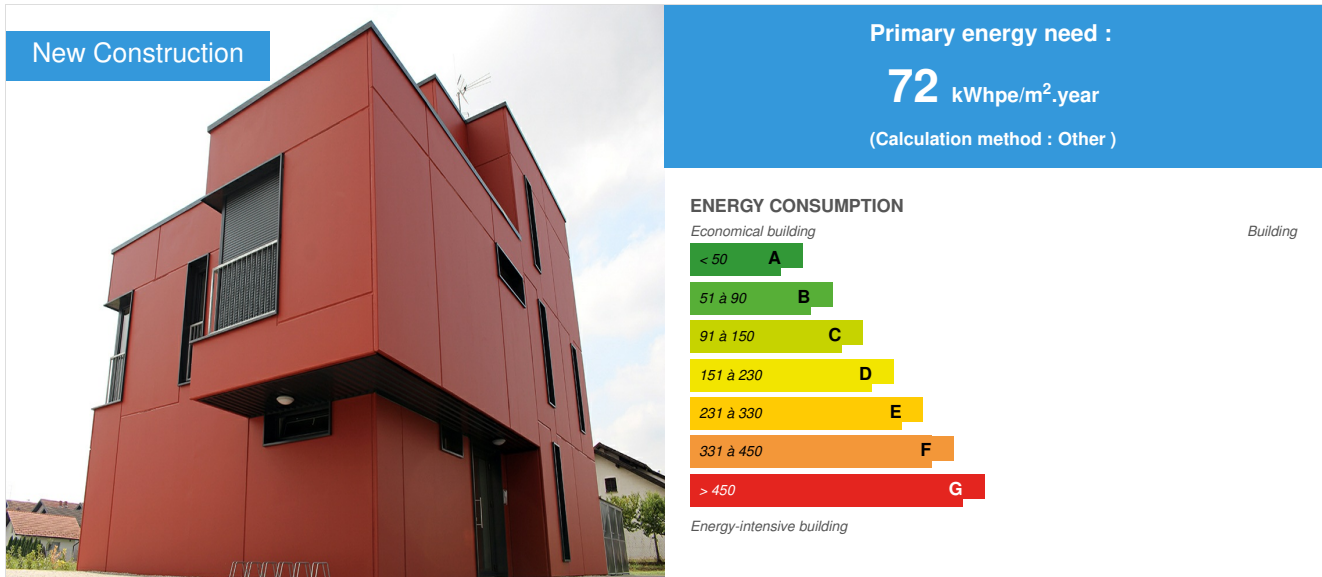


The First ECO-SANDWICH House

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General information

The First ECO-SANDWICH® House is a unique example of a holistic and innovative approach to sustainable architecture. The house is the first of twelve planned passive house energy standard multi-family houses in the green area of City of Koprivnica in Croatia, within the program of social housing. The First ECO-SANDWICH® House is also the World's first application of ECO-SANDWICH® wall system.

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The first application of ECO-SANDWICH® system was realized as a donation of the European Union project to the investor, the City of Koprivnica Social Housing Agency, which supported the ECO-SANDWICH® project from the very beginning. The project was realized thanks to the first implementation of sustainable, innovative, green public procurement as a model of financing in Croatia.

The first ECO-SANDWICH® House is a brand new residential type within the Social housing program in Croatia. It is a multi-family house with three different apartments, each having its own garden equipped with electrical and water supply. The house is designed as a passive solar house which is closed on the North to limit energy loss and open on the South to utilize solar radiation. All apartments are equipped with heat recovery ventilation systems.

The project itself and realization of the house explored the possibilities of applying the ECO-SANDWICH® system. Therefore, the building has a complex shape, with cantilevers, corner windows, loggia, balconies, etc., to solve as much details as possible and to create a catalog of solutions for future applications. It has been proven that the concept of a passive house, even with the application of a prefabricated façade system, does not necessarily have to generate simple and boring architecture.

Stakeholders

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Function : Investor

City of Koprivnica Social Housing Agency

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Function : Designer

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Architect

Function : Others

Tea Beličev, Mark Mišćević

Lead Architect

Function : Structures calculist

Mladen Meštrović

Structural Engineering

Function : Company

Ivan Cetinić

Mechanical installations, plumbing and drainage

Function : Other consultancy agency

Stipe Mihotić

Electrical Engineering

Function : Others

Beton Lučko d.o.o., Leo Gavrić

Facade design

Function : Contractor

Teh-Gradnja d.o.o.

Main Contractor

Energy

Energy consumption

Primary energy need : 72,00 kWhpe/m².year

Primary energy need for standard building : 120,00 kWhpe/m².year

Calculation method : Other

Envelope performance

Envelope U-Value : 0,16 W.m⁻².K⁻¹

More information :

Compared to the solutions prevalent on the market, the ECO-SANDWICH® wall system has favourable market characteristics both in terms of life-cycle cost and performance, retaining at the same time a substantially lower environmental impact than the competing products with the same insulation thickness.

