

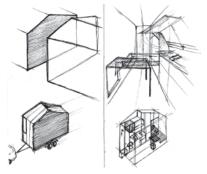
FROM BERLIN TO ROME

APRIL - JUNE 2018

a project by Leonardo Di Chiara in collaboration with Tinyhouse University







THE aVOID TINY HOUSE

Big Ideas. Small Spaces.

Named "aVOID", it is the first mobile "tiny house" built in Italy, and the first in the world designed in the shape of a terraced house. Assembled on a trailer, the 9m² living space is fully equipped with every comfort integrated in a seemingy empty void — its namesake — where all the furniture is folded into the walls just like a Swiss Army knife.

aVOID represents a real lifestyle characterized by a strong adhesion to minimalist principles, in the spirit of the "less is more" movement and a more sustainable way of living. The prototype was designed by architect Leonardo Di Chiara with the aim of creating a new housing model for the growing generation of urban nomads. The two blank side walls, which envision the aggregation of several units in a row, open possibilities for new forms of urbanisation based on mobility.

THE IMPACT

Housing meets mobility. Millions are interested.

How can we reinvent our urban spaces to fulfil the needs of contemporary society? What the tiny house movement can teach city makers? How can we integrate mobility into the future of housing?

The aVOID project is conceived to raise discussions around these questions, starting with its participation in the "Bauhaus Campus" exhibition, a temporary village hosted by Bauhaus-Archiv in Berlin. With its mobility, aVOID wants to represent a possible alternative to conventional housing systems, fostering the development of more liquid cities characterized by an accessibile and sustainable approach. The debate engages every form of participation — from the physical encountering to a broad campaign with press and media.

The project has been strongly supported by a group of thirty-three technical sponsors and nine institutional partners which were involved actively since inception. In that time, aVOID has been featured in over 250 publications worldwide, reaching a wide public audience of 50+ million across a variety of mediums. It recently appeared on CCTV in China, The Sun in the UK and on Kirsten Dirksen's sustainability blog faircompanies.com.













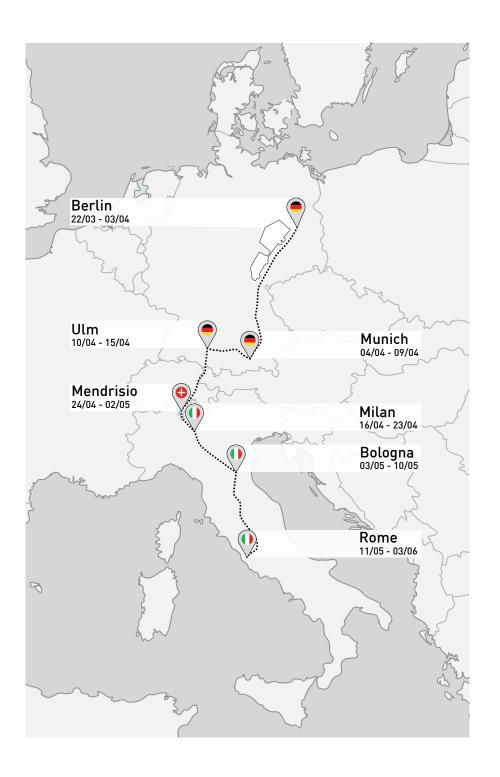




THE TOUR

Tiny Talks, Guided Tours, and more. A physical platform for discussion.

With the aim of raising awareness among the public for the need to rethink our housing models, particularly to face the rapid changes of contemporary society, aVOID will be the protagonist of a tour starting in Berlin and ending in Rome. aVOID on Tour was conceived as an ideal continuation of the research promoted by Leonardo Di Chiara within the Bauhaus Campus as a member of the Tinyhouse University. Starting on April 3rd, 2018, aVOID will travel through several locations functioning as a physical platform to empower discussions around topics such as sustainability, self-construction, and mobile living in relation to the possibilities offered by tiny houses. At every stage the public will be invited to actively participate in a series of events, including tiny-talks, test-living experiences, guided tours, art residencies, lectures, conferences, contests, and design workshops curated by the members of the Tinyhouse University.



SCHEDULE

7 cities. 3 countries. 60 days. Hfg-Archiv, Goethe-Institut, ...

aVOID on Tour includes 7 stages that connect Germany, Switzerland, and Italy in a journey which starts from the Bauhaus Campus in Berlin and ends in Rome. The tiny house will be hosted by museums, like the HfG-Archiv in Ulm; as part of events, such as "inHabits 2018" during the Salone del Mobile; and by institutions like the Goethe-Institut in Rome.

The complete programme includes:

22/03/18 - 03/04/18	Berlin, DE @ AEDES
04/04/18 – 09/04/18	Munich, DE @ Bauzentrum City Center Installation
10/04/18 – 15/04/18	Ulm, DE @ HfG-Archiv City Center Installation
16/04/18 – 23/04/18	Milan, IT @ inHabits Milan Design Week 2018
24/04/18 - 02/05/18	Mendrisio, CH @ Academy of Architecture
03/05/18 - 10/05/18	Bologna, IT @ University of Bologna
	City Center Installation
11/05/18 - 03/06/18	Rome, IT @ Open House / Goethe-Institut





GET INVOLVED

Enable discussions, ideas, and inspiration.

With planning complete, sponsors and strategic partners are now needed to make **aVOID on Tour** a success.

The Tinyhouse University is looking to work with a sponsor who can assist with the transport of the tiny house between the various locations of the tour. The assistance can be financial or in goods/services, though it would ideally cover the costs related to the towing of the aVOID (car rental and operation), and the work of a professional driver (working hours, accommodation, and transfers).

While sponsorship is of course critical, the ideal partner would be one that has interest in giving support to and participate in the discussions promoted by the Tinyhouse University through aVOID on Tour. They should be an active player in the field of mobility, with a strong involvement in shaping a more sustainable urban environment through innovative approaches. The sponsor will not just benefit from our wide international reach in media and social media, but would also have the opportunity to use the aVOID tiny house for its marketing strategies, wether through events, communication activities, or surveying campaigns.

ABOUT LEONARDO

Exploring solutions to modern housing issues.



Leonardo Di Chiara is a 27-year-old Italian architect and engineer. He focuses his research and professional practice in the field of mobile architecture, exploring possible developments within the existing urban structure. By invitation from Van Bo Le-Mentzel, he became joined the Tinyhouse University as a member of the Board of Directors.

In 2017 he designed and built the aVOID tiny house, gathering together a team of 9 institutional partners and more than 30 technical sponsors among some of the most influential German and Italian companies. For the social value of his works, he was awarded the "Premio Berlino 2017", a prestigious prize given by the Italian Ministry of Culture and Ministry of Foreign Affairs to young and talented Italian architects.

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"As an architect, my mission is to make cities more accessible. I strongly believe that the future of mobility will give us space to reinvent our urban models in a more sustainable way"

