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User Guide

Explore projects, search and filters, image database, location search and magazine issues on detail.de

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Projects overview, search and filters, explore by location, image database

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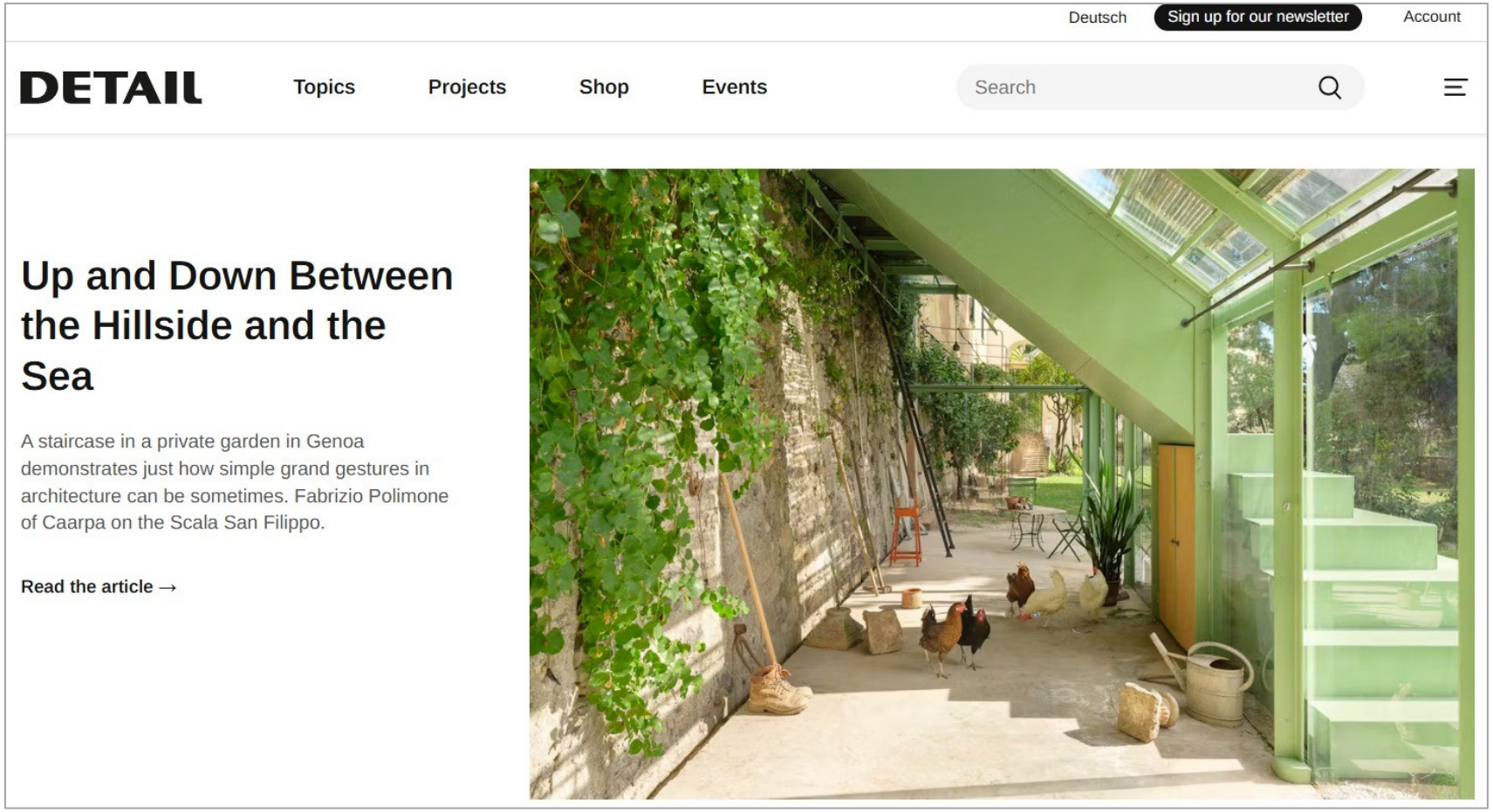
Menu, all issues, issue pages, digital issues and shop

4 Quick reference

The most important steps at a glance

Welcome to detail.de

detail.de is the online platform of DETAIL. Use the main navigation to reach topics, projects, the shop, events and search.