The embodied energy of the ECO-SANDWICH® is 33.8% lower than that of lightweight composite insulation panels such as those made of aluminium or galvanized sheets and polyurethane insulation.

Moreover, the ECO-SANDWICH® wall system has greater thermal mass. This optimizes the benefits of solar gain, reducing the need for heating energy by 2-15% and also smoothes out fluctuations in internal temperature thus reducing daytime air-conditioning requirements by up to 50%.

The ECO-SANDWICH is both reusable and fully recyclable.

By using recycled CDW in combination with mineral wool ECO-SANDWICH® constitutes an innovative product whose embodied energy payback time is 22 months due to savings during exploitation.

The ECO-SANDWICH® prefabricated wall panels have a high durability, low operating costs, and provide a number of advantages over competitive products. Panels are economical and enable rapid construction with high aesthetic values. The ECO-SANDWICH® wall panels are both reuseable and fully recyclable.

The ECO-SANDWICH® has a vast potential to substantially improve energy performance of the deteriorating building stock thus facilitating a move towards reaching the EU's 20-20-20 goals by 2020, creating new business opportunities and fostering a more innovative and competitive economy.

The present condition of the existing building stock in Croatia and replication market is deeply unsatisfactory. Most buildings are 'sub-standard' in terms of energy efficiency, comfort and health. The largest share of energy consumption in buildings is used for space heating and more than 83 % of buildings consume from 150 to 200 kWh/m²/a of energy for heating. In EU 27 buildings consume around 40 % of energy needs and account for 36 % of EU's CO₂ emissions. Therefore, these countries present an ideal market for the application of a durable, energy efficient and sustainable ECO-SANDWICH® wall system.

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Building Compactness Coefficient : 0,77

Indicator : n50

Air Tightness Value : 0,50

Renewables & systems

Systems

Heating system :

- Condensing gas boiler
- Others

Hot water system :

- Condensing gas boiler

Cooling system :

- No cooling system

Ventilation system :

- Double flow

Renewable systems :

- No renewable energy systems

Environment

Urban environment

Placed in a Green Quartier of City of Koprivnica. City of Koprivnica has won the European energy week award – ManagEnergy Local Energy ActionAward for project "Novo lice Koprivnice" and has also been placed in the top five in one more category. This is an ambitious project of local authority whose goal is to create sustainable, energy efficient and economically oriented City through cooperation of all city's public institutions and companies.

In Green Quartier there are 3 multi-family passive houses with 28 apartments within social housing program in Croatia.

This multi-family apartment buildings were planned and constructed to meet the requirements for a Class A energy performance with less than 15 kWh/m²/year for heating. They are comprised of 28 apartments distributed between three floors. The walls have been insulated with 20 cm thick stone wool, the roof with 30 cm extruded polystyrene (XPS). The windows are triple-glazed. Heating and cooling are provided by an underfloor system connected to a reversible heat pump and a gas boiler. A ventilation system with a high recuperation factor ensures good indoor air quality. The domestic hot water (DHW) is generated by solar thermal collectors used in combination with the gas boiler. The total final energy includes heating, hot water, cooling, ventilation and lighting and amounts to 66 kWh/m².year, which is 78% lower than the national building energy performance requirements. Twenty two percent (22%) of the final energy is provided by the solar thermal collectors. The most impressive result of the project is that the building was constructed without having any superior cost difference when compared to that of a regular building which fulfills national requirements. The total costs amounted to 912 €/m².

4 more big multi-family houses (around 28 apartments), and 11 more small multi-family houses (3 apartments, house type as The First ECO-SANDWICH house) are planned to be build in Green Quartier.

Products

Product

ECO-SANDWICH

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ECO-SANDWICH® won 4 prizes: Gold Medal at INOVA 2013, INOVA Best Ecological Invention and "Green Mark – sign of excellence" - Best Croatian Green Economy Team and gold medal at IINOVA 2014 in Brussels. Additionally, ECO-SANDWICH® was nominated for BAU-trend AIT + Xia award for new generation of innovative products during BAU Messe 2015, and it was chosen among more than 2000 producers and their products to be in between 10 competing for the prize. ECO-SANDWICH® was also presented during 18th European Forum on Eco-innovation (Barcelona, Spain, May 2015).



Costs

Health and comfort

Life Cycle Analysis



Indoor Air quality

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All the apartments are equipped with mechanical ventilation system, as well as with significant number of windows (every room has its own window) that are enabling natural ventilation (windows on south, north, west and east side of the building).

Contest

Building candidate in the category



Energy & Temperate Climates



Users' Choice

