

Nordic Climate Forum for Construction
Efficient calculation
of LCA and design
optimization

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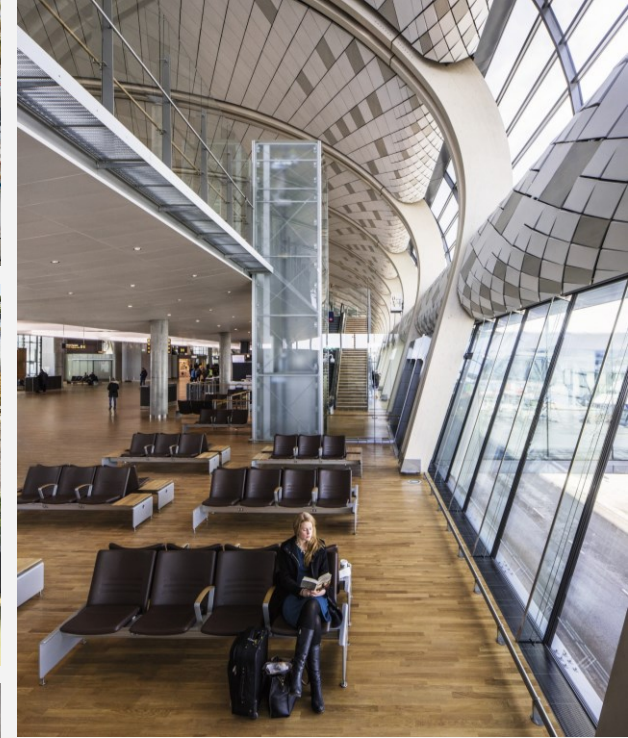
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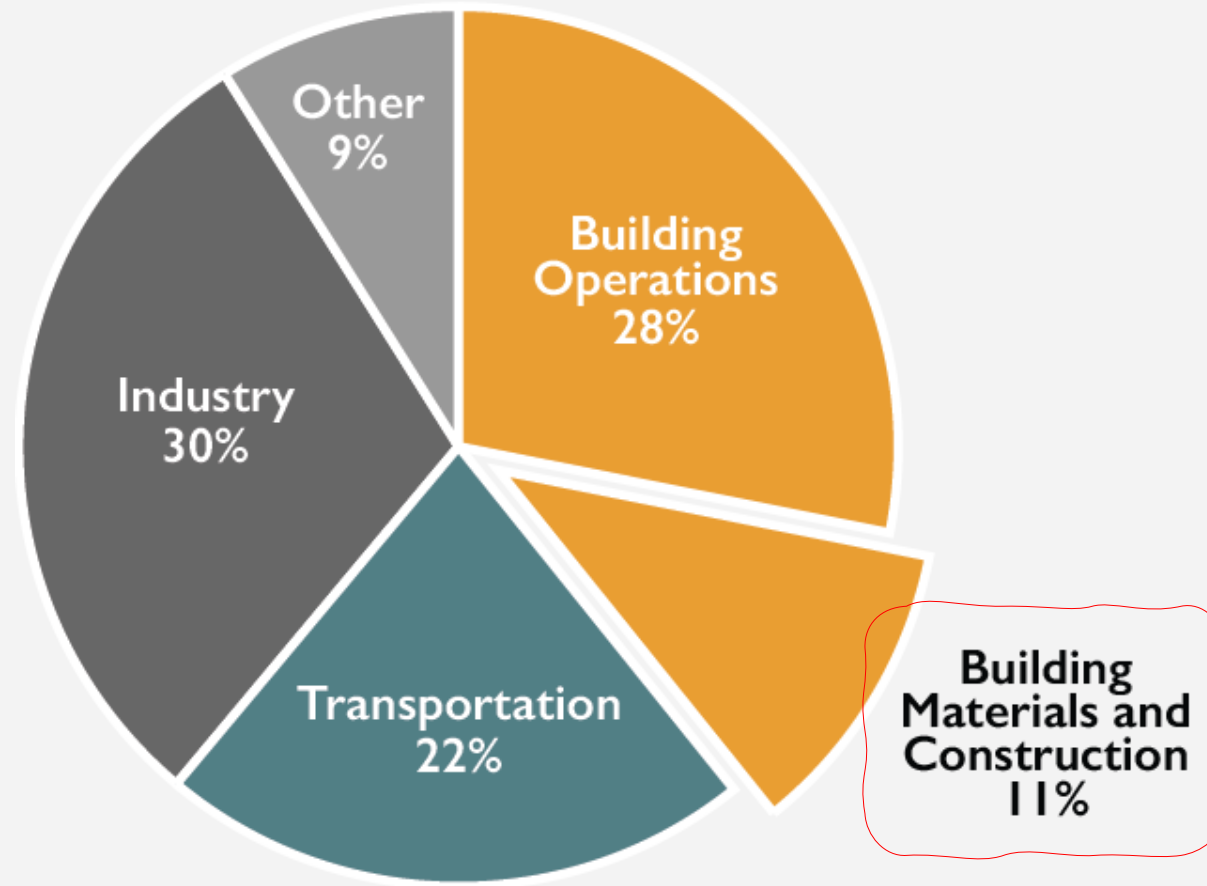
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Global CO₂ Emission by Sector



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UN Environment Global Status Report 2017; EIA International Energy Outlook 2017

The Challenge:

To track the CO2 bound in materials
for our projects.

WITHOUT

The need to carry out complex, independent
simulations (that require specialized expertise and
software.)



The Solution:

- Should help raise awareness in our teams
- Should be accessible for all our architects
- Should not require specialized knowledge
- Should not require separate software
- Should initiate competition among market areas and projects
- Should result in lower emissions!





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GOALS

OVERVIEW

APPROACH

STATUS

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Create a tool that:

- Provide an **overview of CO₂e** in the portfolio over time.
- Ensure **ease of use** so that everyone can access it
- Utilise **existing tools** and knowledge
- Design the system to be **expandable** and adaptable over time.
- Comply with **reporting requirements** for ISO 14001
- Create a **dashboard** that everyone can follow.
- Share positive experiences and **insights** about Nordic for all employees and visitors.

