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Design & development:

- Key design Iterations; Reducing the number of livingroom windows, changing the glazing type to CUIN insulating glass, changing the frame type to fiberglass, Insulating Domestic hot water pipes, improve night ventilation, adding roof insulation for second floor unit, changing all lights to LED.

- The size of the windows is left the same because the glazing and frame have been improved to high thermal performance therefore reducing more window size would result to more wall ratio than glazing hence increase in demand because the u-values for walls is greater than the windows.



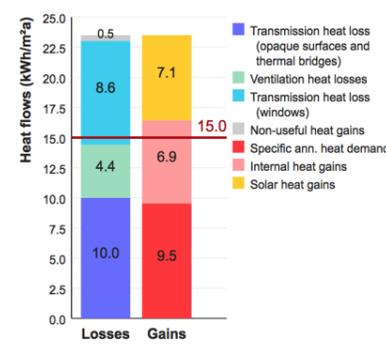
**Project overview**

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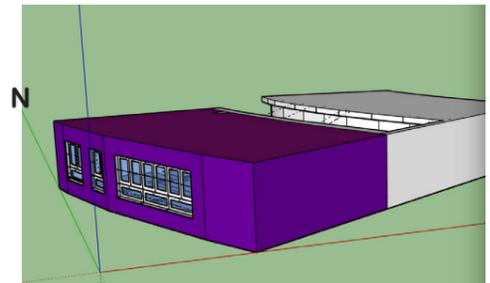
Climate	Firenze
Annual heat demand (Q <sub>h</sub> )	9.5 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a
Treated Floor Area (TFA)	108 m <sup>2</sup> (User-defined)
Thermal envelope area	282 m <sup>2</sup>
Heat Loss Form Factor	2.61
Projected building footprint	--- m <sup>2</sup>
Number of windows	22
Number of thermal surfaces	19
Number of thermal bridges	None defined

**Thermal envelope checks**  
The thermal envelope appears to be complete!

Render mode: Render by Area Group



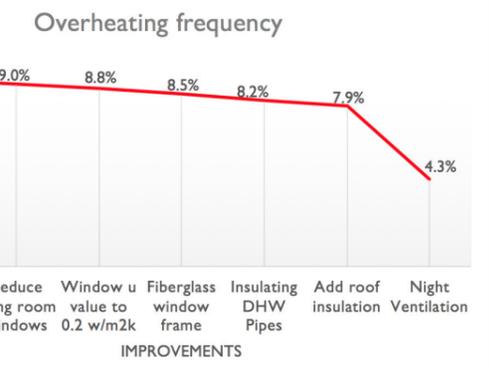
Initial check for Second floor unit



Render mode: Render by heat loss (Specific heat loss, per m<sup>2</sup> of thermal envelope)

The roof is losing more heat than the walls, hence insulation will be added to the exterior, for better performance. Ground floor unit, performs better than the second floor unit because it's more shaded

Same changes as Ground floor unit were done to minimise the demand and also frequency of overheating.



Specific building demands with reference to the treated floor area

Category	Requirement	Value	Requirements	Fulfilled?*
Space heating	Treated floor area	107.9 m <sup>2</sup>	-	-
	Heating demand	5 kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)	13 kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)	yes
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	Cooling load	4 W/m <sup>2</sup>	-	-
	Frequency of overheating (> 25 °C)	%	-	-
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	Specific primary energy reduction through solar electricity	0.6 kWh/(m <sup>2</sup> a)	-	-
Airtightness	Pressurization test result n <sub>50</sub>	0.6 1/h	0.6 1/h	yes

Passive House?  yes

Final result

CLimate used is Firenze (which is the closest) because Milan is not in DesignPH, But it is corrected on the PH Excel sheet with Milan climate data, Hence majority of the iterations are done in the excel sheet because they couldnt be analysed or changed on designPH sketchup..

The unit with the least favourable orientation is analysed (The south facing one), because after testing, the layout was duplicated.

The building is a 3-storey so all three levels are analysed. The first floor performs better than the rest therefore analysis for ground and second floor is presented.

Building Orientation is N-S axis, because the design is terraced units, hence suitable.

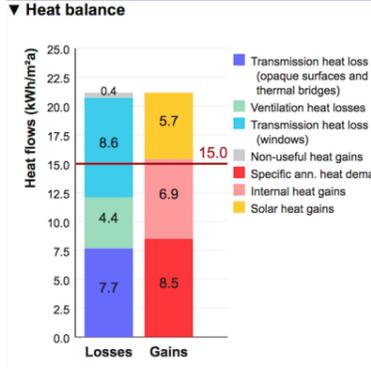
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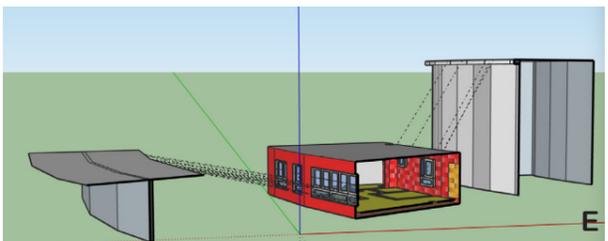
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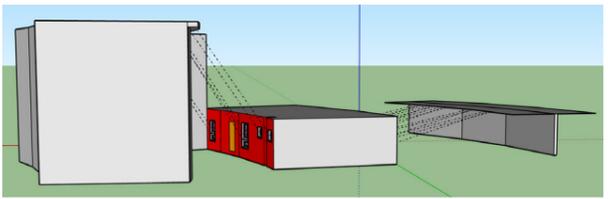
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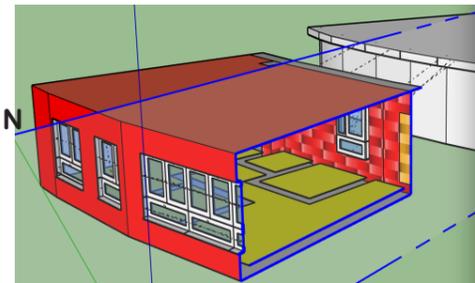
Initial check for Ground floor unit