Main navigation

01 Topics: browse articles and magazine content by subject.

02 Projects: open the projects database.

03 Shop: single issues, books, merchandise.

04 Events: conferences, awards.

05 Search: find content across the platform.

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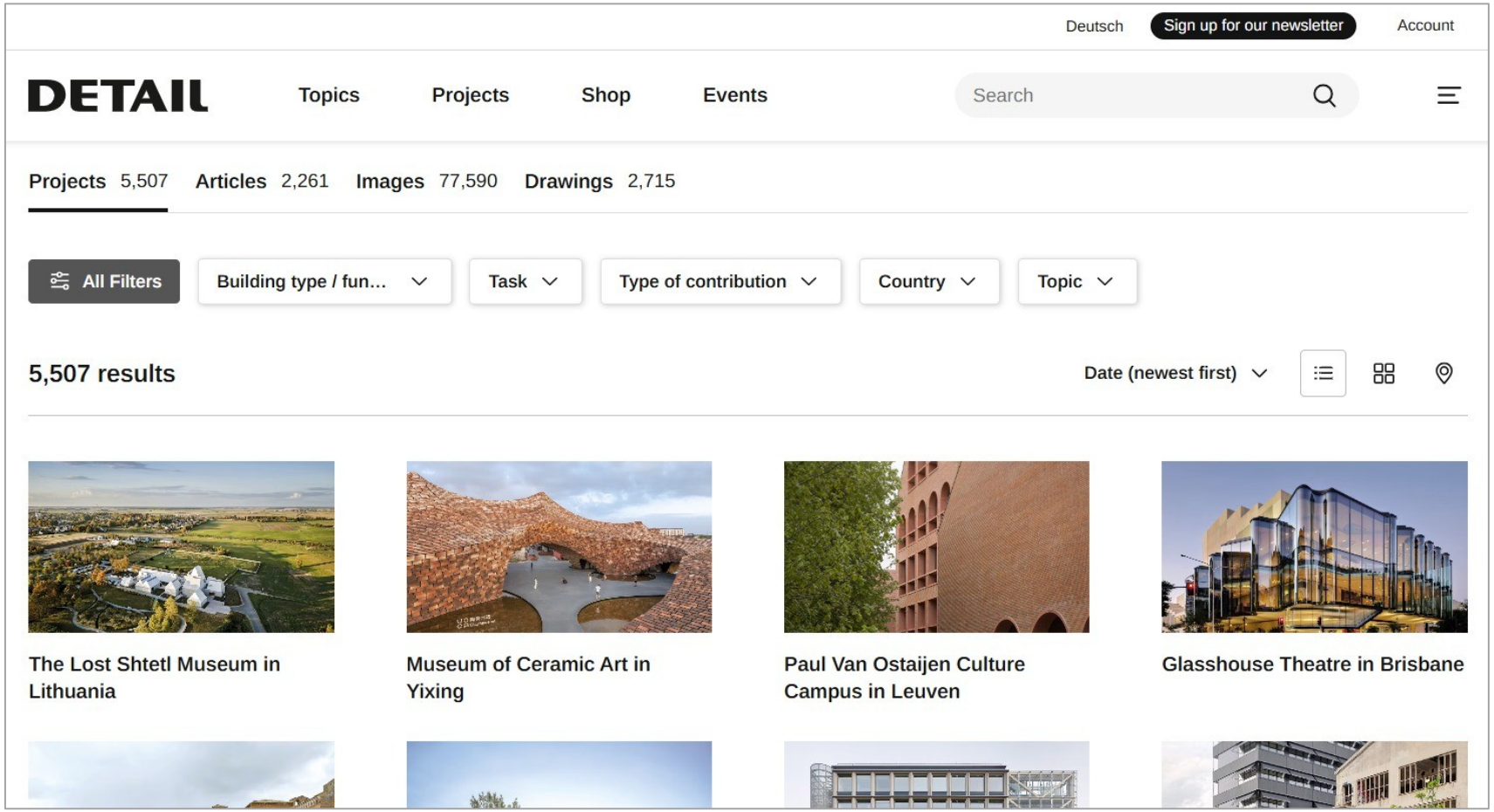
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Discover the projects

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The projects database

Find all projects from the former DETAIL Inspiration database. At the time of the screenshots, more than 5,507 projects are available.



How to use the overview

01 Open "Projects" in the main navigation.

02 Type a term in the search field, e.g. an architect or a project name.

03 Use the filters: Building type, Task, Type of contribution, Country and Topic.

04 Check the results counter and the sort order (e.g. "Date (newest first)").

Combine search and filters

01 Enter a search term in the search field, for example "Norman Foster".

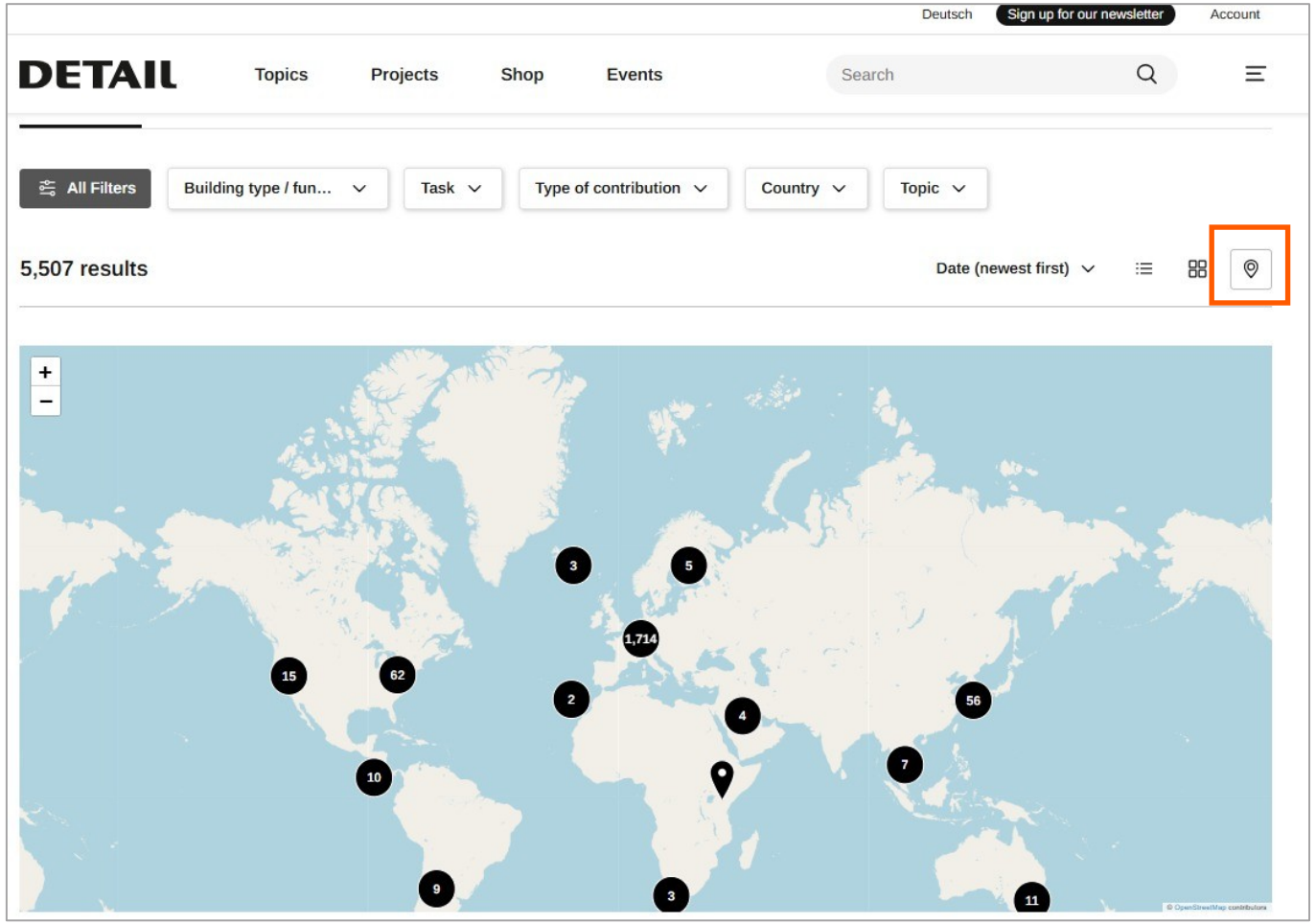
02 Add a filter, for example "Building type", to narrow the results further.