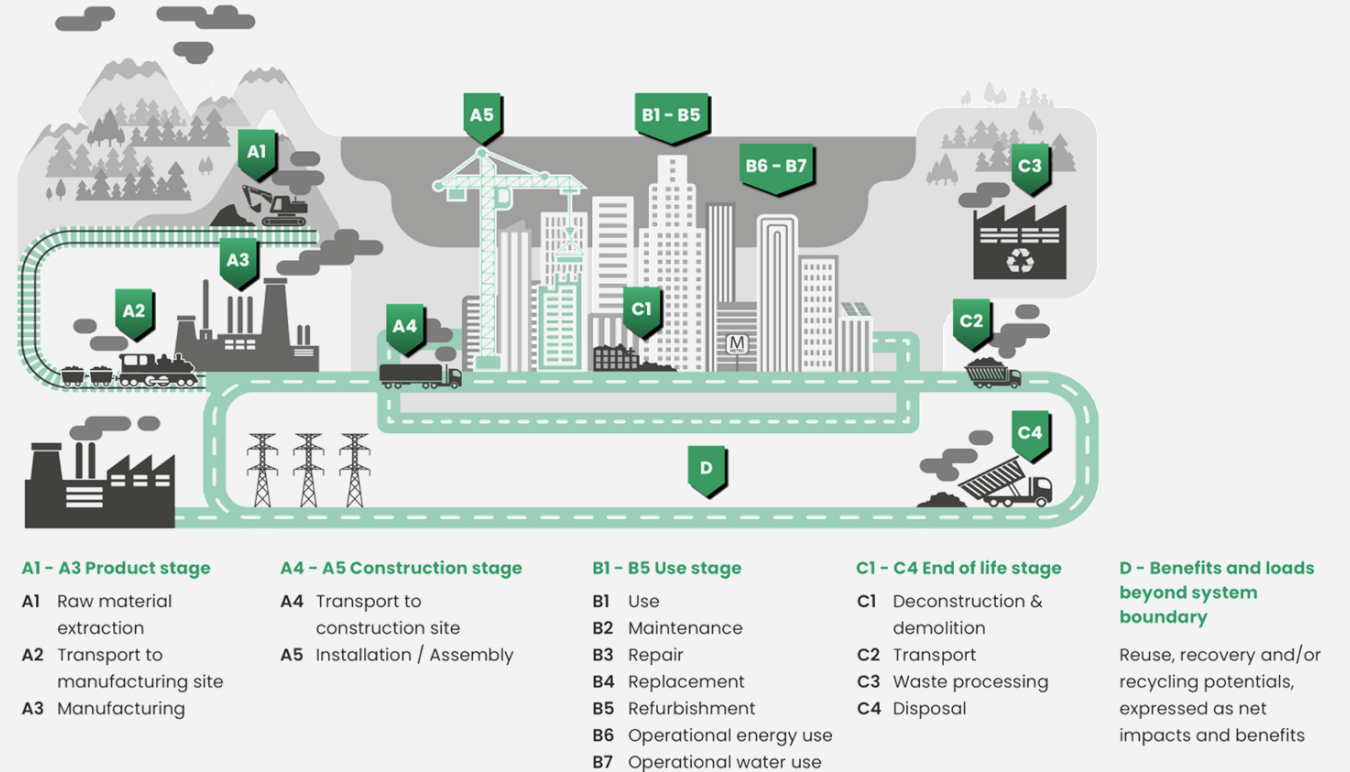


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Approach:



1. **Extract relevant greenhouse gas** data into Autodesk Revit and enhance the model with this data and metadata.
2. Retrieve relevant data from Revit using the **simplest method possible** (One Button).
3. Present relevant data in a format that is **easy to understand** (e.g., on a screen).



1. Extract relevant greenhouse gas data into Revit and enhance the model with this data and metadata.



PAM Integrated

Admin

Metrics

APIs

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< Home

Manage project

Administrative units

NorconsultNorway

Project number

52302869

Project name

SMS - Moss sentrum - Endret konsept

Project folder

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Coordinate system name

Global Site name

EPSG

Cloud linking

Parameters

Disciplines

Akustikk (RIAKU)

Arkitektur (ARK)

BIM Koordinator (BIM)

Brann (RIBr)

Elteknikk (RIE)

Grunn og bergarbeider (RIG)

Konstruksjon (RIB)

VVS (RIV)

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- 00 3D Views

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- Floor Plan: Working View_Plan_Level

+ 40 Section/Elevation

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Legends

3D - SusanneFlod

01 - OPPDRAGSINFORMASJON

Level 01

Level 02

Simplified estimation of clima...

Working View_Plan_Level 01_...

Working View_Plan_Level 02_...

Simplified estimation of climate emissions based on materials

Revit material	PI material	Register (data source)	Volume	CO2e	CO2e kg/m3	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
Glass	Glass, isolerglass U 0,8, alle sjikt	202202	0,06 m³	800 kg	12 546 kg/m³	6 028,95 kg/m³	130,25 kg/m³	13,29 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	6 273,06 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
Hvit	Gipsplate	202202	0,50 m³	100 kg	273 kg/m³	219,45 kg/m³	31,33 kg/m³	10,3 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
Metal - Aluminum	Aluminium resikulert		0,02 m³	0 kg												
NO_Glass - Klar	Glass, sikkerhetsglass, isolerglass U 0,8, alle sjikt		0,47 m³	0 kg												
NO_GU-Gips	Gipsplate, vindsperre, vannavstøtende (GU-plate)		2,38 m³	0 kg												
NO_Isolasjon - Fast	Mineralull, trykktast		72,88 m³	0 kg												
NO_Isolasjon - Luftlag	Luft		15,48 m³	0 kg												
NO_Leca_O2	Lettklinkerblokk		30,97 m³	0 kg												
NO_Metall - Stenderlag	Bindingsverk av stålstender, c/c 600 mm, isolert		21,51 m³	0 kg												
NO_Overflate - Innvendig - Gipsplate	Gipsplate		9,85 m³	0 kg												
NO_Tegl - Murstein	Teglforblanding, fuget, normalstein (rød, brun)		31,90 m³	0 kg												
Plastic - White, Smooth	Akryl		0,11 m³	0 kg												
Porcelain	Keramiske fliser inkl lim og sementbasert fugemasse		0,07 m³	0 kg												
Ramme	Bindingsverk av tre, c/c 600 mm, isolert		1,88 m³	0 kg												
Tre - Tømmer	Konstruksjonstrevirke, justert		1,46 m³	0 kg												
Trekk	Takpapp, bitumenbasert shingel		1,82 m³	0 kg												
Wood - Timber	Konstruksjonstrevirke, justert		1,15 m³	0 kg												
Grand total			192,51 m³	900 kg												

