

A National law for earthen architecture in Italy. Difficulties and expectances



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ABSTRACT

The fruitful process of recognition of Italian earthen architecture of the past years has been accompanied in the last period by a parallel action developing a normative. The Italian building regulation in fact does not include earth among the allowed building materials, making numerous actions of conservation and restoration in some cases impossible. Moreover, the new buildings that finally are appearing on the scene might be soon stopped by more rigid norms concerning the edification in seismic areas. To this all there has to be added that a consolidated production of earthen components already exists in some areas, introducing in the market products which are not at all controlled nor tested in order to certify their safe use in buildings. At the moment a specific proposal of National law is being evaluated in the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament. The results given throughout the course of last year by the different Commissions that evaluated the proposals are often testifying the widespread confusion and the lack of knowledge that surrounds the topic.

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