03 The results show only the projects that match both your search and your filter.

04 Tip: start with a broad search and narrow it down step by step with filters.

Explore by location

The new location view lets you explore projects on a map, so you can see where projects are located.



How to use it

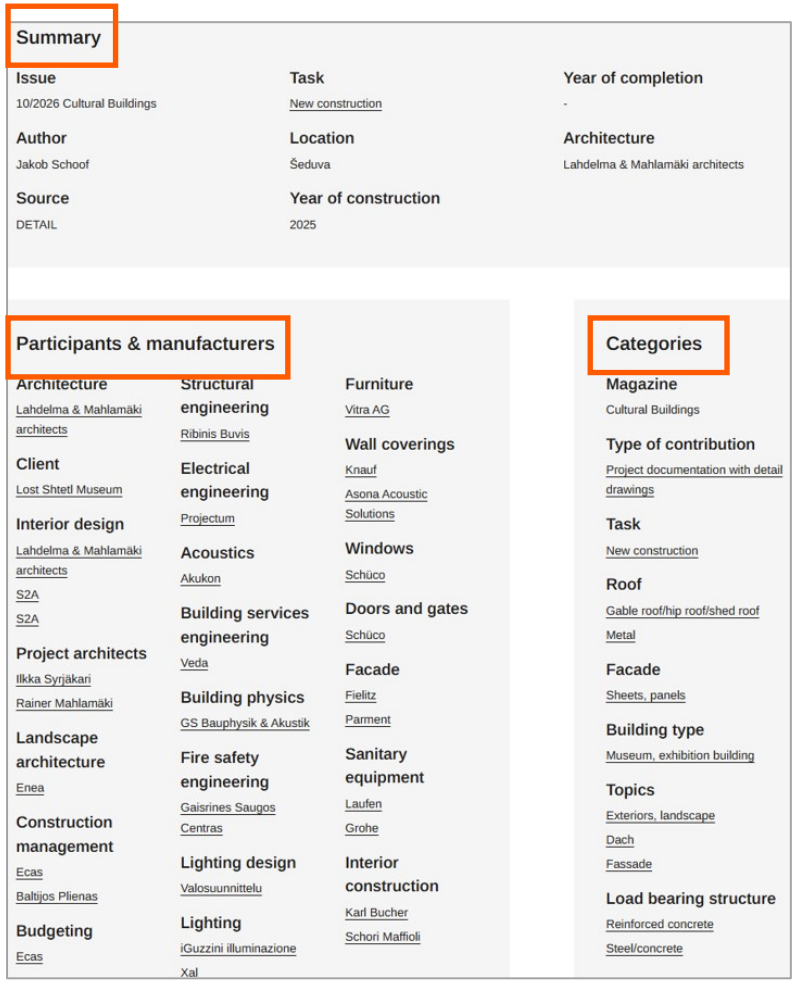
01 Use the feature to explore by location.

02 Use the zoom controls to zoom in and see projects in a specific area.

03 Zoom out to get an overview of projects across regions.

Participants & manufacturers

Scroll down on any project page to find a detailed overview of the project participants and manufacturers.



How to use it

01 Scroll down on a project page to the detailed project information.

02 Check the summary for task, location, architecture and year of construction.

03 Find "Participants & manufacturers", listed by trade, from architecture and engineering to furniture and lighting.

04 Use the categories and related links to find more examples on the same topic.

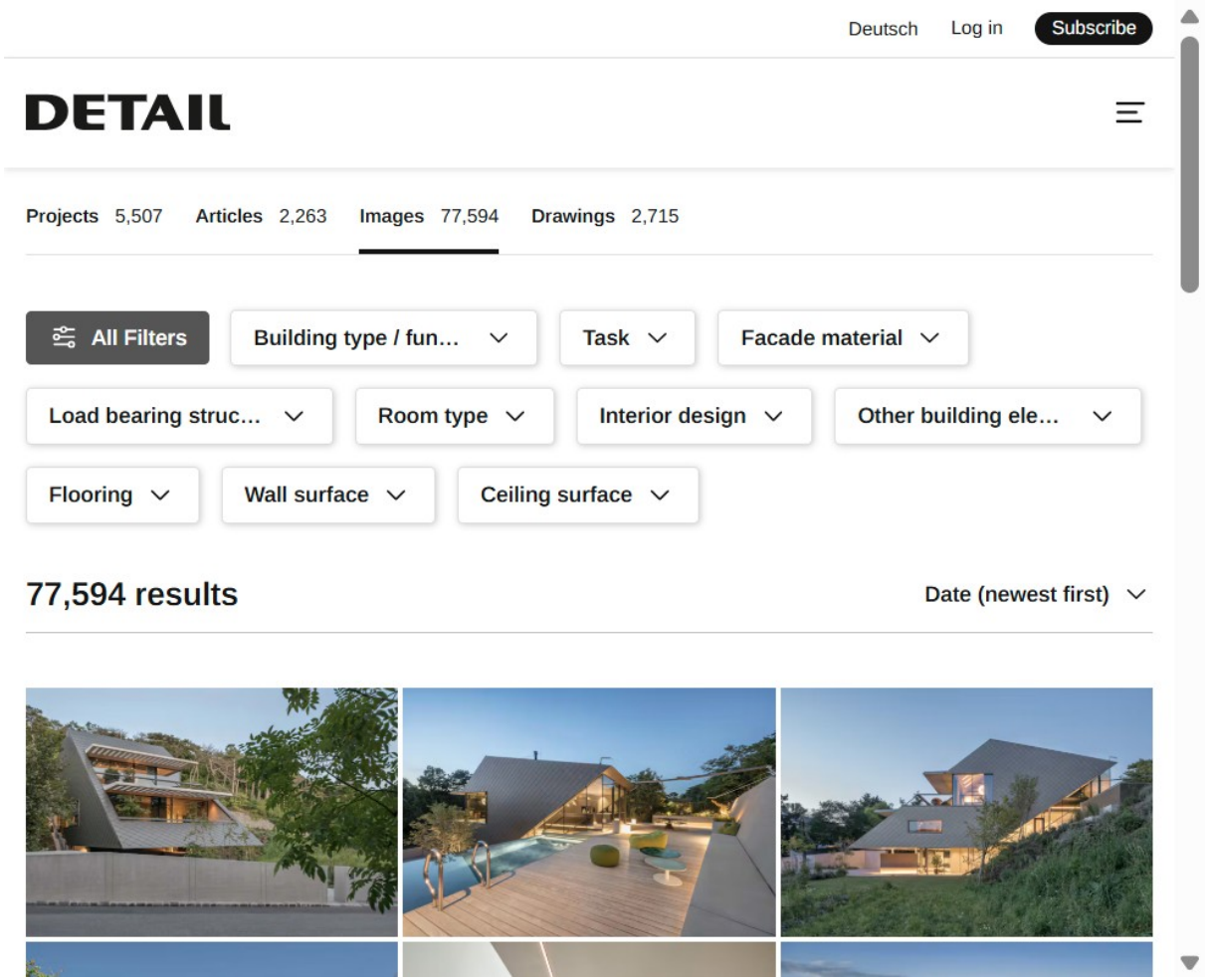
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Discover projects through images