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Legend

Materials in use

Material	Volume
0.31 m³	0.31 m³

Simplified estimation of climate emissions based on material quantities

Real Material	PI Material	Region of origin	Volume	CO2e	CO2e kg/m³	A1-A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4
ARK	Leiklinnestein	2	20220	1.26 m³	200 kg	210 kg/m³	206.8 kg/m³	0.56 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
Chass	Chass, Isoterglass U 02, alle stikk	2	20220	0.06 m³	800 kg	12.64 kg/m³	6.020.56 kg/m³	130.25 kg/m³	13.25 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	6.213.35 kg/m³
Hull	Oppplate	2	20220	0.50 m³	100 kg	27.3 kg/m³	215.45 kg/m³	31.33 kg/m³	10.3 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
Metall - Aluminium	Aluminium restskutt	2	20220	0.02 m³	100 kg	3.16 kg/m³	1.380.75 kg/m³	27.50 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	1.500.59 kg/m³
NO_Chass - Isot	Chass, riktigste Isoterglass U 02, alle stikk	2	20220	0.47 m³	800 kg	12.64 kg/m³	6.114.66 kg/m³	130.42 kg/m³	13.25 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	6.423.93 kg/m³
NO_Ost Opp	Oppplate, 4 ferdig ferdig, varmesveisende (OPP-plate)	2	20220	0.36 m³	700 kg	19.88 kg/m³	244.31 kg/m³	36.72 kg/m³	12.2 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
NO_Isolasjon - Fast	Mineraltull, trykkløst	2	20220	72.28 m³	4 000 kg	56 kg/m³	35.17 kg/m³	6.66 kg/m³	2.7 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
NO_Isolasjon - Lull	Lull	1	20220	15.48 m³	0 kg	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
NO_Leca_02	Leiklinnestein	2	20220	20.57 m³	8 000 kg	210 kg/m³	206.8 kg/m³	0.56 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
NO_Metall - Isolerings	Isoleringsverk av stål og aluminium, c/c 600 mm, isolert	2	20220	21.51 m³	200 kg	7 kg/m³	7.12 kg/m³	0.25 kg/m³	0.02 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
NO_Metall - Isolerings	Isoleringsverk av stål og aluminium, c/c 600 mm, isolert	2	20220	0.72 m³	0 kg	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
NO_Metall - Isolerings	Oppplate	2	20220	0.26 m³	3 700 kg	27.3 kg/m³	215.45 kg/m³	31.33 kg/m³	10.3 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
NO_Metall - Isolerings	Oppplate	2	20220	31.50 m³	16 000 kg	47.2 kg/m³	450.17 kg/m³	13.69 kg/m³	3.89 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
NO_Metall - Isolerings	Oppplate	2	20220	0.07 m³	2 100 kg	30.439 kg/m³	9.701.57 kg/m³	362.4 kg/m³	27.45 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
Panel Finish	Stål, varmforstet, lakkert, tynnplate	2	20220	0.11 m³	0 kg	10 kg/m³	4.24 kg/m³	0.1 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	4.93 kg/m³
Plastic - White, Smooth	Plast	2	20220	0.07 m³	400 kg	6.060 kg/m³	1.470.50 kg/m³	166.26 kg/m³	120.23 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	3.746.51 kg/m³
Porslin	Isoleringsverk av stål og aluminium, c/c 600 mm, isolert	2	20220	1.26 m³	100 kg	30 kg/m³	32.45 kg/m³	1.31 kg/m³	1.3 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
Ramme	Isoleringsverk av stål og aluminium, c/c 600 mm, isolert	2	20220	0.07 m³	0 kg	10 kg/m³	4.24 kg/m³	0.1 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	4.93 kg/m³
Task - Mørke tre (Bort)	Takopp, tilkummet er i skingel	2	20220	1.56 m³	27 400 kg	13 881 kg/m³	1 885.7 kg/m³	132 kg/m³	64.16 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	6 940.25 kg/m³
Task - Tømmer	Isoleringsverk av stål og aluminium, c/c 600 mm, isolert	2	20220	1.45 m³	400 kg	247 kg/m³	124.72 kg/m³	15.7 kg/m³	4.56 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
Task - Tømmer	Takopp, tilkummet er i skingel	2	20220	1.22 m³	26 800 kg	13 881 kg/m³	1 885.7 kg/m³	132 kg/m³	64.16 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	6 940.25 kg/m³
Wood - Timber	Isoleringsverk av stål og aluminium, c/c 600 mm, isolert	2	20220	1.15 m³	800 kg	247 kg/m³	124.72 kg/m³	15.7 kg/m³	4.56 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³	0 kg/m³
Grand total						196.3 m³	92 700 kg					

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Phase-Demo

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Phase-Exist

Phase-Exist

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Phase-Temp

Plastic

Akryl

Plastic - White, Smc

Akryl

Plexiglass

Akryl

Poche

Poche

Stål, varmforstet, lakkert

Polyvinyl Chloride, I

Porslin

Keramiske fliser inkl lim og

Ramme

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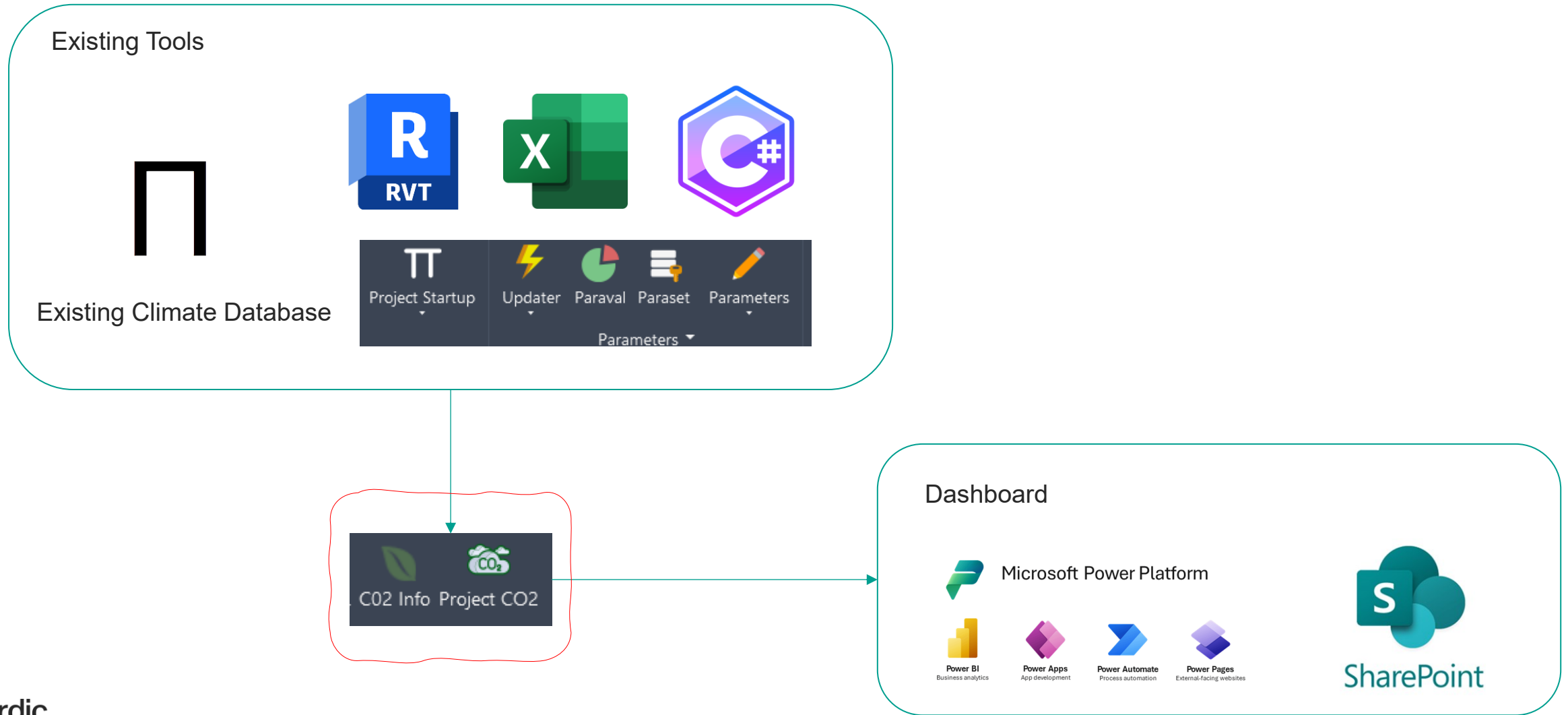
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3. Present relevant data in an easily understandable format (Screen).



