

# Lab habitats Saint-Gobain

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Building Type : Other building Construction Year : 2012 Delivery year : 2012

Address 1 - street : Via per Cesano Boscone, 4 20094 CESANO BOSCONE, Italia

Climate zone: [Cfb] Marine Mild Winter, warm summer, no dry season.

Net Floor Area: 1 200 m<sup>2</sup>

Construction/refurbishment cost : 4 000 000 €

Cost/m2: 3333.33 €/m<sup>2</sup>

### Certifications:



## General information

Habitat Lab is Saint-Gobain's center of innovation and training: a sustained building, Platinum LEED certified (LEED 2009 NC Italy), with 90 points over 110, the highest score in Italy.

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## See more details about this project

http://www.habitatsaint-gobain.it/habitatlab/il-centro

### Data reliability

3rd part certified

#### Stakeholders

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Function: Contractor Saint-Gobain PPC Italia S.p.A.

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Function: Company PR Color S.n.c.

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Implementation of the renovation and expansion of the Habitat lab Saint-Gobain

Function: Other consultancy agency

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Consultant of the Customer in the process of LEED certification (LEED AP)

## Contracting method

Build and sell construction

### Owner approach of sustainability

Saint-Gobain designs and manufactures complete and innovative solutions for building sustainable high living comfort and low energy consumption, respecting man and the environment through the respect of those who have long been defined as its main "values": environmental sustainability, energy efficiency, security, temperature, sound, visual, indoor air quality, design. Respect for the environment is a fundamental principle for Saint-Gobain: Market leader in sustainable building, is one of the leading manufacturers of building materials recyclable and composed of recycled raw materials. Great attention is given to the Analysis of the Life Cycle of the product (LCA - Life Cycle Assessment). This is now at the center of studies of the Group being increasingly aware of its scope and the benefits it can produce. Its overall objective is to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the various stages of the life cycle, with a view to environmental improvement of processes and products. In innovation, another key issue is the Ecodesign. The Ecodesign take into account any possible environmental impact of a product from its first planning, to avoid waste throughout its life cycle. To translate into figures the Group's commitment to innovation, 23% of Saint-Gobain sold today, did not exist five years ago. Through its unparalleled research effort, Saint-Gobain has been included for the third consecutive year in the Top 100 Global Innovators program, which identifies companies and research facilities most active in terms of innovation. The reduction of energy consumption and pollutant emissions, both direct and indirect, is a commitment to which the Saint-Gobain Group directs most of its resources. All industrial processes of Saint-Gobain are functional objective to limit air pollution, reducing direct emissions of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The main cause of energy consumption in Europe is represented by sector: Saint-Gobain develops, manufactures and distributes innovative solutions to make buildings more energy efficient and more pleasant to live About 30% of the turnover of Saint-Gobain is related to products and solutions for energy efficiency, achieved thanks to the insulation in interior and exterior, the wrapping and the roofs, with the use of glass wool, gypsum coated systems, thermal insulation, high performance glazing. Thanks to the materials Saint-Gobain for the building, the main advantage in terms of energy efficiency of a building is the reduction of heat loss through the facade and roof, resulting in energy savings that can reach over 75% of consumption initial heating, and an equally consequent economic advantage of relief.

### Architectural description

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## Building users opinion

At the end of the training taking place in the Habitat Lab, is required guests to fill out a questionnaire about the perceived well-being during their stay at the Center: the questionnaire includes, for example, questions about the perceived temperature (feeling hot or cold). The results of the interviews are used by staff that manages the Habitat Lab to constantly optimize the interior comfort.

## Energy

## **Energy consumption**

Primary energy need: 4,40 kWhpe/m<sup>2</sup>.anno

Primary energy need for standard building: 62,80 kWhpe/m².anno

Calculation method: UNI TS 11300 Final Energy: 18,33 kWhfe/m².anno Breakdown for energy consumption:

The various items of consumption of the building are completely covered by electricity generated by the photovoltaic system installed on the roof.

Initial consumption: 260,00 kWhpe/m<sup>2</sup>.anno

## Envelope performance

Envelope U-Value: 0,11 W/m<sup>2</sup>K

More information :

Stratigraphy of the perimeter wall to dry (from top): - smoothing weber.therm AP 50 and finish weber.cote action R - panel glass wool Isover Capp8 (20 cm) - lightweight concrete slab Gyproc Aquaroc (13 cm) - metal frame Gyproc Aquaroc 8/10 with protective coating alloy aluminum / zinc - panel glass wool Isover Extrawall (10 cm) - Gyproc plasterboard bundle Rigidur (15 cm) - metal frame Gyprofile 6/10 with environmentally friendly coating, antioxidant, dielectric - Gyproc plasterboard panel Habito Activ'Air (13 cm) - Gyproc plasterboard panel Habito Activ'Air Vapor (13 cm) Performance of external wall cleaning: - thermal transmittance: U W 00:11 / m2K - Sound insulation: DnT, w 66 dB - phase shift: 13 h Stratigraphy of the flat roof (from top): - reflective membrane with high SRI Bituver Megaver California - bituminous membrane Bituver Megaver 4 mm - wool panels Isover glass Superbac Roofine (30 cm) - vapor barrier Bituver Aluvapor Tender - layer vapor diffusion Bituver Bitumat V12 drilled Performance of flat roof: - thermal transmittance: U 0:09 W / m2K - Solar Reflectance Index: 96% - fire resistance External: B roof (t2)

Indicator: n50

Air Tightness Value: 0,60

## Real final energy consumption

Real final energy consumption/m2: 16,25 kWhfe/m<sup>2</sup>.anno

Year of the real energy consumption: 2 014

### Renewables & systems

## **Systems**

### Heating system:

No heating system

#### Hot water system :

Other hot water system

#### Cooling system :

。 VRV Syst. (Variable refrigerant Volume)

## Ventilation system :

o Double flow heat exchanger

#### Renewable systems:

Solar photovoltaic

Renewable energy production: 100,00 %

#### **GHG** emissions

GHG in use: 7,04 KgCO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/anno

## Indoor Air quality

Indoor environmental quality is a fundamental value for Saint-Gobain, which finds full expression in the Habitat Lab. The materials used were chosen for low VOC content and controlled mechanical ventilation prevents the formation of mold and bacteria, helping to improve indoor air quality. The highlight in terms of air quality is the technology Activ'Air Gyproc Saint-Gobain, which has found wide use on interior walls and ceilings of some of the Centre: this technology is able to absorb more than 70% Formaldehyde in the air and turn it into inert elements, allowing a marked improvement in indoor environmental quality. This choice, combined with the monitoring of the concentration of formaldehyde in the environment has allowed the obtaining of a LEED point as innovative credit in the family Innovation in Design. In May 2015 (the latest month for which we have complete data at the date of the competition), the average concentration of formaldehyde in the month was 0.114 ppm. The minimum concentration reached in the month of May 2015 was 0,113 ppm, and a maximum of 0.118 ppm.

#### Comfort

Health & comfort: Natural light and views are guaranteed dall'amplissima portion of transparent envelope. The glass facade is placed in West made triple glazing solar control (Solar Factor g 0.25). This technology allows you to filter the excess heat of the Sun, so Habitat Lab can have light all year, reducing up to 75% summer overheating. The front window of the meeting room is created with innovative electrochromic glass (Light transmission adjustable from 63% to 2%; g Solar factor adjustable from 0.47 to 0.06): these glasses "Active", able to change the 'color intensity and, therefore, the light transmittance (intensity of incoming light) while ensuring thermal insulation and transparency. The set of architectonic solutions and choice of materials allows the center to have 95% of the surfaces employable with direct view towards the outside and to ensure that more than 77% of the surfaces benefit from natural lighting significant.

#### Measured indoor CO2 concentration:

Nel mese di Maggio 2015 (ultimo mese per cui disponiamo di dati completi alla data dell'iscrizione al concorso), la concentrazione media di CO2 del mese è stata di 908,60 ppm. La concentrazione minima raggiunta nel mese di Maggio 2015 è stata di 520,40 pp

Measured thermal comfort: Nel mese di Maggio 2015 (ultimo mese per cui disponiamo di dati completi alla data dell'iscrizione al concorso), a fronte di una temperatura media giornaliera esterna che è variata da un minimo di 15,6 °C ad un massimo di 25,4 °C, all'interno dell'Habitat

Acoustic comfort: Insulation solutions used Habitat Lab providing perfect protection from outside noise: the vertical envelope opaque, built dry, offers exceptional value of sound insulation of the facade, measured on site: DnT, w 66 dB. Even the glass façade with triple glazing offers a remarkable performance: D2m, nT, w 45 dB. The sound insulation between a local and another allows carrying out various internal activities simultaneously without mutual interference: the partition have a dry sound insulation in work of R'nw 50 dB. Even the acoustic correction is cured in every detail: for example, in the meeting room area of the stage is reverberating to ensure that the speaker's voice comes clear and easily intelligible at all points of the room. Instead the ceiling and the bottom wall are made of sound-absorbing products to eliminate the background noise.

## **Products**

### **Product**

Technology Gyproc Activ'Air

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### ☑ http://www.gyproc.it/

## Product category:

The technology Activ'Air®, international patent Gyproc Saint-Gobain, is able to neutralize up to 70% of the formaldehyde present in indoor environments. We spend 85% of our time indoors: home, work, school, gym. Without realizing it, we breathe large amounts of pollutants. First of all, the formaldehyde. Activ'Air® uses a specific component capable of receiving and transforming into inert compound up to 70% of the formaldehyde present in indoor air. Activ'Air® triggers a chemical reaction that transforms formaldehyde and aldehydes in substances not more volatile and dangerous. The overall performance of Activ'Air® has been validated by tests performed by CSTB and Eurofins, independent laboratories in the field of bioanalysis environmental, food and pharmaceutical industries, particularly internationally renowned.

Habitat Lab is controlled by a home automation system that allows real time detection of numerous factors of indoor environmental quality, including the concentration of formaldehyde. The monitoring data are constantly visible on a dedicated screen in the center. Visitors can thus constantly display the benefits that technology brings Activ'Air environment inside the center where they are staying.

Glass wool Isover 4+

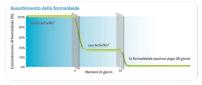
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## ☑ http://isover.it/

#### Product category:

Glass wool Isover 4+ is the ideal product for the insulation of the interior. Isover 4+ helps improve the air quality of the environment in which it is installed because it has no emissions. Glass wool Isover 4+ consists of totally natural raw materials, renewable, recyclable: over 80% of recycled glass and a special binder



patented plant-based components.

The home automation system installed in the Habitat Lab and considerations mentioned in Activ'Air technology allows us to appreciate the contribution of nil fiberglass 4+ emission of formaldehyde in the indoor environment of the center, to the benefit of air quality for the occupants.



Costs

#### Urban environment

Lab habitats bride sustainable mobility: the site was chosen because it is easily accessible by the adjacent railway. In addition, emphasis was placed on the mobility of the future, providing guests a column for charging electric vehicles. In addition, anyone wishing to visit the center located at the entrance to a bike rack to store his bike and showers and changing rooms inside to change.

### Green space

Green space: 693,34

### **Building Environnemental Quality**

## **Building Environmental Quality**

- indoor air quality and health
- · works (including waste management)
- acoustics
- · comfort (visual, olfactive, thermal)
- waste management (related to activity)
- water management
- energy efficiency
- · renewable energies
- building end of life management
- mobility
- products and materials