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The image database

Search for projects among more than 77,500 images



How to use the overview

01 Use filters such as Building type, Task, Facade material or Wall surface to find projects.

02 Check the results counter and the sort order (e.g. “Date (newest first)”).

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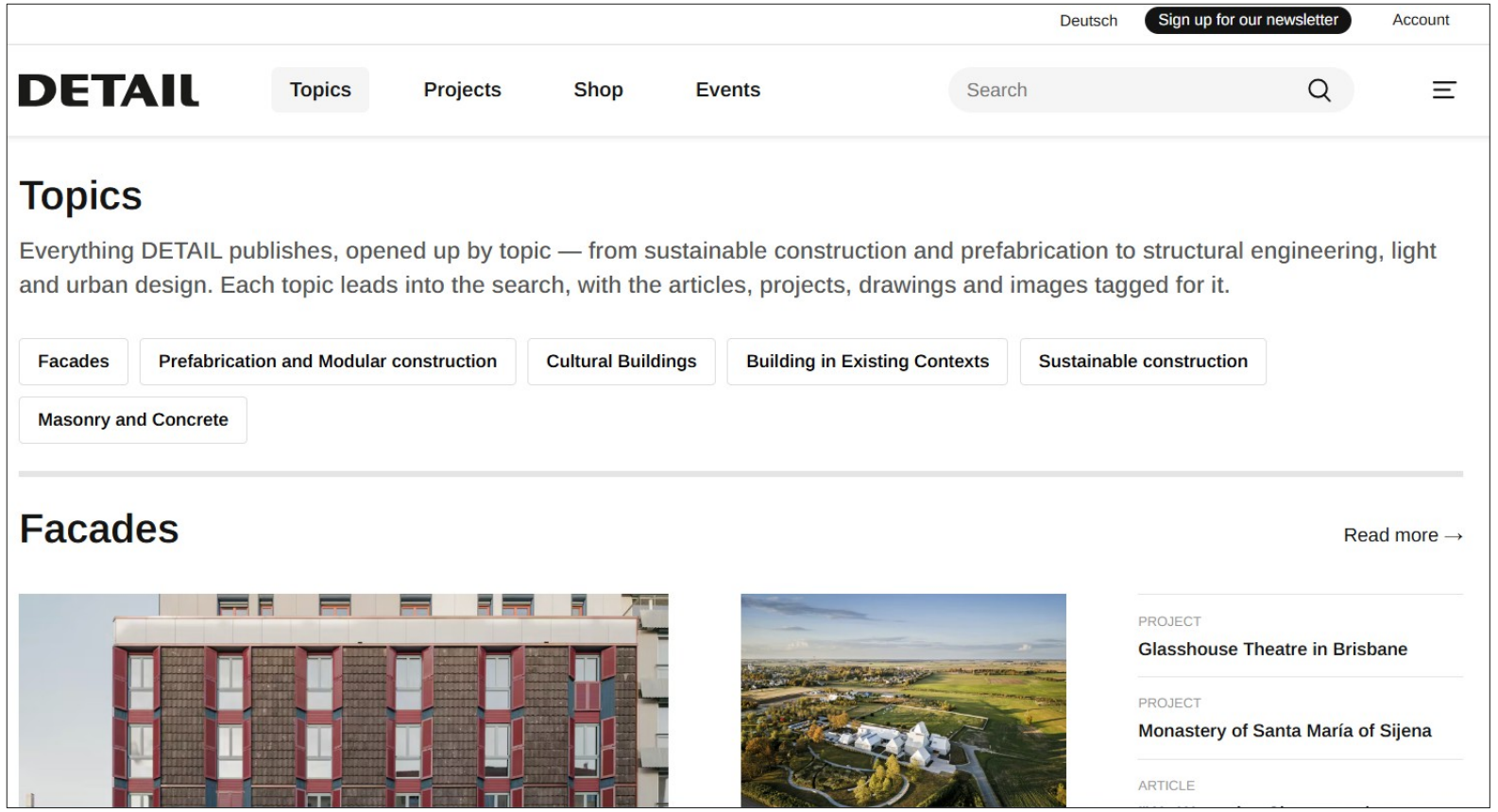
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Browse magazine content

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Open Topics

The magazine’s content and much more is also available online. Go to “Topics” to find it.