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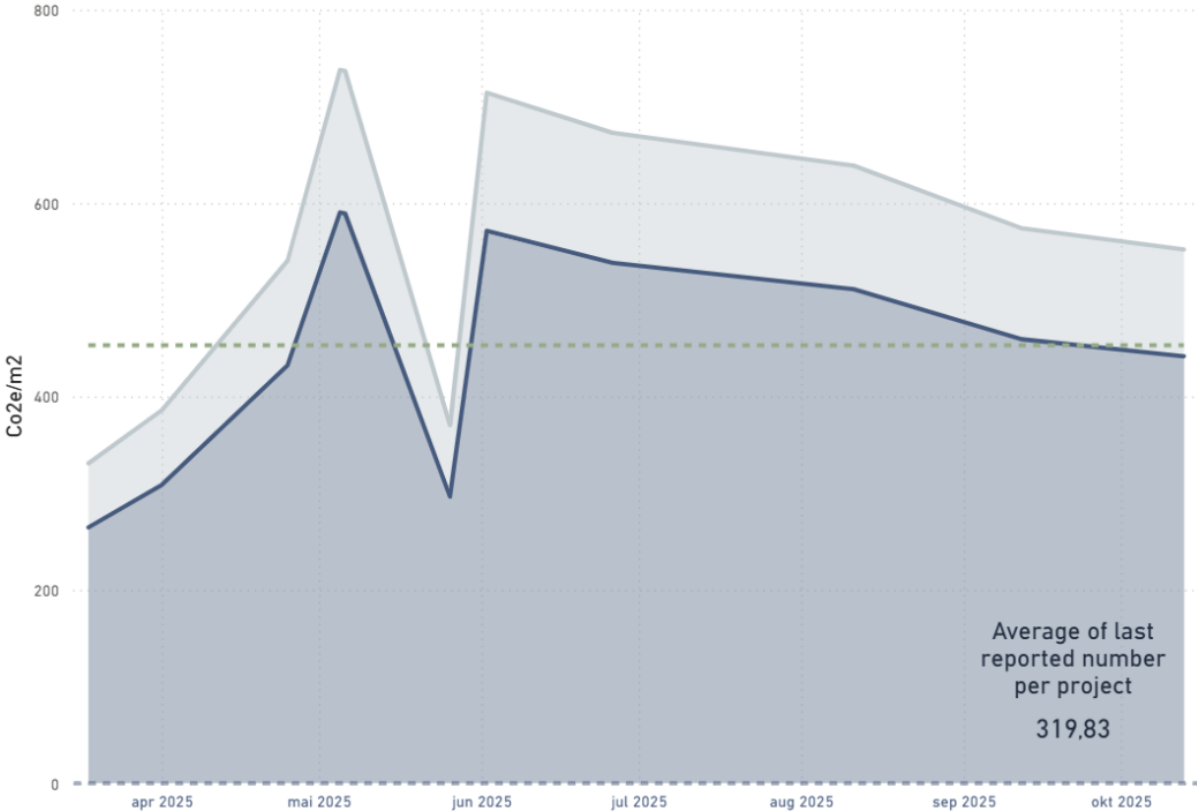




NCT - NORDIC CARBON TRACKER

MONTHLY PROJECT PROGRESS

● *Co2e/m2 (monthly) ● *Co2e/m2 w/ error margin (monthly) ● Average Kg CO2e per m2 (All Time)



ALL PROJECTS IN REPORT

PROJECT NUMBER	NAME	Last CO2e/m2 (per project)
320104	Sikkerhetspost Valen Sjukehus	221,54
110000	SUS 2023	441,60
110000	SUS BT2 Bygg 76	511,00
1020607	Lilleakerveien 41	296,36

Average of last reported number per project
319,83

NORDIC OVERALL

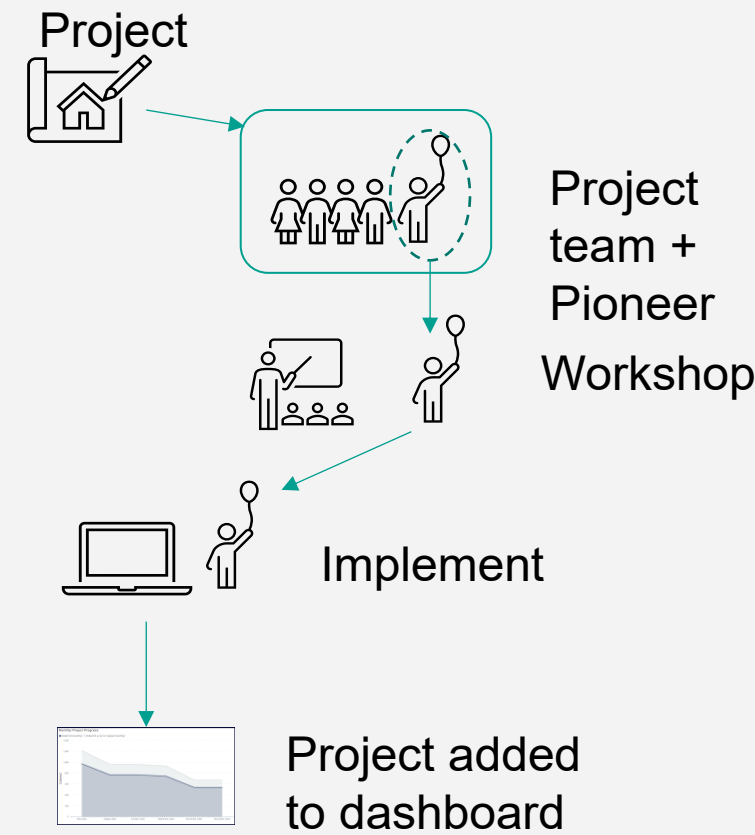
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Average Kg CO2e per m2...





Status Q4 2025

- Training has been provided to key personnel.
- Projects are currently mapping materials.
- Final reporting is missing for some projects – SCALATION.



Projekter over 5000m2	Type bygg	Størrelse (ca)	Fase	PL	Ressursperson NCT (forslag)	Status rapportering	Status opplæring
Oslo Horisont, KLP	Kontor/Næring	85 000 m2	Reguleringsfase / ill.prosjekt	Jonathan	Zuzanna	Mangler	Ja
Schweigaards gt. 41-51	Kontor/Næring	23 200 m2	Reguleringsfase / ill.prosjekt	Line	Zuzanna	Mangler	Ja
Kjelsåsveien 161	Bolig/Næring	23 400 m2	Reguleringsfase / ill.prosjekt	Simon	Henriette	Mangler	Ja
Sørkedalsv. 150	Bolig	13 500 m2	Reguleringsfase / skisseprosjekt	Isaac	Isaac	Mangler	
Østensjøv. 40-44	Bolig/Næring	43 000 m2	Reguleringsfase / ill.prosjekt	Line	Isaac	Mangler	Ja
Laksevåg verft, detaljregulering	Bolig/Kontor/Næring	150 000 m2	Reguleringsfase / ill.prosjekt	Line	Isaac	Mangler	Ja
Fornebu Sør	Bolig/Næring	32 000 m2	Forprosjekt (oppstart mai/juni 25)	Geir	Anette	Mangler	Ja
Haslevangen 15	Kontor/Næring	17 400 m2	Forprosjekt (oppstart det.prosj. høsten 25)	Stijn	Kristine S	Mangler	Ja
Molobyen B6	Kontor/Næring	11 600 m2	Mulighetsstudie	Isaac	Isaac	Mangler	
Sikkerhetspost Valen Sjukehus	Sykehus	1430 m2	Forprosjekt	Anders L	Søren B	Mangler	Ja
Lilleakerveien 41	Bolig/Kontor/Næring	14800 m2	Revidert skisseprosjekt	Anette	Erik Ø	Lever	Ja
SUS2	Sykehus	101000 m2	Forprosjekt	Florian	Kristjan	Må rettes	Ja



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is a demonstration of how AI
and machine learning can
enhance the ability of
designers to address
increasingly complex
challenges.