### Contest

## Reasons for participating in the competition(s)

## Categoria Net Zero Energy Buildings

HabitatLab ha ottenuto il 100% del punteggio LEED nei crediti relativi all'ottimizzazionedelle prestazioni energetiche e alla produzione in sito di energie rinnovabili, comprese le relative prestazioni esemplari. L'involucro trasparente e l'involucroopaco raggiungono trasmittanze termiche rispettivamente di 0,60 W/m²Ke 0,11 W/m²K. La copertura dell'Habitat Lab è perfino piùperformante delle sue pareti (trasmittanza di 0,09 W/m²K). Tali prestazioni hanno permesso al Centro di esserecertificato in classe A+ dalla Regione Lombardia (consumo energetico <1,1kWh/m³a). L'impianto fotovoltaico sul tetto piano dell'edificioapporta il 17% del fabbisogno annuale di energia rinnovabile. Il risultatofinale è un risparmio del 51% dei consumi energetici per riscaldamento, condizionamento, illuminazione, etc. rispetto a un edificio di riferimentomodellizzato sugli standard minimi di legge.

#### Categoria Salute e Comfort

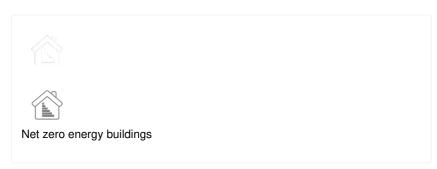
La qualità ambientaleinterna è un valore fondamentale per Saint-Gobain, che trova completaespressione nell'Habitat Lab. I materiali utilizzati sono stati scelti per ilbassissimo contenuto di VOC e la ventilazione meccanica controllata evita laformazione di muffe e batteri, contribuendo al miglioramento della qualità dell'ariainterna. Il fiore all'occhiello in tema di qualità dell'ariaè la tecnologia Activ'Air di Gyproc Saint-Gobain, che ha trovato ampio impiegosulle pareti interne e su alcuni controsoffitti del Centro: questatecnologia è in grado di assorbire oltre il 70% della formaldeide presentenell'aria e di trasformarla in elementi inerti, consentendo quindi un nettomiglioramento della qualità ambientale interna. Questa scelta, abbinata almonitoraggio della concentrazione della formaldeide nell'ambiente ha permessol'ottenimento di un punto LEED come credito innovativo nella famiglialnnovation in Design.

Luce e vista naturali sono garantite dall'amplissimaporzione di involucro trasparente. La facciata vetrata posta a Ovest èrealizzata con tripli vetri a controllo solare (Fattore Solare g 0,25). Questatecnologia permette di filtrare l'eccesso di calore del Sole, in questo modoHabitat Lab può avere luce tutto l'anno, riducendo fino al 75% ilsurriscaldamento estivo.

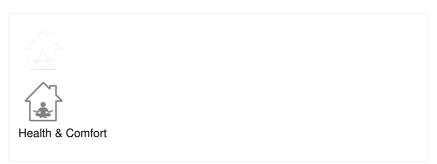
L'insiemedelle soluzioni architettoniche e di scelta dei materiali permette al centro diavere il 95% delle superfici occupabili con visione diretta verso l'esterno edi garantire che oltre il 77% delle superfici beneficino di illuminazionenaturale significativa.

Le soluzioni di isolamento utilizzateall'Habitat Lab, oltre all'efficienza energetica, consentono una perfettaprotezione dai rumori esterni: l'involucro verticale opaco, costruito a secco, offreun eccezionale valore di isolamento acustico di facciata, misurato in opera:  $D_{nT,w}66 \, dB$ . Anche la facciata vetrata con tripli vetri offre una prestazionenotevole:  $D_{2m,nT,w}45 \, dB$ . Il fonoisolamento tra un locale e un altroconsente lo svolgimento di diverse attività interne in contemporanea senzainterferenze reciproche: le pareti divisorie interne a secco hanno un poterefonoisolante in opera di R' $_{nw}$  50 dB. Anche la correzione acustica ècurata in ogni minimo dettaglio: ad esempio, nella sala riunioni la zona delpalco è riverberante per garantire che la voce dell'oratore giunga chiara efacilmente intellegibile in tutti i punti della stanza. Invece il soffitto e laparete di fondo sono realizzati con prodotti fonoassorbenti per eliminare ilbrusio di fondo.

## **Building candidate in the category**









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