Step by step

01 Open “Topics” in the header of the page.

02 Browse the topics, e.g. Facades, Sustainable construction.

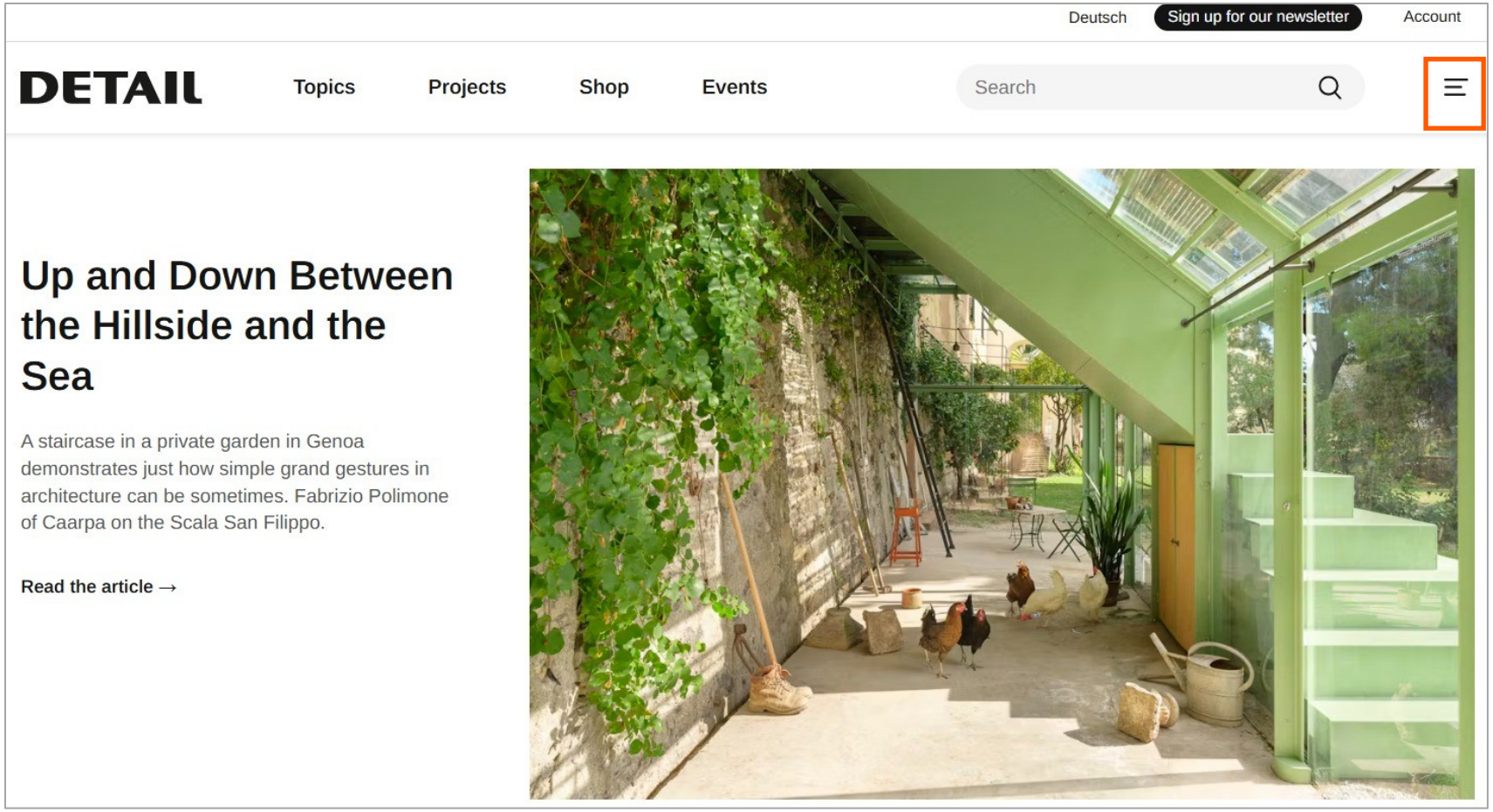
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Browse sitemap

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Open Sitemap

Click on the hamburger button in the top right-hand corner to view all the platform’s content at a glance.