The EPD* Challenge:

EPDs are **standardized** according to EN 15804, but the **presentation varies** between suppliers and databases.

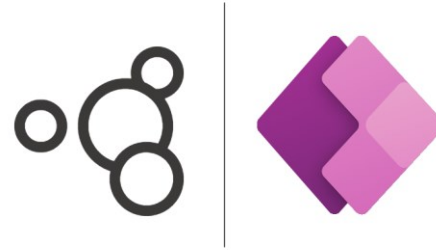
Why don't we let AI do the work?

*Environmental Product Declaration





Solution: POWER AUTOMATE





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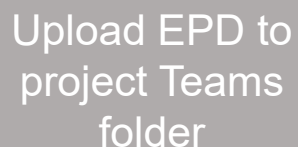
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Find EPD In database



Power Automate

Power Automate
flow runs with built
in AI component



Excel is updated
with data

PAM Integrated

Data can be
uploaded to PAM

Use PI to make data available in Revit





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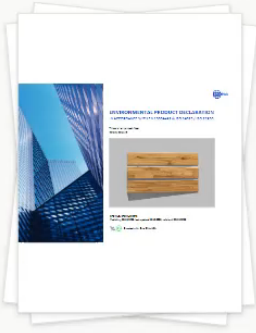
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How to use your model

Do you know you can set-up a Feedback loop process to improve your model? Select **Use model and Build intelligent automations**. [Learn more](#)

Power Automate

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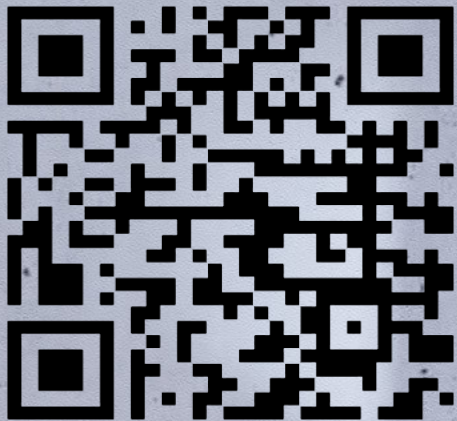
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NCT is a tool designed
to **raise awareness**
and **assist non-**
experts in **reducing**
material-bound
carbon in their projects
easily



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Towards automated building LCA calculation

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BIM-based automation of LCA calculation

Answering the question "what is the life-cycle
Global Warming Potential (GWP) of the building?"

→ Still requires manual expert work.

But what if we ask a different question:
"Is the life-cycle GWP lower than the limit?"

This answer may be obtained automatically **already now**.
Without large demands on the architect.

Finnish Building Act 2025: BIM-Driven LCA for Climate Compliance

- The new Finnish Building Act (2025)
 - A climate declaration and declaration of products for new buildings (2026)
 - The limits for the buildings' carbon footprint will be introduced in the following years
 - Building permits to be applied with IFC format (IFC 4.0.2.1) if the design is in BIM
- The new requirements may burden the design offices, especially the small ones, without dedicated LCA experts and access to the relevant tools
- BIM-based automation of LCA calculation
 - Enables early-stage carbon footprint checks without burdening architects
 - Reduces time and cost in design iterations
 - Enhances transparency and traceability for regulators and clients

Requirements for BIM-based LCA

- **Quantity take-off from BIM**
 - BIM shall be prepared with the sufficient detail, entities that are not part of the LCA calculation shall be either filtered out or marked
 - *BIM guidelines, templates, export filters, examples*
- **Matching products (materials) from BIM to the LCA database**
 - Products (materials) names or IDs shall be assigned to the entities and matching the identifiers from LCA the database
 - *Products (materials) classification*
 - *LCA databases*
- **Calculation, reporting, checking life-cycle GWP against the limit**
 - *LCA methodologies*
 - *LCA tools*

Building legislation in Finland

Footprint		Building	Building site
A1-3	Manufacturing	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
A4	Transport	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
A5	Construction	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
B4	Replacement	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
B6	Use of energy	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
C1	Deconstruction	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
C2	Transport	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
C3	Waste processing	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
C4	Disposal	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a
Total carbon footprint		kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a

Handprint		Building	Building site
D1-6	Carbon handprint	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a	kgCO ₂ e/m ² ,a

- The new **Building Act** entered into force in 2025.
- Construction permit applications shall include a **climate declaration** and a declaration of products (materials) in 2026.
- Construction permits to be applied with **IFC format** (IFC 4.0.2.1) if the design is in BIM.

Supporting legislation and information sources

- Decree on climate declaration
- Decree on products declaration
- National CO₂ database
- National BIM requirements
- Limit values of carbon footprint

This value is limited

Finnish construction emissions database

		Material or product	Building
A1-3	Manufacturing	kgCO ₂ e/kg, /m ³ , /m ² , /unit	kgCO ₂ e/m ²
A4	Transport	kgCO ₂ e/ton, km	or kgCO ₂ e/m ²
A5	Construction		kgCO ₂ e/m ²
B4	Replacement	kgCO ₂ e/kg, /m ³ , /m ² , /unit	kgCO ₂ e/m ²
B6	Use of energy		kgCO ₂ e/kWh
C1	Deconstruction		kgCO ₂ e/m ²
C2	Transport	kgCO ₂ e/ton, km	or kgCO ₂ e/m ²
C3	Waste processing	kgCO ₂ e/kg, /m ³ , /m ² , /unit	
C4	Disposal		kgCO ₂ e/m ²

kgCO₂e/m², a

Building services

Required information

- Building floor area
- Building energy cons.
- Materials identification
- Products identification
- Relevant quantities



Rakentamisen päästötietokanta | [CO2data.fi/rakentaminen](https://co2data.fi/rakentaminen)

