

# ECOWEEK 2017 LOW COUNTRIES

**A BIO-BASED APPROACH TO  
THE SOCIAL ACTIVITY OF DESIGNING  
AND BUILDING URBAN SPACE.**

**ECOWEEK** is an international non-governmental non-profit organization with the mission to raise awareness on environmental issues, Climate Change and to promote the principles of Sustainability. Established in Greece in 2005, **ECOWEEK** is active in more than 15 countries.

**ECOWEEK NET** has a Network of students and young professionals in 54 countries.

**ECOWEEK** runs design programs hosted by universities, municipalities, and institutions around the world, emphasizing the principles of education, co-operation and sustainable design.

**ECOWEEK** programs are inspired by the vision of Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy to empower young professionals to benefit their communities. Thus **ECOWEEK** workshops very often take the form of hands-on design-build projects which, in addition to their educational and training value, leave a positive impact on the ground.

**ECOWEEK 2017 – TILBURG will revolve around 4 major themes:**

- Urban space • Social Impact • Environmental Impact • Bio-Based-Building

Issues such as *use and meaning of space, food production, waste management, energy consumption & production, water-, wind-, light-, temperature- management, bio-based materials, reuse and recycling, health...* will be explored against the background of the 4 major themes. Students and workshop inventors with different backgrounds such as artist, industrial designers, material explores, politicians, building engineers, contractors, architects, communicators ... will be invited to participate to this first edition of ECOWEEK in the low countries.

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