

## **Environmental Certification of Buildings** in Romania

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# ROMANIA GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL



# BREEAM®





Over 200 certified projects in Romania



80 projects certified or under certification, mainly for new construction



The Bridge by Forte Partners certified LEED Platinum







Bucharest One by Globalworth certified LEED Platinum



Green Court by SKANSKA certified LEED Gold



Campus 6 by SKANSKA aims to obtain LEED Platinum and WELL certification

# BREEAM®

69 projects for new construction and refurbishment + 84 BREEAM in use



Oregon Park by Portland Trust certified BREEAM Excellent





# 3 DGNB certified projects and 2 Living Building Challenge registered "Full petals"





Ecobiblioteca project

#### **MATERIALS**

#### ENDORSING PRODUCTS THAT ARE SAFE FOR ALL SPECIES THROUGH TIME

One of the materials mentioned on the Red List is the asbestos and as a consequence, the first step on the site construction has been to remove the existing roof and to replace it with a traditional solution, wooden shingles.

The total footprint of embodied carbon of the building is influenced by its structure, as well as the behaviour of the occupants. A life cycle analysis will determine a real estimation of the carbon emissions.

The project encourages the use of recycled and recyclable content products and the building is designed for deconstruction.

Existing finishes were carefully deconstructed and locally reused in the project and inside the village.

EcoBiblioteca promotes the procurement of building materials from socially and environmentally responsible sources, encouraging as much as possible a local Romanian sourcing, compliant with the Living Building Challenge requirements.



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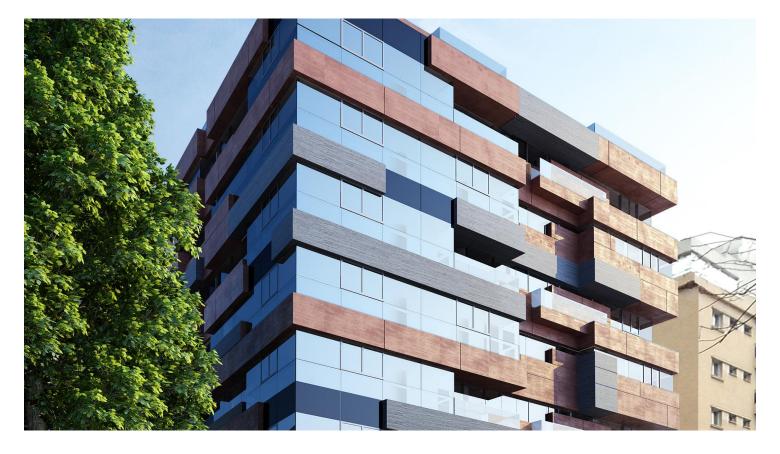
21 residential projects certified and pre-certified, more than 5.000 units



Casa Solaris



Amber Gardens by Alesonor - Tunari



Floreasca1 by 1development



Vision by Studium Green – Cluj



Central District by Forty Management - Bucharest



One Herastrau Park by One United Properties



One Charles de Gaulle by One United Properties



One Herastrau Plaza by One United Properties



AFI City Bucureștii Noi

#### **CREDIT CATEGORIES**



PROCESS



LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION (LT)



SUSTAINABLE SITES

(SS)



WATER EFFICIENCY (WE) ENERGY AND ATMOSPHERE (EA)



MATERIALS AND RESOURCES (MR)



INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (EQ) INNOVA

INNOVATION (IN)



REGIONAL PRIORITY

(RP)

# The role of materials certification and EDPs

# Support tools

- Romania Green Building Council has established procedures for EPDs to be easily integrated into the environmental building certification tools such as GREEN HOMES and promotes the EPDs for point recognition in the LEED or BREEAM certification.
- In the case of Living Building Challenge certification system, the Materials petal is designed to encourage a materials that are non-toxic (0 VOCs), with low carbon footprint, locally produced and socially equitable. The Imperatives directly addressed by Declare are Imperative 11 Red List and Imperative 14 Appropriate Sourcing.



## **EDPs** in Romania

- EPDs are related to national legislation via the following standards: SR EN ISO 14020:2002; SR EN ISO 14025:2010; SR EN ISO 14040:2002; SR EN ISO 14041:2002; SR EN ISO 14042:2002; SR EN ISO 14043:2003; SR EN ISO 14044:2007.
- no accredited body to emit EPDs and all the declarations are being issued by international entities.
- The National Institute for Research and Development in Buildings, Urbanism and Sustainable Regional Development "URBAN INCERC", established in 2009, is the only recognized institution to perform testing on materials and emit performance certifications.

# Examples of products with EPDs used in Romania

**Saint-Gobain** is one of the first glass producer to have performed a complete Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of their products in accordance with international standards (ISO 14025, 14040 & 14044). They have two types of EPDs for:

- EPD For Basic Products (Saint-Gobain Glass). The products in this category include Security Diamant, Antelio, Miralite Revolution, Stadip and Masterglass Decorglass.
- EPD For Processed Products such as: Climaplus Protect Silence, Climaplus 4S Sun, Climaplus Solar Control, Climatop.

Also, Saint-Gobain Construction Products Romania produces and sells Rigips® with EPD according to EN 15804 şi ISO 14025 RB 12,5 mm.