Emissions database for construction



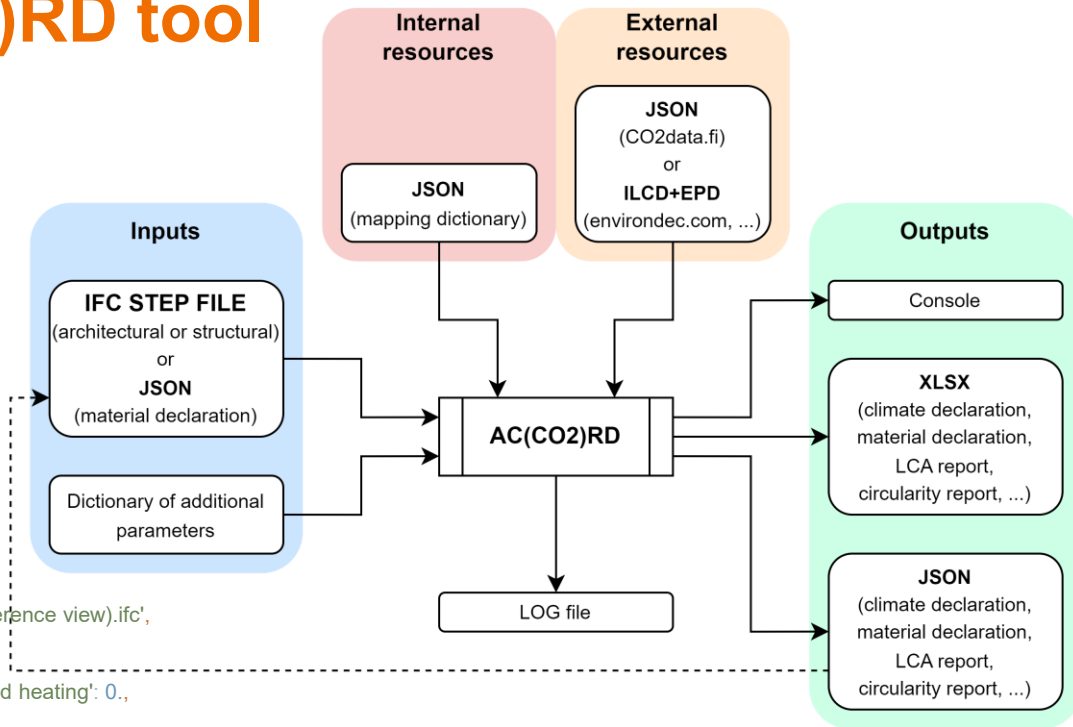
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		Material or product	Building
D1-6	Carbon handprint	kgCO ₂ e/kg, /m ³ , /m ² , /unit	

<https://www.co2data.fi/rakentaminen/#en>

A proof-of-concept tool to study automated conservative estimation of the environmental impact from the IFC model

AC(CO2)RD tool



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  'use_category': 'school'
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    'Energy, district cooling': 0.,
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```
WP7 IFC case building original
NOTE: 1744 elements were used in the calculation. (836x IfcBeam
NOTE: 195 elements were ignored. (195x IfcMechanicalFastener)

Total weight      : 594.9 t
Total volume      : 523.9 m3
Elements          : 1744.0
GWP A1-A3         : 283.3 tCO2e
GWP A4            : 35.5 tCO2e
GWP A5            : 9.2 tCO2e
GWP B6            : 0.0 tCO2e
GWP C1            : 0.0 tCO2e
GWP C2            : 35.5 tCO2e
GWP C3            : 2.5 tCO2e
GWP C4            : 6.7 tCO2e
GWP D1            : -105.1 tCO2e
```

Name	Mass	Volume
CONCRETE/Concrete_Undefined	238.365	99.31874
CONCRETE/K30-2	199.6575	83.19063
CONCRETE/K40-1	45.16389	18.81829
MISCELLANEOUS/Mineraalivilla_kova	31.22608	312.2608
STEEL/S350GD+Z	35.70369	4.548241
STEEL/S355J0	2.919739	0.371941
STEEL/S355J2	6.69243	0.852747
STEEL/S355J2H	8.342612	1.069719
STEEL/S420MH	26.79131	3.459136

```
{
  "Info": {
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  },
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      "Unit": "years"
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          "Unit": "m2"
        },
        "HeatedFloorArea": {
          "Value": 865.0,
          "Unit": "m2"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

<https://extgit.vtt.fi/petr.hradil/ac-co2-rd>

Quality of model data

- **Missing material identification**
 - The highest CO₂ material will be selected from the database based on the element type (always conservative)
- **Missing quantities**
 - Volume of the entity bounding box will be used (always conservative)
- **Material name not matching records in the database**
 - Mapping dictionary is created and regularly updated (provisional solution)
- **Missing entities**
 - Not checked yet

Feedback to the designer

- Number of IFC entities included in the assessment
- Number of entities without quantities – calculated from the bounding box
- Number of entities without quantities – ignored
- Number of entities without materials – assumed conservative material
- List of unknown materials and ignored entities
- Model quality (not yet implemented):

Quantities index

% of entities with quantities

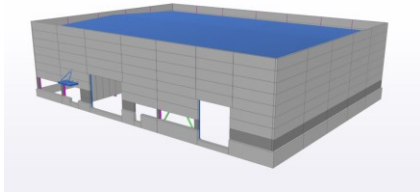
+ half of entities calculated from the bounding box

Materials index

% of production CO₂ (A1-A3) of known materials



Example outputs



Carbon footprint: **13,3 kgCO₂e/m²,a**
Quantities index: 100%
Materials index: 100%
(Tekla Structures)



Carbon footprint: **27,7 kgCO₂e/m²,a**
Quantities index: 100%
Materials index: 36%
(Archicad)



Carbon footprint: **45,3 kgCO₂e/m²,a**
Quantities index: 99%
Materials index: 19%
(Revit)



Carbon footprint: **109 kgCO₂e/m²,a**
Quantities index: 91%
Materials index: 38%
(Archicad)



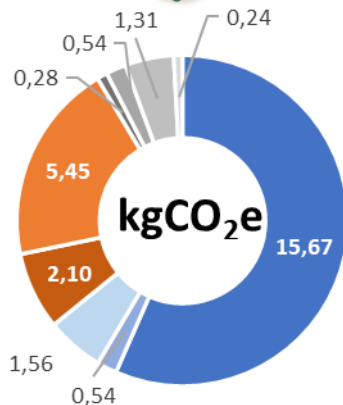
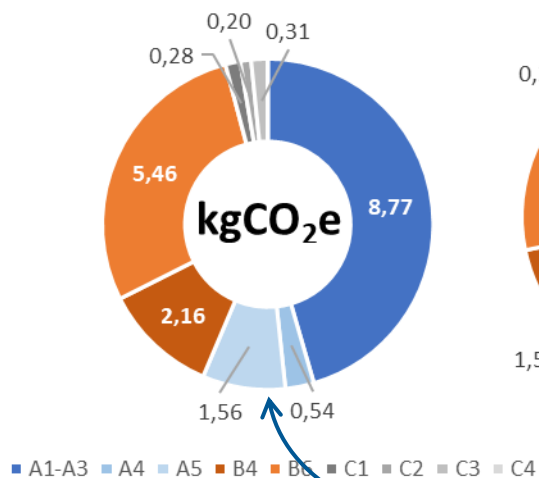
Validation

