






Creation of an eco-friendly materials library – Department of Essonne, France	
<b>Keywords</b>	<b>green building, energy efficiency, awareness, eco-friendly materials, consulting</b>
<b>Photos</b>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>To create and manage a green building and energy performance resource and consulting centre, within the Maison Départementale de l'Habitat, aimed at the general public and building professionals (project managers, contractors, craftsmen, and businesses), including workshops, lectures, visits, etc.</b></p>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Designed to inform and support individuals, professionals, local communities, and students in Essonne, the eco-friendly materials library, in association with "Essonne Info Energie" and the experimental garden for education, builds awareness through various resources on green building and energy efficiency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Green housing guide</li> <li>- Consulting by an architect and energy engineer on green building, eco-friendly materials, and energy conservation, for about 550 different products and materials</li> <li>- