

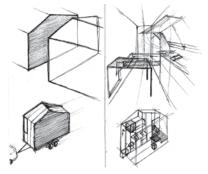
FROM
ITALY
TO
GERMANY

15th SEPTEMBER - 15th DECEMBER 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 <a href="CCTV">CCTV</a> in China, <a href="The Sun">The Sun</a> in the UK and on <a href="Kirsten Dirksen">Kirsten Dirksen</a>'s sustainability blog faircompanies.com.













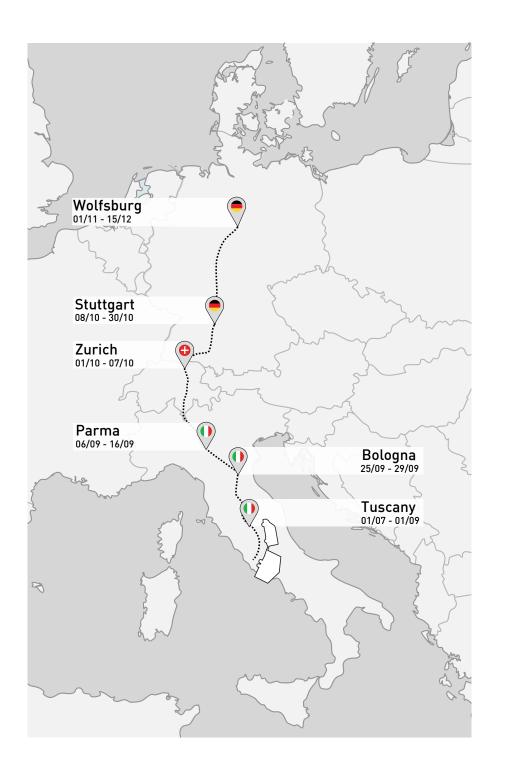




## THE TOUR

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 is the protagonist of a tour which started in March 2018 from Bauhaus-Archiv in Berlin, Since then the aVOID tiny house was exhibited at AEDES Berlin, Bauzentrum Munich, Pinakothek der Moderne Munich, HfG-Archiv Ulm, Milano Design Week, University of Roma3, MAXXI Rome and Goethe-Institut 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. aVOID travels 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 and guided tours, art residencies, lectures, conferences, contests, and design workshops curated by the members of the Tinyhouse University.



## **SCHEDULE**

6 locations. 3 countries. 1700 km. From the hills to big cities.

**aVOID on Tour** includes 6 stages that connect Italy, Switzerland, Germany in a journey which starts from the beautiful landscape of the hills in Tuscany to end in Wolfsburg for a public discussion about the relationship between housing and mobility. The tiny house will be hosted by museums, cultural institutions and private owners.

01/07/18 – 01/09/18	Siena, IT @ Agriturismo Sant'Anna Off-grid location on a hill
06/09/18 – 16/09/18	Parma, IT @ Sustainability Fair 2018
25/09/18 – 29/09/18	<b>Bologna, IT</b> @ Bologna Design Week 2018 City center installation
01/10/18 – 07/10/18	Zurich, CH @ (to be defined) City center installation
08/10/18 – 30/10/18	Stuttgart, DE @ Weissenhof
	City Center Installation
01/11/18 - 15/12/18	Wolfsburg, DE @ Autostadt Volkswagen





#### **GET INVOLVED**

Enable discussions, ideas, and inspiration.

The Tinyhouse University is looking to work with Institutional partners who would be interested in hosting of the tiny house during the six stages event.

aVOID represents a very effective instrument to communicate to the public fundamental values such as sustainablity, minimalism and contemporary lifestyles, in relation to sophisticated and innovative design solutions.

The assistance from the Institutional partner should cover all the costs for the placement of the house during the period (usage of public space, insurance, permits, etc.), communicationand publicity of the event. Moreover it should assist in finding finance to support the costs related to the transport of the house and other expenses needed to present professionally the tiny house at the location. These could be covered by the Institution itself or by a sponsor from own network or amoung aVOID technical team. The sponsor will not just benefit from our reach in media and social media, but would also have the opportunity to use aVOID tiny house for its marketing strategies (events, communication, surveying campaigns, etc.).

### **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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