Courthouse in Pori, Finland

Net floor area: 5419 m²

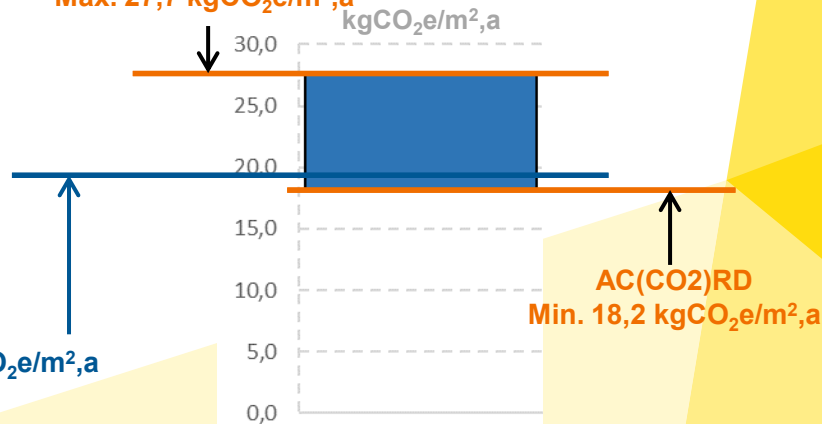
Year of construction: 2024

Assessment period: 50 years



Raksystems LCA 19,3 kgCO₂e/m²,a

AC(CO₂)RD
Max. 27,7 kgCO₂e/m²,a



Transferability across countries

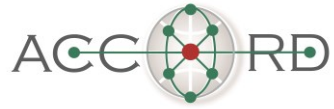
- AC(CO₂)RD is a proof-of-concept tool to study automated conservative estimation of the environmental impact of the IFC model
- It is adjusted to the requirements of the new Finnish regulations
- Nordic countries share similar BIM maturity and regulatory ambitions
 - Differences in LCA scope and data availability across countries.
 - Need for unified BIM-LCA standards and shared databases
 - Joint Nordic initiative for harmonised digital permitting and LCA validation!?
- Plans to link this tool to the machine-readable regulation limiting the carbon footprint of the building
- Ongoing discussion on the real-world implementation of such a concept with partners of the ACCORD project: Solibri, Cloud Permit and Future Insight

BIM for LCA



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Construction

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of Ministers

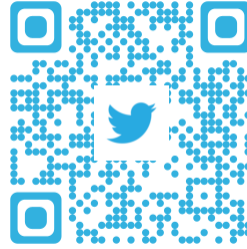


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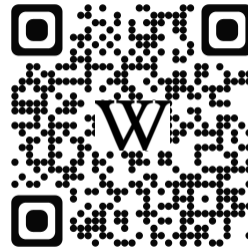
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Preserve More:
Future homes in the
existing building stock

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Partner in AART architects



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The numbers

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How many more people will there be in Denmark by 2040?

280.000

How many homes are needed?

100.000 - 150.000

How many homes can be created from buildings that exist today?

40.000 - 70.000

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The initiative

Who is behind Bevar Mere/Preserve More?

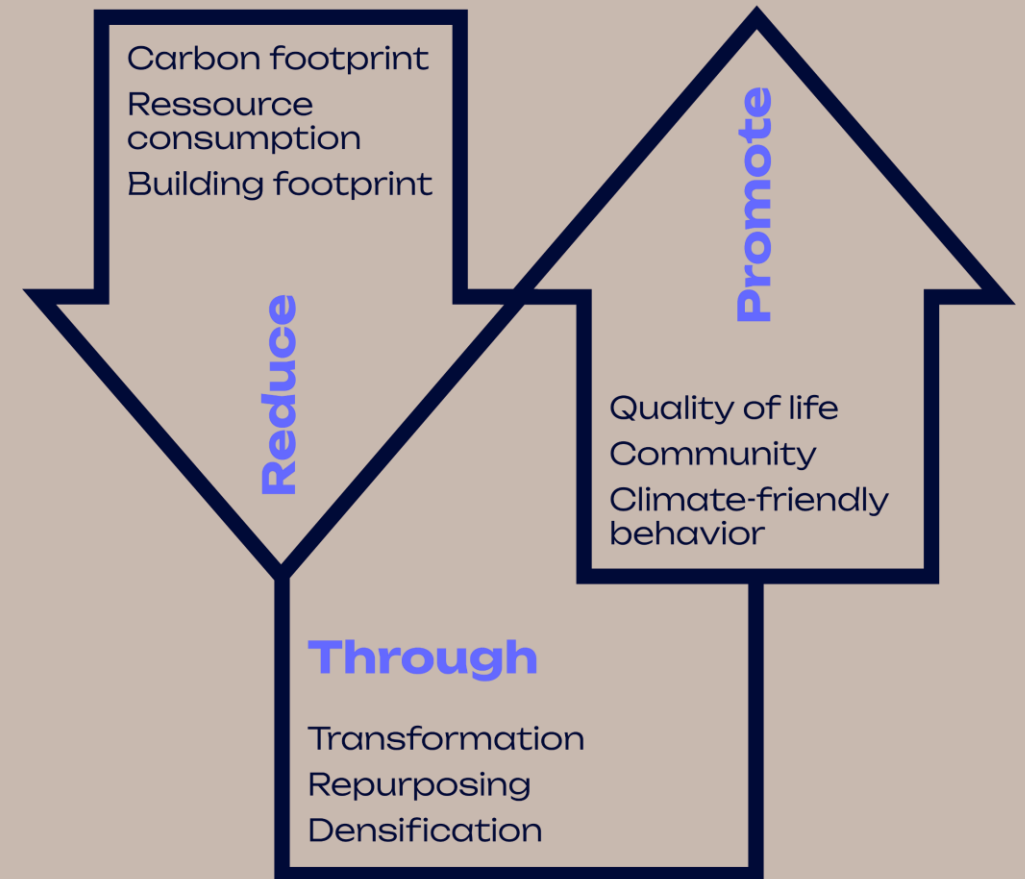


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Purpose and vision

How do we create the sustainable homes and housing environments of the future in the buildings we already have

We want to promote a change in behavior among professionals and the general population towards transforming and repurposing with a focus on community, quality of life, climate, and resources



Which building typologies do we focus on?



Single family houses



Roof top housing



Social housing



Commercial, office, and
public service buildings

What is at the core of the initiative?



Knowledge



Tools



**Involvement &
communi-
cation**



**Inspiring
examples**

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Knowledge projects and tools

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Projects

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Tools

Opbevar // **Preserve Up**

LCA-plan // **LCA - plan**

Tættere sammen // **Close together**

Bevar eller Forklar // **Preserve or explain**

Del hus i Kommunen // **Share house in the municipality**

En trin-for-trin guide // **Step-by-step guide to transformation**

Mere. Transformation. Sammen. // **More. Transformation. Together.**

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Knowledge projects

Vi har boligerne // **We have the homes**

Mod Nye Højder // **Towards new heights**

Internationale erfaringer // **International experiences**

Udfoldning af businesscasen // **Unfolding the business case**

Empty nesters' flyttemønstre // **Empty nesters' moving patterns**

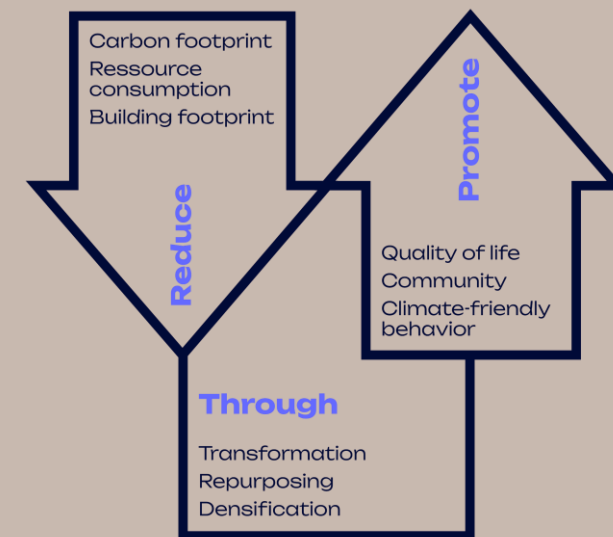
Bevar, del og bo flere sammen // **Preserve, share and live more people together**

