Princess Elisabeth Antarctica



What?

1st and **ONLY** zero emission research station in Antarctica demonstrating how today's energy challenges can be tackled in order to secure a sustainable future.

A base where scientists can conduct world-class research in fields like Climate & Weather, Glaciology, Geology, Geodesy, Biology, Space & High Atmospheric Sciences, etc., while minimizing their carbon footprint.



2007-2008 2008-2009 15 Feb 2009





In winter the station runs autonomously. It is remotely controlled via satellite connection. It can be left unmanned for 8 months thanks to it's zero emission design.



Utsteinen Ridge -North of Sor Rondane Mountains, Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica.



Equipment & Facilities



Satellite dish allowing efficient communication & high-speed data-transfer from the field.



Observatories and Science Shelters in the vicinity of Princess Elisabeth Antarctica, hosting permanent & temporary scientific instruments.



Operational machines, snow tractors and vehicle park (Prinoth, skidoo, container side loaders, etc.)





Technical Workshops (building, electronic & vehicle maintenance)



Mobile solar-powered energy field units producing up to 25 kWh per day that scientists can use while on extended research missions in the field

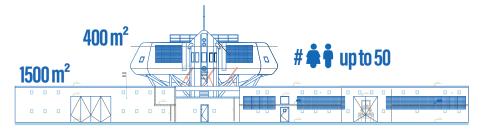


Automated Weather Stations measuring meteorological parameters at different locations.



2022 NEW! The world's first electrical vehicle capable of running & supporting scientists in the harsh environment of Antarcitca.





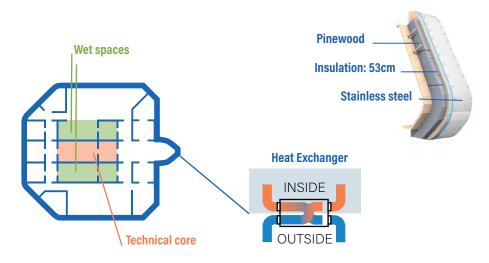


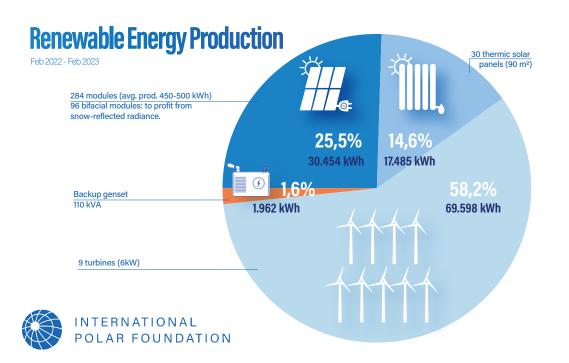


Unique Design

The station's shape, orientation, skin, insulation, and window disposition allow a comfortable ambient temperature to be maintained inside the building with little energy input.

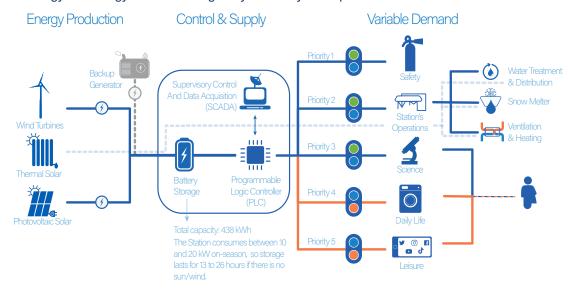
The station's operation systems are located at the core of the building, with the outer rooms serving as an extra layer of insulation to avoid freezing during winter.





Intelligent Systems

The renewable energy production is variable, hence, an intelligent system balances available energy and energy demand through a system of dynamic prioritisation.



Water Treatment

A uniquely water treatment system, inspired by space technology, allows 95% of used water to be treated before discharge and/or reuse.

= 1/5 average US water use