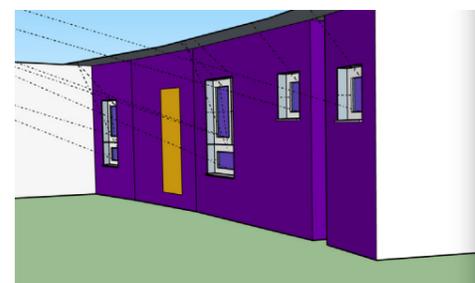
Green solid line points to the North



Base case



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Render mode view to the courtyard. (base case)

**Transmission heat loss (opaque surfaces and thermal bridges)**

Group no.	Area group	Total area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Area weighted U-value (W/m <sup>2</sup> K)	Av. temp. factor	Ann. htg. degree hours (kKha)	Transmission heat losses (kWh/a)	Q <sub>t</sub> (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a)
7	External Door	2.48	0.17	1.00	41.00	17.25	0.16
8	External Wall - Ambient	114.17	0.09	1.00	41.00	442.28	4.10
9	External Wall - Ground	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
10	Roof/Ceiling - Ambient	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
11	Floor slab / Basement ceiling	142.08	0.11	0.60	41.00	389.13	3.42
12	Temperature zone X	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
13	Thermal Bridges Ambient	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
14	Perimeter Thermal Bridges	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
15	Thermal Bridges Floor Slab / Basement Ceiling	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
16	Partition Wall to Neighbour	171.12	0.10	0.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
<b>429.84</b>						<b>828.66</b>	<b>7.68</b>

**Solar heat gains**

Group no.	Area group	Win. area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Glazing area (m <sup>2</sup> )	g-value	Reduction factor	Radiation, G <sub>s</sub>	Solar heat gains (kWh/a)	Q <sub>s</sub> (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> a)
2	North Windows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	East Windows	5.70	2.81	0.50	0.03	122.06	10.04	0.09
4	South Windows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	West Windows	17.57	9.09	0.50	0.31	213.23	877.81	5.36
6	Horizontal Windows	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>23.27</b>			<b>11.90</b>				<b>587.95</b>	<b>5.43</b>

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5	West Windows	17.57	0.96	1.00	41.00	894.04	6.43
6	Horizontal Windows	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.00	0.00	0.00
<b>23.27</b>						<b>930.29</b>	<b>6.62</b>

Maximum heat loss from windows, due to size and higher U-value.

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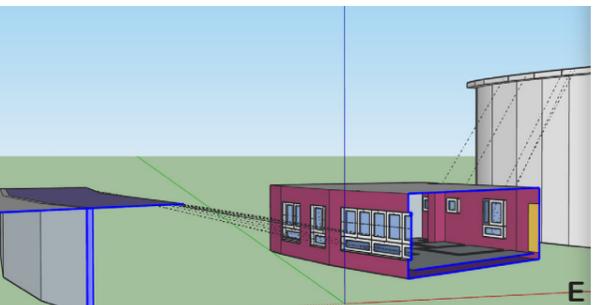
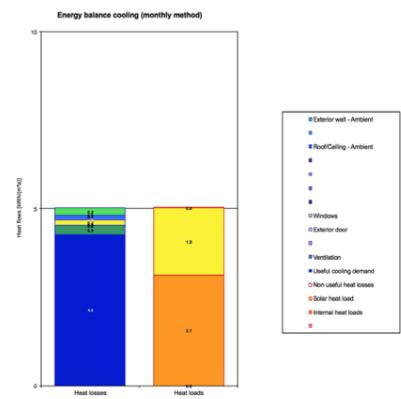
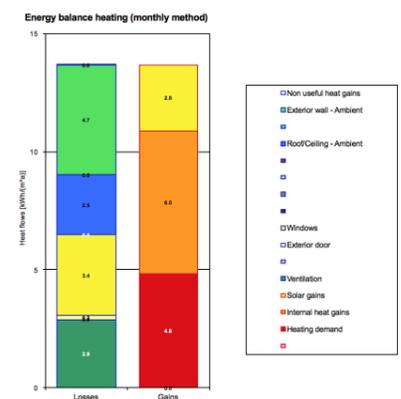
Transmission heat loss reduced to half when frame and glazing type was changed

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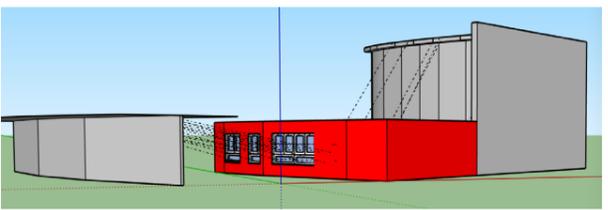
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Other Improvements, such as shading was done on excel sheet because the shading used would overload the system, also ventilation type was changed, cooling strategies were improved for final results.



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Wall thermal performance is good.



Reduce living room windows (due to high heat loss)