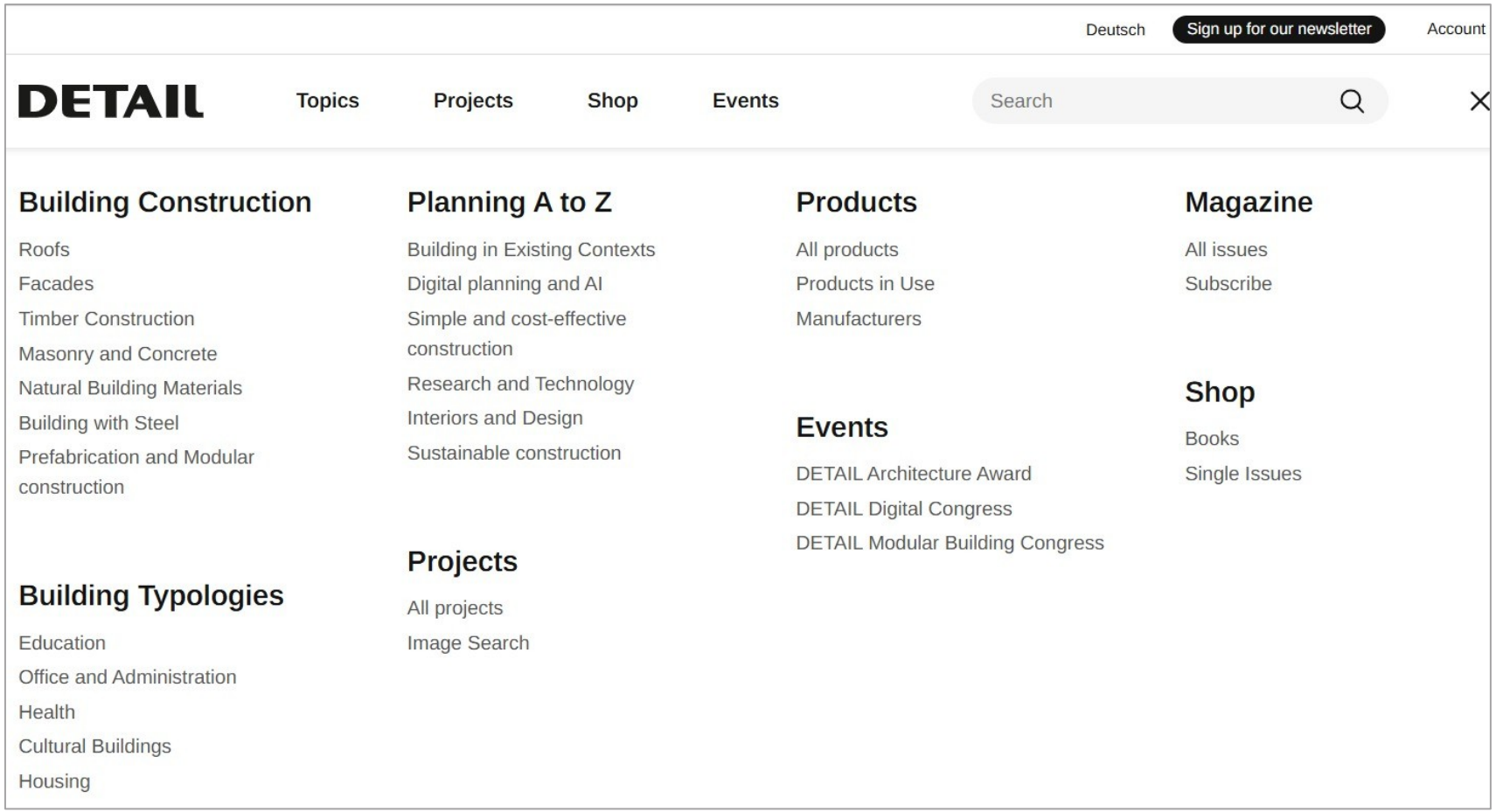


Step by step

01 Click on the ☰ hamburger button and see the sitemap with all of the platform’s content.

Sitemap

In the sitemap, all content is organised by category and sub-category.



Step by step

01 For example, go to “Building Construction”, click the sub-category “Roofs” and find more projects and articles about roofs.

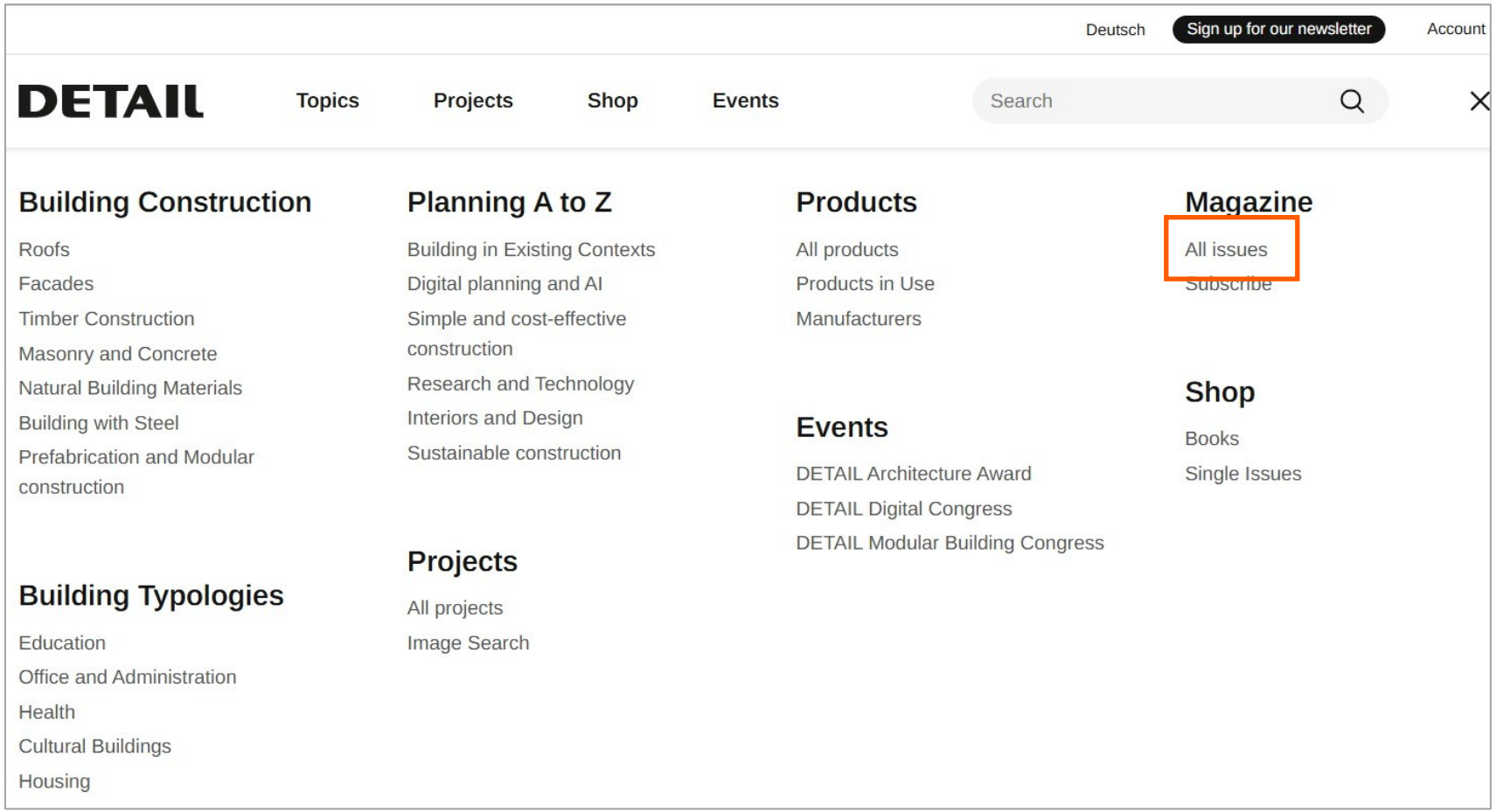
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Browse issues

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Go to
All issues

With the hamburger button open, click “All issues” to reach the complete list of DETAIL issues.



