

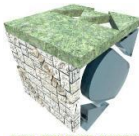
Sustainable Building Materials

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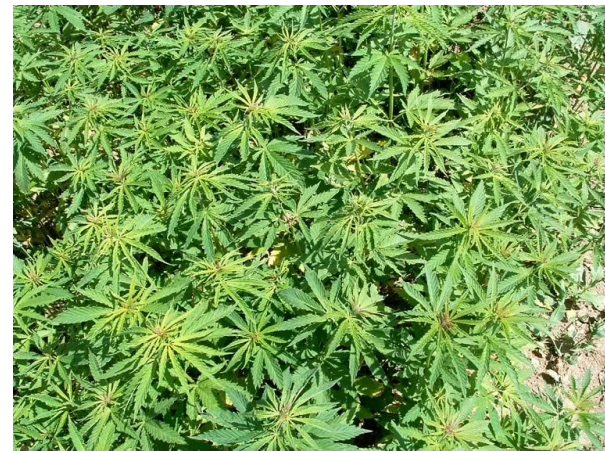
Outline

- What do we mean by SBMs?
- The NEES Project
- Best Practice
- Opportunities and Barriers
- Where next?

What do we mean by SBMs?

- Natural and / or recycled
 - Using renewable resources
 - No / minimal use of hazardous materials
 - Not derived from fossil fuels
- Energy efficient
 - Comparable or better energy performance to conventional building materials
- Sustainable
 - Low carbon and resource footprints - minimal processing
 - Socially and economically sustainable
 - Locally sourced

Common Examples



The NEES Project

- Enabling the market for SBMs across Northern Europe
- Accrediting and promoting Best Practice producers and users of SBMs
- Partners in Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Sweden and Greenland
- 3 year project (2011–2014) funded by the ERDF Northern Periphery Programme

The NEES Process

- Independent expert accreditation scheme
 - Expert Panel drawn from the partner regions
- Applicants must meet 3 gateway criteria:
 - Using natural and / or recycled materials
 - Sourced from, or with significant operations in the NPP region
 - Suitable for improving the energy efficiency of buildings – particularly as retrofit solutions

The NEES Process (2)

- Experts evaluate and score applications against 5 NEES criteria
 - Resource efficiency
 - Environment and health
 - Sustainability
 - Enterprise
 - Scalability
- Delphi Process applied
 - Thresholds used to determine automatic acceptances / rejections
- Panel meets to agree results

The Surveys

- Products survey has 28 questions covering
 - Demographic info
 - Key criteria info ('natural' or recycled, contribution to energy efficiency, sustainability criteria)
 - Barriers and opportunities
 - Market/cost/enterprise info
- Services survey requires 3 case studies that address the NEES criteria

Natural Energy Efficiency and Sustainability (NEES)†
Survey of NEES Products†

Trading name of product:□
Type of product:□
Location(s) of manufacture/processing:□
Countries product is available in:† □
Contact name:□
Address:† □
Tel:□
Email:□
Website:□

Please note†



Please complete this questionnaire for a specific product rather than give general figures for a range of products. The open question at the end can be used to give details of similar products and you are welcome to submit more than one questionnaire. A separate survey is available for service providers, however installers of specific products should bear these questions in mind as part of their submissions. -†

The NEES Project does not expect applicants to answer all of the survey questions (not all of which will be relevant to every product) and allowances should be made with respect to your capacity to do provide this information. Where details are not provided our international Expert Panel will draw on their own knowledge, however this will be made clear in the feedback on your application, and in some cases we may request further information.†

Disclaimer†

By submitting this questionnaire you are agreeing not to deliberately provide any incorrect information. Any details of compliance with any legal or voluntary regulations, standards, codes or other compliance and award schemes subsequently found to be incorrect will be pursued with the appropriate organisations. Page Break.....†

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Benefits of Accreditation

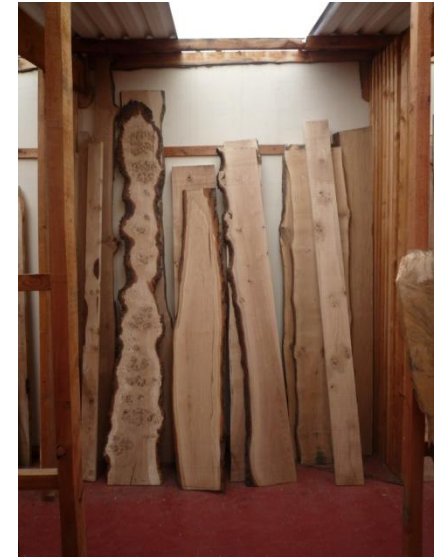
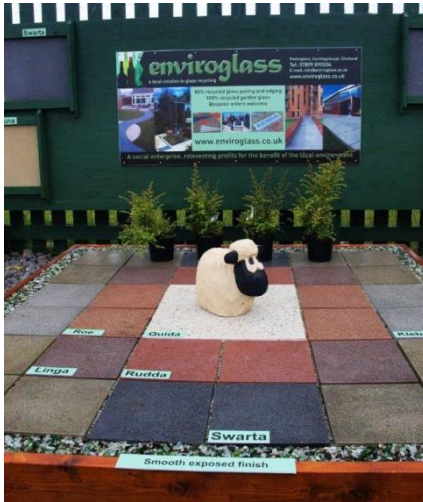
- Promotion across Northern Europe
- Events and lobbying
- Best Practices brochure
- Websites (results website under development)
- Access to expert networks and support – e.g. carbon footprinting
- Working towards a label / standard



Scottish Best Practices

- Ecological Architecture, near Aberfeldy
- Enviroglass, Shetland
- Inzievar Woodlands, near Dunfermerline
- Locate Architects, Dunblane
- MAKAR (Design and Build, nSIPs), near Inverness

Scottish Best Practices



International Best Practices

- Ireland and Northern Ireland
 - Anu Green – green roofs
 - Ecocel – cellulose insulation
 - FH Wetland Systems – reed beds
 - Mud and Wood – clay and timber buildings
 - The Hollies – architects and education centre
- Sweden
 - Martinsons – Xlam and Glulam timber products
 - Masonite – timber beams
 - SWECO - architects

Opportunities

- Consumer demand – local sourcing
- Aesthetically pleasing
- Culturally and architecturally sensitive
- Physical properties – energy / thermal performance
- Healthier for occupants and installers
- Lower carbon and resource footprints
- Significant potential to support social and economic regeneration - particularly in deprived areas

Barriers

- No longer mass-market
- Loss of traditional skills and industries
- Disincentivised by some standards, regulations and procurement practices
- Lack of capacity amongst producers and users
- Lack of education amongst architects, developers and builders
- Litigiousness of some competitors
 - Claims need complex (and expensive) verification

Where next?

- New partnership forming
 - GCU, Alliance for Sustainable Building Products, Architecture and Design Scotland, University of Ulster, and others
- Consolidating resources
 - Public face, events, websites, directories, the Materials Library, testing facilities, etc
- Working towards a label / standard
 - NEES, NaturePlus, or something more Scottish?

Sustainable Building Materials Scotland

Sustainable
Building Materials
Scotland



9am-5pm

18th March 2014

Eden Court, Inverness

An exhibition and
conference for producers
and users of sustainable
building materials, and
anyone who would like to
find out more about them.

Brochure and programme available at:
www.sustainablebuildingmaterials.org