OIKODOMOS (Greek for "house builder") is developing a virtual campus for the study of dwelling at a European scale.

The aim of the first workshop is to formulate the characteristics for contemporary housing, from a European perspective: social demands, functional requirements, spatial qualities, construction methods, urban models... Based on this survey, elaborated during the workshop, students will continue exploring the different issues further during courses and seminars taking place at their own institutions. The results of their work (case study analysis, theoretical reflections, housing designs) produced within this learning sequence will furnish the starting point for the second OIKODOMOS workshop, taking place in Grenoble. Developing the capacity to work as part of a multinational team is an integral part of this process collaborating with peers and teaching staff from different higher education institutions and experiencing the multi-cultural character of housing in Europe. Through meetings at the participating Schools interwoven with the on-going work on the virtual studios, students and faculty, they will combine physical and virtual mobility. Students and faculty will also interact with social and professional representatives to discuss housing proposals. Local practitioners will participate in the design studios as tutors and critics. They will be instrumental in letting incoming students and teachers from other schools know about the issues that are relevant in housing in their respective regions, from a professional view, thus helping the participants in developing the multi-cultural character of housing today.

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