Hemp construction showcase

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Low-tech and biobased energy efficiency

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Technical description

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Sustainable development approach of the project owner

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Function : Company
LEVEQUE & CIE
Sealing
### Function : Company
GAUBERT – BAZANTE
Exterior wood furnishings

### Function : Company
LANGLOIS-SOBRETI
Partitions / Linings / Ceilings / Interior joinery / Modular partitions

### Function : Company
GOUIN DECORATION
Flooring and earthenware / Painting

### Function : Company
AJILIT
Plasters

### Function : Company
EIB
electricity

### Function : Company
MISSENARD
Heating / Ventilation / Plumbing

### Function : Company
PHOTOVOLT
Photovoltaic

### Contracting method
Separate batches

### Type of market
Global performance contract

## Energy

### Energy consumption

- **Primary energy need**: 51.90 kWh/m².an
- **Primary energy need for standard building**: 70.00 kWh/m².an
- **Calculation method**: RT 2012

### Envelope performance

- **More information**: The envelope is composed of a wooden frame wall with hemp concrete infill, which allows better inertia. The exterior walls are composed as follows: lime plaster 20 mm (or wood cladding), insulating rain screen and plaster support in 80 mm wood fiber, hemp concrete 240 mm, interior lime-hemp plaster 20 mm. The roof is insulated with 300mm cellulose wadding between uprights and 75mm outside to cut thermal bridges.
- **Building Compactness Coefficient**: 0.88

## Renewables & systems

### Systems
Heating system:
- Electric radiator
- Aerotherm Heater

Hot water system:
- Individual electric boiler

Cooling system:
- No cooling system

Ventilation system:
- Natural ventilation
- Nocturnal Over ventilation
- Double flow heat exchanger

Renewable systems:
- Solar photovoltaic

Renewable energy production: 115,00 %

Environment

Urban environment

Land plot area: 42 000,00 m²
Built-up area: 1,10 %
The building is located in a rural area, at the entrance of a ZAC. The colors of the natural materials - wood cladding and light mineral plasters - allow better integration into the site. A Hemp’it factory is currently under construction north of the footbridge.

Costs

Construction and exploitation costs

Total cost of the building: 700 000 €

Health and comfort

Indoor Air quality

The use of hemp concrete for the walls induces an absence of organo-volatile compounds, and contributes to the sanitary quality of buildings by passively regulating the humidity in the premises. It reduces the problems of condensation and mold on the walls, common in conventional buildings. Hemp concrete does not emit VOCs: the manufacturers who sell the products certify that their hemp concrete has A + sanitary labeling.

Comfort

Health & comfort:
The friendly spaces open to the terrace under pergolas or the patio ensure a certain level of comfort in all seasons. The orientations in connection with the course of the sun and the patio guarantee a natural solar contribution in each workspace and circulation, while protecting oneself from the summer thermal input by console sunshades on the southern facades and Where is.

The materials used for the construction are healthy and the hemp ensures hygrometric regulation for the benefit of ambient comfort, summer and winter. The surface temperature of the walls is balanced, making it possible to avoid cold wall phenomena. Hempcrete acts as a natural air conditioner all year round thanks to the latent heats of state changes that clip indoor temperatures.

Acoustic comfort:
Hemp concrete has a sound absorption coefficient of 0.8.

Daylight factor: De 65 à 100% pour les bureaux et accueil
GHG emissions

GHG in use: 2,00 KgCO₂/m²/'an
Methodology used:
Calculations carried out with the ThBCE2012 engine designed by CSTB

Life Cycle Analysis

Eco-design material:
Hemp concrete is one of the first building materials to have had a life cycle analysis. What is more, environmentally friendly: 48 kg of CO₂ / m² stored (ACVINRA 2005 on TRADICAL 70 with chênevoltte and wooden frame)
The rest of the bio-based materials (wood, wood fiber, cellulose wadding) also have a very low environmental impact.

Contest

Reasons for participating in the competition(s)
La conception bioclimatique du bâtiment est basée sur des principes éprouvés et low-tech : des brises soleils en façade, un patio central qui permet une ventilation naturelle, une implantation des locaux en fonction de la course du soleil et des façades adaptées en termes d'ouverture. A cela s'ajoute une réflexion sur les matériaux avec une structure en bois isolée en béton de chanvre et ouate de cellulose choisis pour leur densité favorable au confort d'été. Pour résumer, un bâtiment efficace énergiquement à faible impact carbone basé sur des principes simples et demandant peu de maintenance.

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Les finitions murales sont traitées en enduits chaux-chanvre et peinture biosourcée à très faible teneur en COV. Une ventilation double-flux permet le renouvellement de l'air avec préchauffage en hiver et rafraîchissement en période nocturne l'été.

Building candidate in the category

Santé & Confort