- Holcim markets the materials with EPD such as aggregates, grey cements and ready mixed concrete.
- Knauf Insulation EPDs are available for the following products: Blowing Wool; Glass Mineral Wool with ECOSE Technology; Mineral Plus; Rock Mineral Wool; Urbanscape; Wood Wool Heraklith and XPS.
- Rockwool Stone Wool Thermal Insulation for buildings obtained an EPD according to EN 15804 and ISO 14025 and 3rd party verified ROCKWOOL Group EPD rules and LCA model.
- Xella has products as Multipor and Ytong Energy Plus certified Cradle to Cradle.
- Styronite has products certified by the Institut Bauen und Umwelt;
- RHEINZINK offers EPDs according to ISO 14025 Tip III şi EN 15804 for the following product lines: PATINA LINE, PROTECT LINE şi INTERIEUR LINE and Cradle to Cradle for Patina line;
- Hempcrete has carbon negative concrete, Hempflax (produced and sold in Romania);
- Holver has EPDs for their wood products.

## Current situation of EPDs in Romania

- small range of choices regarding products with EPDs;
- the importance of EPDs is increasing and is encouraged by the evolution of green building certification market;
- companies are compelled by both demand and high competition to promote greener products with a lower carbon footprint.

# Carbon Footprint Case Study



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# Vision by Studium Green

# 177 apartments 60 underground parking spots



# LCA study (Optimi 360)

6788 m<sup>2</sup> (5 floors + 1 underground level) Concrete structure Strip footings foundation

#### 1. Foundations and substructure

Materials in the foundations will never be replaced, no matter assessment period length. For BREEAM UK Mat 1 IMPACT equivalent provide the data for site excavation fuel use here, choose resource Excavation works.

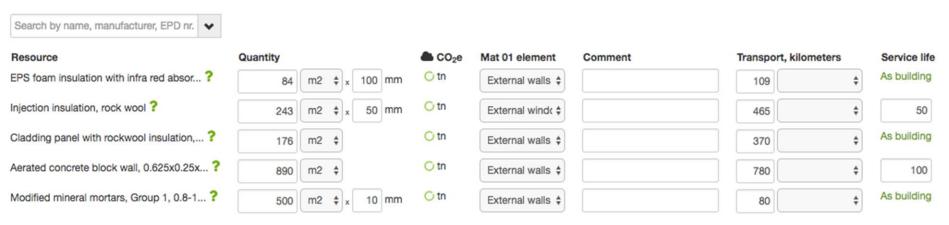
#### Foundation, sub-surface, basement and retaining walls



#### 2. Vertical structures and facade

You may also include finishings, if relevant.

#### External walls and facade



#### Columns and load-bearing vertical structures

Search by name, manufacturer, EPD nr. >



#### 3. Horizontal structures: beams, floors and roofs O

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#### Floor slabs, ceilings, roofing decks, beams and roof



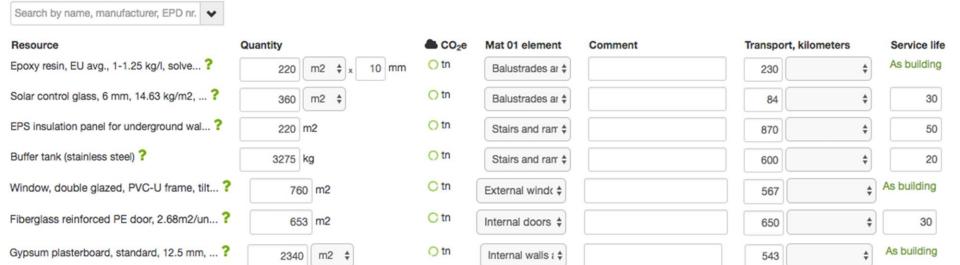
Resource	Quantity	CO <sub>2</sub> e	Mat 01 element	Comment	Transport, I	kilometers	Service life
Soil substrates for green roofs (MDEGD) ?	320 kg	◯ tn	Roof (includinţ \$		32	\$	40
ETICS with EPS insulation glued, 0.031-0?	70 m2 \$	O tn	Roof (includin; \$		176	\$	As building
Gypsum block element, 80 & 100/666/500 m ?	120 m2 \$ x 90 mm	O tn	Upper floors (i \$		125	\$	As building
Reinforcement steel ?	870 kg \$	O tn	Upper floors (i \$		342	\$	50
Cement putty floor filler OSP 31, 10 mm ?	900 m2 \$ x 10 mm	○ tn	Upper floors (i \$		60	*	40
Planed timber, conifer (Treindustrien) ?	1200 m2 \$ x 25 mm	○ tn	Internal floor fi \$		345	<b>\$</b>	As building

#### 4. Other structures and materials

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For example stairs, ramps, balconies or elevator shafts

PU insulation, double steel sheet faced,...?



Internal floor fi \$

O tn

1650

m2 ‡

As building

875

#### 5. External areas and site elements O

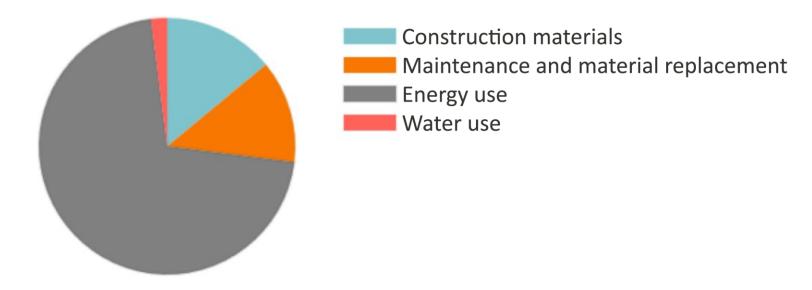
#### Materials and constructions for external areas



#### 6. Building technology O



### LCA Results



Results visualisation for Global warming (GWP)









# Thank you!



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