Task 59 Blog

Sweden launches a new stage of the national research program on energy efficiency in historic buildings.

Spara och bevara ("Save and preserve") is the Swedish national research program on energy efficiency in historic buildings funded by the Swedish Energy Agency. The objective of this program is to promote interdisciplinary research and development with relevant and problem-oriented issues regarding energy use in culturally and historically valuable buildings. The program focuses on historic buildings of all types and ages. The programme's long-term vision is that competence, knowledge and proven solutions will be available to all relevant actors in order to integrate energy efficiency and preservation of cultural values in the renovation, maintenance and development of culturally and historically valuable buildings.

The *Spara och bevara* program was first initiated in 2008. Since then there has been three four year terms, each with a budget of around 4 MEuro. More than 40 projects have been funded. In 2019 the Swedish Energy Agency launched the fourth stage of the research program. Five MEuro was allocated for a five year period with an option for a prolongation. The first calls for proposals resulted in 15 funded projects, starting in 2020, with a wide range of topics such as renewable energy sources, risk assessment, life cycle analysis, indoor climate control and novel insulation materials.

Uppsala University, a partner of SHC Task 59, is responsible for scientific coordination and communication in the program. For more information see the web page www.sparaochbevara.se (in Swedish) or contact tor.brostrom@konstvet.uu.se.





