between the different expansions.

### Assembly

Renovation, Superstructure, Boxes assembly.





The superstructure is airlifted on-site.

The superstructure is positioned above the exisitng walls and sealed with rubber gaskets.

Superstructure and exisitng structure are connected through rebars and throughbolted.

### Assembly Renovation, Superstructure, Boxes assembly.



The prefabricated boxes are airlifted and anchored to the Superstructure



The boxes are pre-assembled and airlifted on site, including interior fittings.



The boxes are airlifted and anchored to the Superstructure.













- 1 Tubular snow breakers on in-roof solar panels.

2 Renovate roof: 60mm In-roof solar panels; Rear ventilated level with 40x60mm larch battens; Breather membrane; 120mm natural wool insulation with 60mm larch rafters; 200mm Lignatur geometry surface elements between existing rafters.

- 6 Walco bolt system connection between vertical prefabricated timber frame walls.





South Elevation

Rifugio Carduco 2,297m

100cm 300cm

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#### View

The corridor connecting the existing, the new, and the landscape.





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# Roof-Superstructure-Corridor Glazing-Interior boxes Detail.

50cm







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### Program Ground Floor Axonometry.



Project Water System Integration Proposed Cycle







#### View Approaching the hut from Auronzo.



## 46 helicopter flights

7 Main Structure Assembly
12 Boxes Assembly
3 Cladding Materials
14 Expansion and Renovation
10 General materials and construction machinery

1 Reduces demolition waste2 Valorizes the existing3 Relies on the local resources