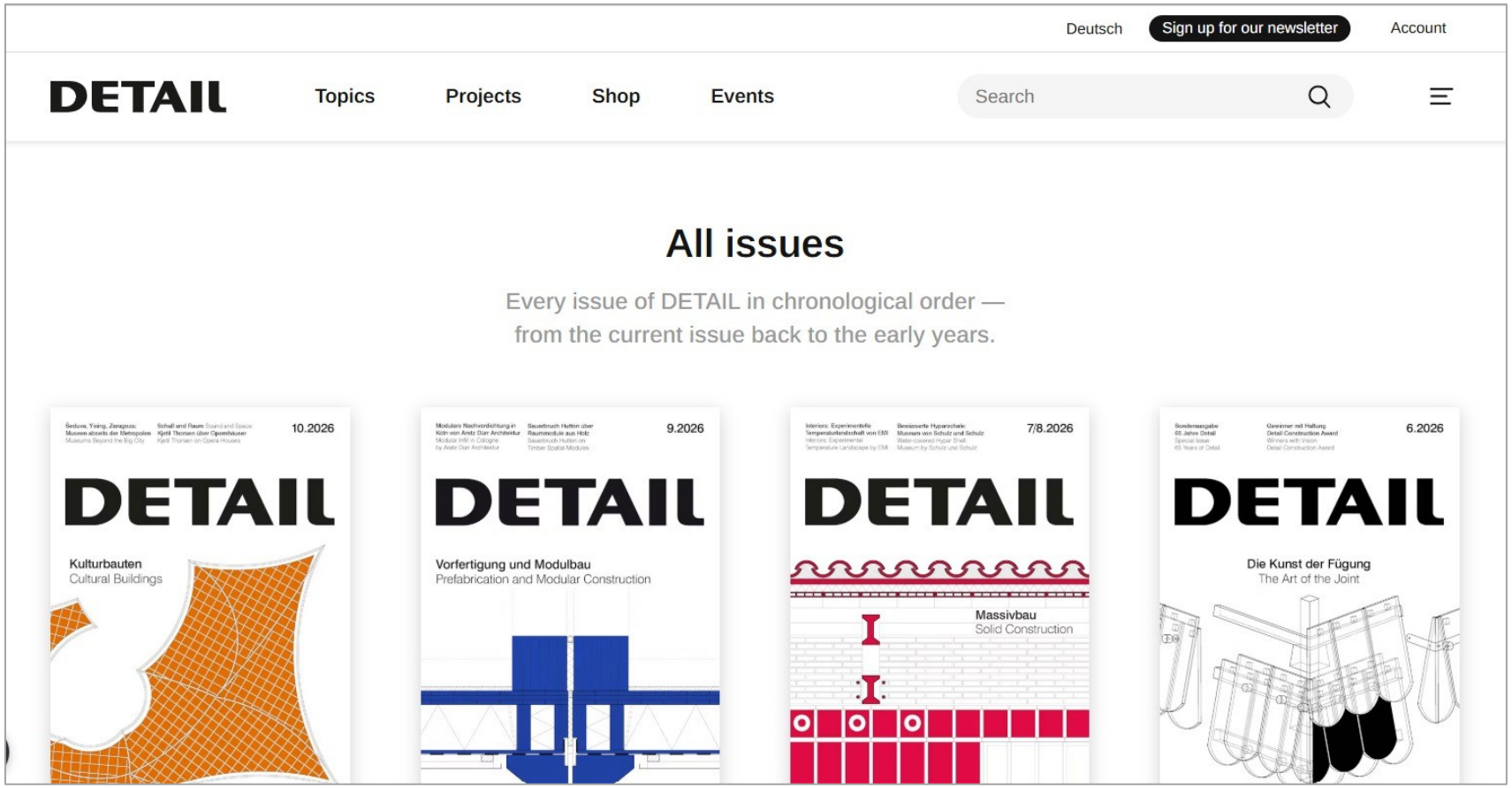
Step by step

01 Click the hamburger button and look at “Magazine”.

02 Click “All issues”.

Choose your issue

“All issues” lists every issue of DETAIL in chronological order, from the current issue back to the early years.



How to choose

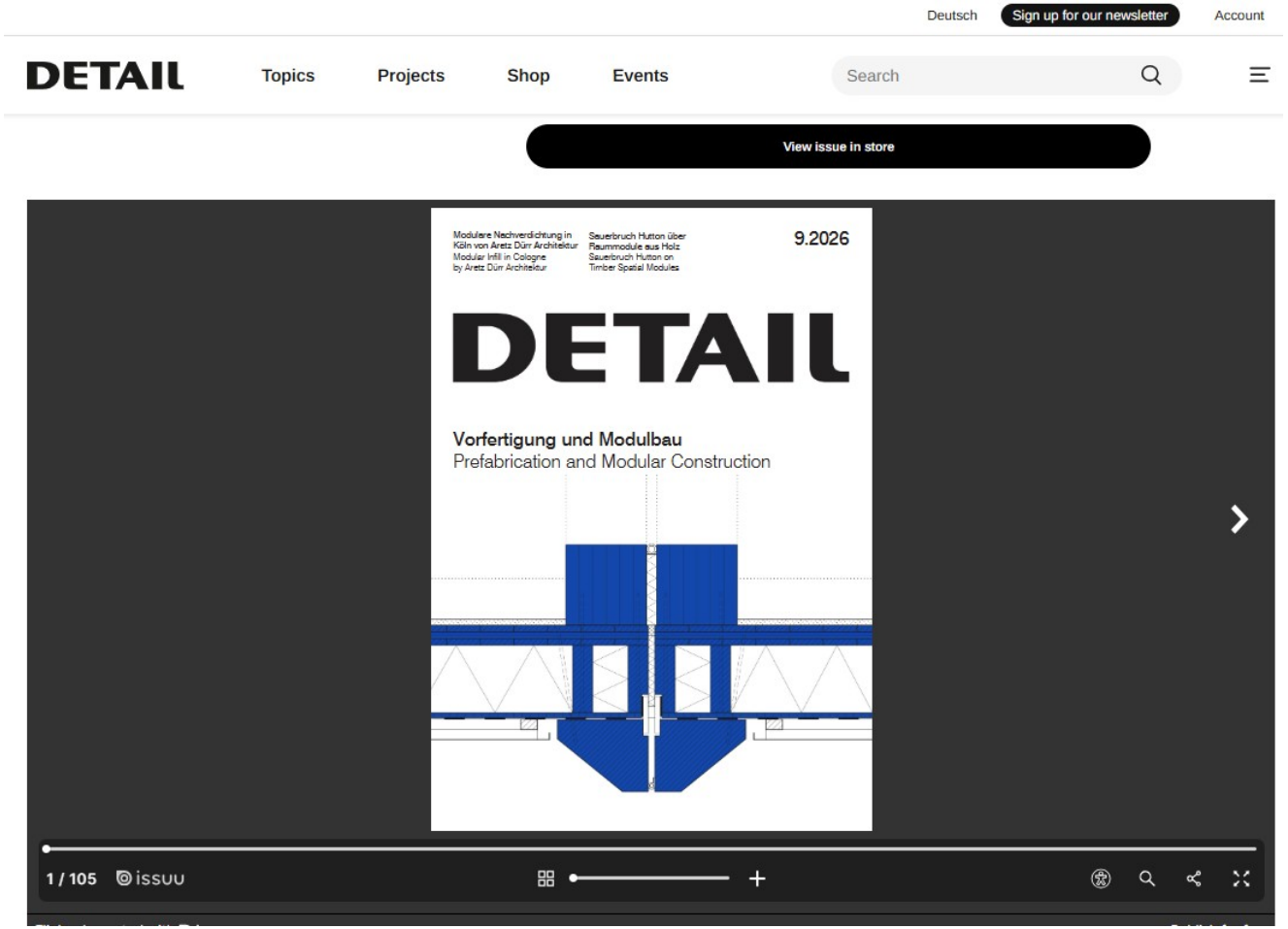
01 Scroll through the issues in chronological order.

