

FEATURES OF IMIP PANELS

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CRITERIA OF SELECTION OF MATERIAL TO DESIGN OF IMIP PANELS:



- Use of renewable raw materials, pine wood and cork.
- Stress the proximity (km 0) both of the sites where raw material is extracted, and where the system is produced and consumed.
- Promote **local** economy by generating an industry that foster economy in the involved regions.
- Minimize the consumption of resources and the generation of waste by developing a modular construction system industrialize.
- Users health and comfort by producing a building well isolated to reduce **energy** consumption.





RESULTS

INSULATED PANEL PROTOTYPES



Composition and design







Species chosen:

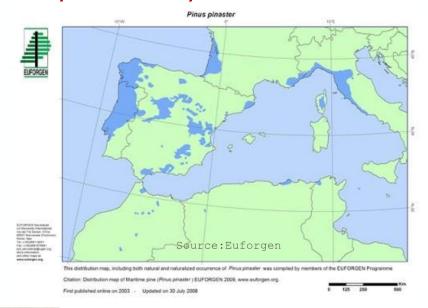
Maritime pine wood(Pinus pinaster Ait.)

-Spreads naturally in Atlantic-influenced regions of Portugal (Northern and Central), Spain (Mediterranean regions) and France (Atlantic coast): 2.9 million ha

-Sawn wood production: France: 1.1 million m3

Portugal: 1,0 million m3 Spain: 0.8 million m3

-Structural timber characterization available (EN-338) for Portugal (E-C18), France (STII-C24, STIII-C18, STIV-C14) and Spain (ME1-C24, ME2-C18) source.





Sawn timber: CLT



SWP(Sawn Wood Panels)



Species chosen: Mountain pine wood (Pinus uncinata Ram.)

- -Scattered populations across the mountains of southern France and northern Spain. Reforestation programmes in the Mediterranean: 53,000 ha
- -Tree volume: 5.4 million m3
- -Due to limited yield, the wood is not of any particular value.
- -Structural timber characterization on going (EN-338).

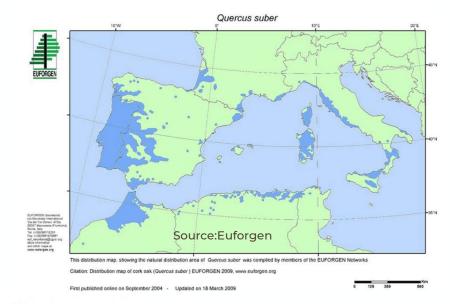






Cork for insulation:

- Quercus suber L.
- -Typical species of the Western Mediterranean region: Portugal, Spain and in restricted areas of France.
- -Outer bark is composed of a compact, elastic, thermally insulating tissue with impermeable cell walls
- -Insulation is improved in industrial processing: black agglomerates
- -Coef. Thermal conductivity: 0,04 W/m°C



Granulated cork:





Black Cork Expanded Boards(BCEB)



Other wood components:

OSB (Oriented Strand Boards)



Commercial one.

Made usually of pine/spruce.

Suitable for load-bearing applications in construction

OSB/3 – Load-bearing boards for use in humid conditions



Type A (roof): 1200(w)x6000(L)x260(t)mm

CLT60 P.uncinata

- + ribs P.uncinata (80x200mm)
- + granulated cork









Type B (roof): 240-190(t)x1000(w)x1200(L)mm SIP SWP-OSB P. pinaster

+ black cork boards







Type C (floor):320(t)x1200(w)x6000(L)mm

CLT60 P.uncinata

- + ribs P.uncinata (80x200mm)
- + granulated cork





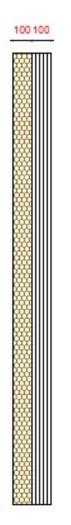


Type D (façade):200(t)x2400(w)x5500(L)mm CLT100 P. pinaster

+

black cork boards







Panel Tests







Bending tests:

Panels A, B, C

Components









Shear bending tests:

Panels A, B, C





Glued quality tests:

Panels

Components













Glued quality tests:

Panels

Components











Soft body impact tests:

Panels









CONTRIBUTION TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

- Buildings are responsible for 40% of energy use.
- Wood/cork are a naturally **good thermal insulators**: The cellular structure slows down the loss of heat (for wood 16 greater than concrete). **Hygroscopic** character.
- Process of wood panel **manufacturing** consume less energy than other based on steel or concrete.







CONTRIBUTION TO ENVIRONMENT:

Source of decarbonisation:

- 55% from renewable energies.
- 45% from products: wood material, wood products carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Buildings are responsible of 30% of CO2 emissions in Europe.

Recyclables/renewables resources.

Biodegradable resources.





SOCIO-ENCONOMIC CONTRIBUTION:

Encourage to use of wood and cork, support:

- Wood industries: In Spain 36.781 companies and 212.900 workers (FEIM, 2026). Sawmills in Portugal employ 4 592 persons (ICNF 2015). In Nouvelle Aquitaine (France), 28 300 industries employed 56 300 people (Agreste NA Analyse et résultats 2015).
- Cork sector: In Portugal, cork products represent about 1 % of Gross Domestic Product, and annual exports of more than 1 billion euros (2018). There are approximately 642 companies operating in the cork industry in Portugal, and they employ about 8 305 workers (Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity, 2016). In Spain provides more than 2.000 full-time jobs in more than 98 cork processing and producing companies.



CONTRIBUTION TO CIRCULARITY:

Wood and cork: Infinitely renewable resources, sustainable building material.

Long-term supplies of wood/cork support forest repoblations.

Wood is never wasted:

- Reused: other buildings, other mixed systems or non-structural uses .
- **Recycling**: components for other engineering products, nonstructural uses, board industries, biomass.
- Biodegradable: end of life.



Thank you for your attention



