

You are kindly invited to the finals of the **Estonian Academy of Arts** 3rd year students architecture studio “**Buildings for a Better Society: School Buildings**” at 10 am on May 27th in Giardini. The final evaluation will be held as a **Biennale Session** where students present their projects for a new energy efficient school space.

The Faculty of Architecture of the Estonian Academy of Arts opened an energy performance professorship in autumn 2016 in cooperation with Merko Ehitus construction company and an Austrian architect and energy performance expert Bernhard Sommer.

While in the previous year the studio focused on a fictitious Estonian Ministry of Environment building, this year an actual competition brief was used to evoke spatial ideas for a contemporary school campus. The studio investigated novel spatial concepts that follow alternative didactic models in education. Aspects of energy consumption, such as the influence of building programs, the construction of the building skin etc were discussed in the studio. The students were asked to base their whole work on algorithmic design concepts and to apply digital design and fabrication strategies.

The **Buildings for a Better Society: School Buildings** finals are held in the context of Biennale Sessions, a special programme for higher education institutions at La Biennale di Venezia's 16h International Architecture Exhibition

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