02 Each issue is shown with its cover and its theme, e.g. “Prefabrication and Modular Construction”.

03 Click the issue you are interested in to open its contents.

Read the digital issue

From the September 2026 issue onwards, all issues are available in digital format.



How to use it

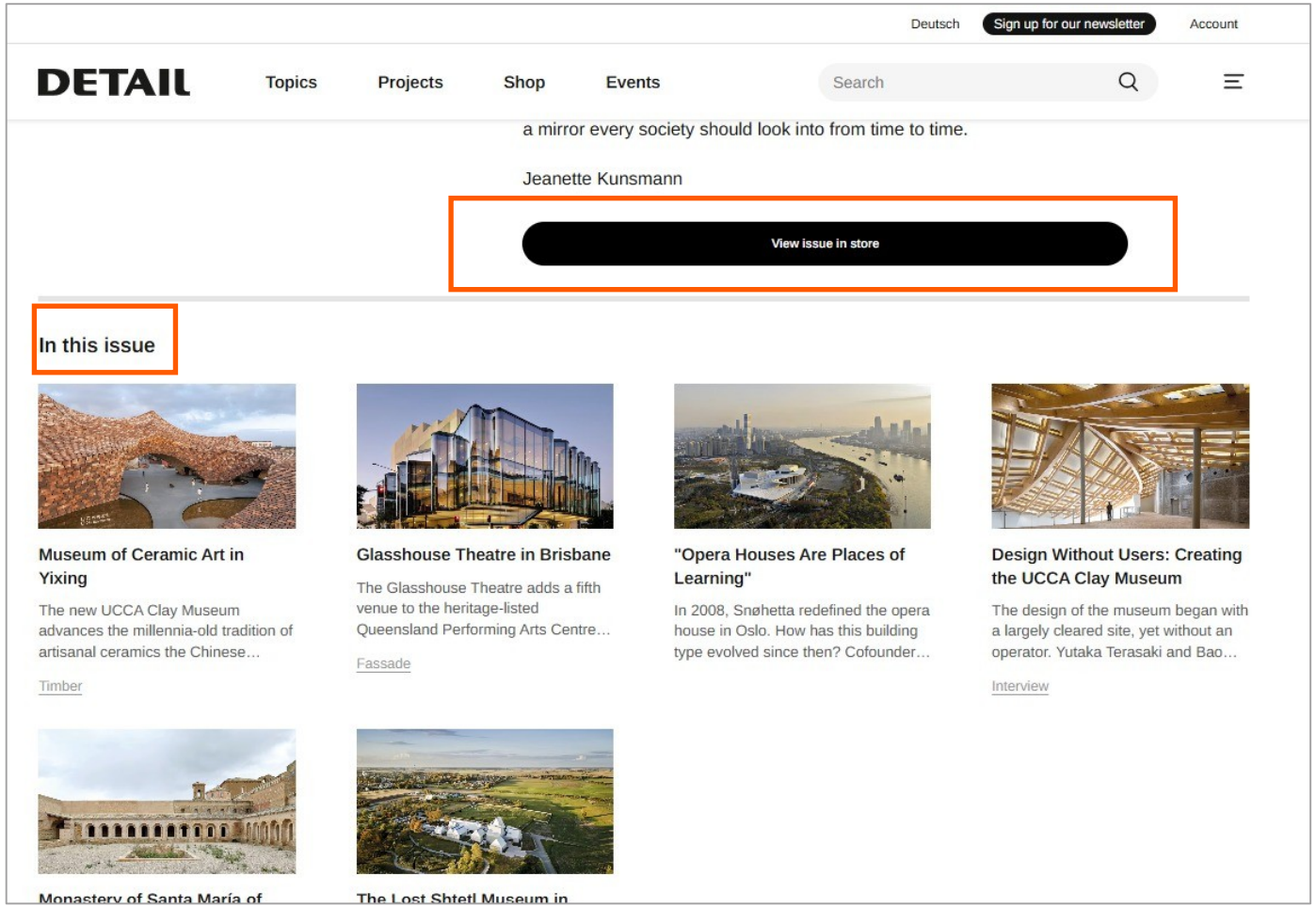
01 Open an issue page, for example from “All issues”.

02 When you scroll down you find the whole digital issue.

03 Use the arrows or the page counter (e.g. 1/105) to browse the issue.

Issue content and shop

Each issue links to further projects from the same issue on our platform and to our online shop.



What you can do

01 Follow the link to the online shop to order a single issue.

02 The shop page shows sample pages of the issue before you order.

03 Use the links to open the other projects from the issue on detail.de.

Quick reference

01 Find a project: Projects > search field > add filters (Building type, Task, Country, Topic).

02 Explore projects on a map: Projects > location icon > zoom in and out.

03 Find a project through images: Projects > images > add filters (like Building type, Facade material).

04 Magazine issues in chronological order: hamburger button > magazine > All issues.

05 Find more projects from an issue: open the issue > scroll down to “in this issue” > use the project links.

Thank you for exploring detail.de

Questions about the platform? Please ask your library team.

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