Re-Building Europe

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The impact of the construction to the climate change

Buildings and construction currently account for around 40% of $\rm CO_2$ emissions



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Global building floor area is expected to **double** by 2060

In 2040, 2/3 of the global building stock will be buildings that exist today. Without upgrades, they will still be emitting GHGs.



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The structural engineer has more opportunity to reduce carbon emissions than most other people



ARE WE STILL

USING STEEL?!?

The big picture







Each steelmaking route has its own carbon footprint

E	BOF	DRI-EAF	SCRAP-BASED EAF	+ renewably produced electricity
Steelmaking route	Blast furnace-basic oxygen furnace (BF-BOF)	Direct reduced iron (DRI) followed by an EAF	Electric arc furnace (EAF)	EAF with renewably produced electricity
Main input	Coal and iron ore	direct reduced iron (sponge iron)	scrap	scrap
Main CO ₂ source	Chemical interaction between carbon (coal) and iron ore: iron reduction produces pig iron which is converted into steel.	Emissions from the use of natural gas as reductant Emissions from purchased electricity	Emissions from purchased electricity	Emissions from purchased electricity
Emissions (incl. rolling mill)	Between 2.25 / 2.8 t. CO ₂ /t	Between 1.12 / 1.35 t. CO ₂ /t	Between 0.62 / 0.85 t. CO ₂ /t	Around 0.3 t. CO ₂ /t



XCarb® recycled and renewably produced

Global warming potential (GWP) in kg CO₂e/tonne (production stage, modules A1-A3)





Is the solution only focused decarbonizing material production?



Source : Circularity Gap Reporting Initiative 2022



Low embedded carbon design

Intelligent material selection makes ALL the difference

The Steligence® office building



CO₂e saving can be as high as 54%

Cradle to cradle | [A-C] + [D]



Designing a building in the right way can already decrease its carbon content by 35-55%.

Design for adaptability

Key principles for circularity | Structure reuse (or design for adaptability)









Key principles for circularity | design for adaptability ArcelorMittal new headquarter







Re-use of structural elements

Refurbish & Re-use: European Court of Justice in Luxembourg





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View of the Main Lobby after re-construction

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Re-use : Mundo LLN (Belgium)





Design for disassembly

Key principles for circularity | Design for disassembly - Pilot Project: la Petite Maison







Thank you