Bæredygtig etablering af tagboliger // **Sustainable construction of rooftop dwellings**

Investeringscasen for transformation // **The investment case for transformation**

Transformation af landbrugsejendomme // **Transformation of farm properties**

Transformationskapacitet i eksisterende erhvervsejendomme // **Transformation capacity in existing commercial properties**



17 projects – five themes



Better use of the single family houses

Big potential in the existing houses - singles or couples without children occupying a part of the existing building stock

What are the architectural/structural, social, cultural, regulatory, financial etc. barriers and potentials for sharing m2 or dividing/partition of house? And how might we address them?

How might we support housing / moving chains to free up single family houses for families?



Establishing roof top housing

There is an underutilised potential in the roof space/attics in existing urban building stock.

What are the structural, regulatory and financial barriers and potentials for establishing roof top housing and how might we address them?



Future-proofing the social housing sector

Addressing the challenge of vacancy in the social housing sector.

How might we convert traditional social housing homes to co-housing communities?



Transformation of commercial, office, and public service buildings

What are the regulatory and proces-related barriers and potentials for transformation in general and how might we address them?



Cross-cutting themes

Focusing on the business / investment case of transformation as a potential barrier.

How might we elaborate and develop a more holistic business case for transformation?

Who are part of the projects?



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What's next?



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- **Call for demonstration projects – inspiring examples**
 - **Campaign and activities targeted residents/wider population**
 - **Most knowledge projects and tools will finish in the first half of 2026**

Find out more here:

→ www.bevar-mere.dk



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Open calls

Viden & Værktøjer

Eksempelbyggerier

Nyheder & Events

Fremtidens boliger i nutidens bygninger

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Bevar Mere er en filantropisk indsats med et klart mål: At understøtte en holdnings- og praksisændring i Danmark, så transformation og ombygning af den eksisterende bygningsmasse bliver et reelt, attraktivt og kvalificeret alternativ til nybyggede boliger.

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The road to net zero

Anna Denell, Chief Sustainability Officer

Vasakronan



”Future-proof cities for everyone, where people and companies thrive”

Environmental
responsibility

Social
responsibility

Financial
responsibility



Net Zero by 2030 - throughout the whole value chain



Development

- Construction material
- Waste
- Transportation
- Energy consumption at construction sites



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- Energy consumption
- Leakage of refrigerants
- Company transportation



Tenants

- Electricity consumption
- Commuting
- Waste

Sergelhusen



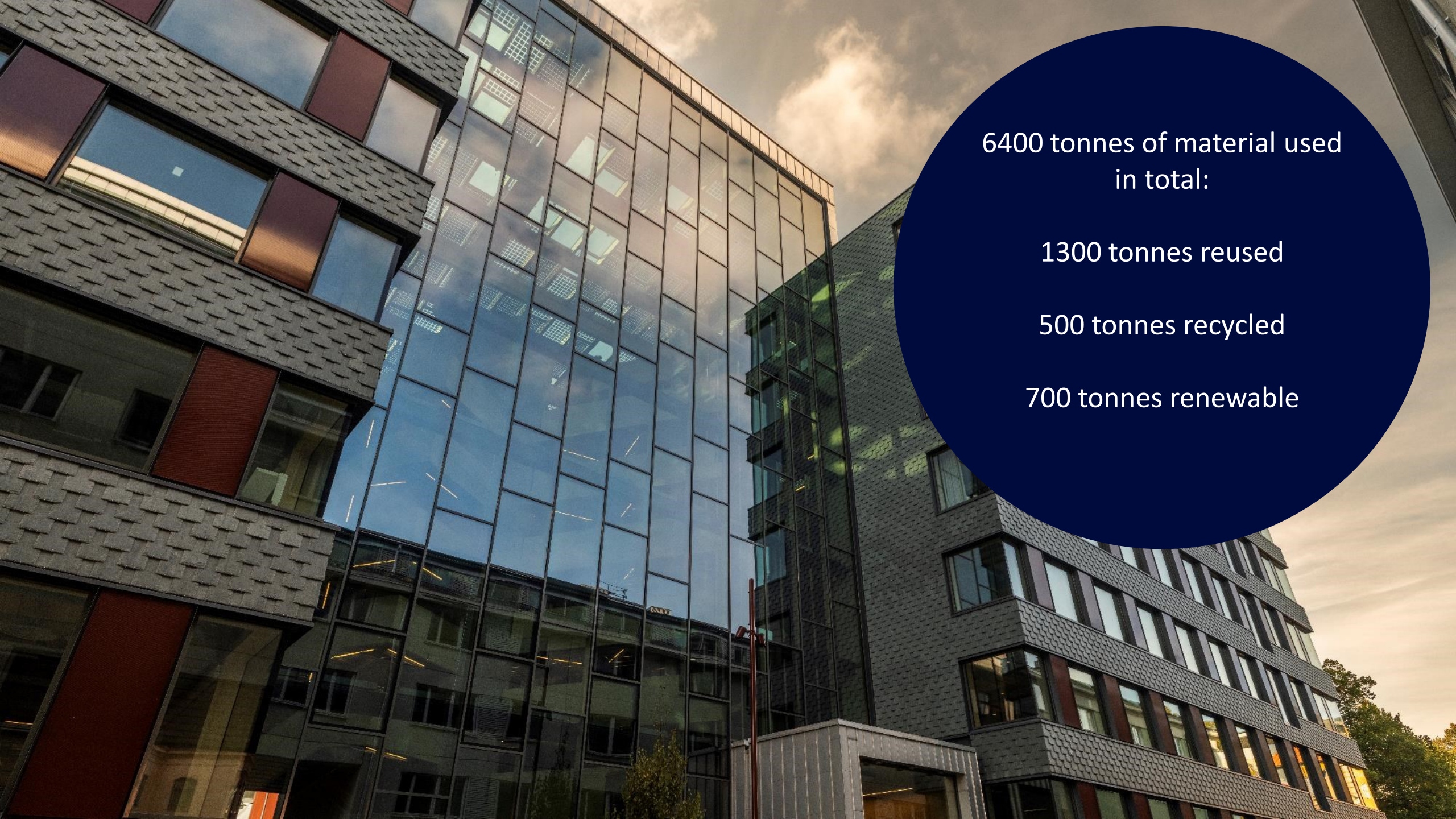




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Sweden's most ambitious
reusing project?





6400 tonnes of material used
in total:

1300 tonnes reused

500 tonnes recycled

700 tonnes renewable



Barnängsfabrik

Laboratorie-
byggnaden

Vita Villan

1800 nya bostäder,
ny skola med bibliotek,
ny idrottshall samt
6 förskolor.

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