

## References

# Passive building with high energy efficiency



## Uponor involvement

- ✓ The building is equipped with Uponor underfloor heating and cooling | There is no radiator in the building and in summer it is cooled by the floors | Smatrix automation is used for automatic system control.

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Aloja municipality is one of the first in Latvia which implemented low-energy building and used wood as a basic construction material in the construction of public building. Heat energy consumption during operation per heated area will not exceed 14.6 kWh / m<sup>2</sup> per year.

## Project Facts:

Location

Aloja, Latvia

Completion

2016

Building Type

Office building

Product systems

Radiant Heating & Cooling

Number of floors

1

Address

Liepu iela 3, Ungurpils, Alojās  
pagasts, Alojās novads, LV-4064

Website

<https://www.sala.lv/>

Project Type

New building

## Partners

Customer:

Aloja County Council

Project author:

SIA "HUMA architectural studio"

General contractor:

SIA "MONUM"

Construction supervisor:

SIA "Firma L4"

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## Short description

Business Support Center - library SALA is intended for several functions. The building consists of three main functional blocks - a library, large seminar hall and study rooms. All the blocks are located on the only floor of the building. Each block has autonomous access.

The technical design of the building was developed in 2015, construction works began at the end of February 2016. The building has strip-shaped foundations, on which a slab 250 mm thick is supported, above which a thermal insulation layer 300 mm thick is built. The foundation exhibition took 2 months. A diverse range of materials was used in the construction of the building - concrete, wood, metal, etc. Wood is very widely used - both as a frame and as a finishing material. There are two reasons for this: firstly, great emphasis was placed on the use of natural materials, and secondly, it is with the special woodworking technique that the design concept can be achieved. Local materials were mostly preferred.

One of the characteristics of the building is the high energy efficiency of the building. To ensure this, the architectural solution of the building fully meets the energy consumption criteria of a passive building. The calculation was performed using the Passive House Planning Package program.

The heat source of the heating system and hot water supply uses a heat pump with geothermal heat supply from deep well probes. It is equipped with automation and control elements. There are no radiators in the building, nor does it have air conditioners. In summer, the building is cooled using floors.

The object can be assessed as relatively complex, because the goal was to build the building in accordance with the standards of passive construction. During the construction process, it required a much closer look at the construction of the units, the density of the constructions, controlling the quality at each stage of construction. The clay soil also complicated the construction of the drainage system planned for the project.

Object in numbers

Number of floors: one

Construction time: February 2016 to September 12

Building height: 5.22 m

Building volume: 1982 m<sup>3</sup>

Total area of the building: 625.1 m<sup>2</sup>



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