

# WOOD CONSTRUCTION

Our perception to:

"Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas"





- Belgian family owned company
  strong human
  environmental values
- Wood Buildings producer
  - => houses
  - => public buildings
  - => exceptional buildings













- Industrial production + design office
- 130 workers on 30,000 sq m production site
- High-tech wood production









Craftman's way of thinking





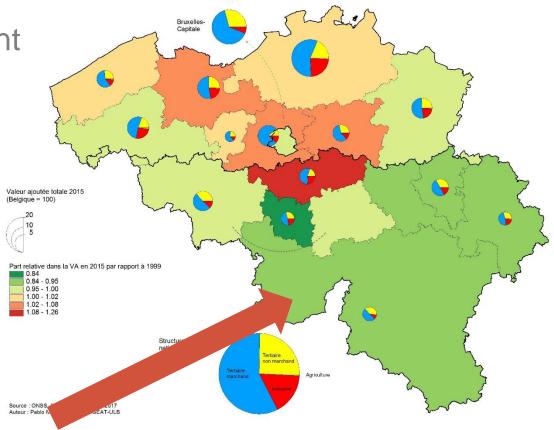




Based in Belgium, South - next to French boarder

Rural area

High unemployment





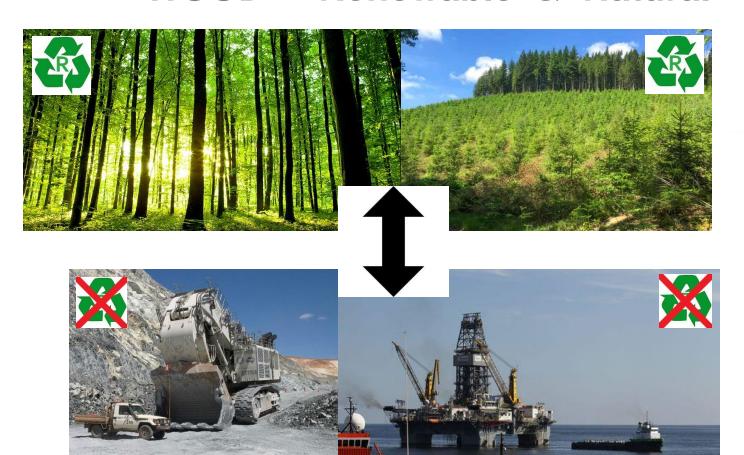


## WOOD

# Building system to lower climate change



#### WOOD = Renewable & Natural







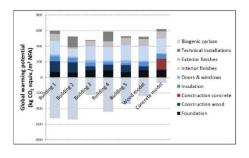


#### WOOD = eco-friendly

• Life Cycle Analyse by ENECOBOIS (ULB University + wood.be)

http://www.enecobois.be/page/15/ACV%20des%20b%C3%A2timents%20bois

- Comparaison wooden houses / traditional houses
- 1. Global warming potential 17 %!!
- 2. Little gray energy: + if: local wood
- 3. Wood stores CO<sup>2</sup>







## INNOVATIONS

In order to

- Enhance local wood
- Lower climate change



#### Before Now







Vancouver 18 storeys



Bordeaux 2 x 18 storeys



#### Innovations in local wood: CLT

4 innovations: nailed, glued, wood nails, curved



- ⇒ Work for the bioeconomy (wood industry) in rural areas
- ⇒ Better the knowledge and value of forest

### Innovations in woodproduction

Raw material managment + Digitalization

- ⇒Optimize raw material (less material loss)
- ⇒ re-use of wastes:
- finger-joint in order to use short planks to make long planks
- Final waste transformed into brikets (wood fuel)
- + Prefabrication (no waste on site)
- = zero waste managment











#### Keys & restrictions to succes in wood construction

#### Keys

- ⇒ **Digitalisation**: profitability / Knowledge transformation
- ⇒ consumer awareness: environment + local buying
- ⇒ LCA and green labels: (biosourced label, craddle to craddle, ...)

#### Restrictions

- ⇒ Public authorities: lack of support
- ⇒ European legislation: difficult to promote a local product
- ⇒ Europe / Public authorities: no policy to prevent purchases of wood (export) and to favor local players



#### Our experience in FEADER and FEDER support

FEADER: no experience

#### FEDER:

#### contests for innovative products

- ⇒ 1 prize won: innovation in elements in biosourced products 4.000,00 € with BEP (local economic public structure)
- ⇒ 1 prize won: innovation in local wood in order to lower transports and enhance local knowledge
  5.000,00 € with OEWB (local economic office for wood)





## To conclude

- re-industrialize europe (promote digitalization)
- promote bio-based products to diversify rural economy
- Promote wood building to lower climate change through constructions

#### If you think:

« Economy + Technology + Environment Let's build in Wood!





Thank you for your attention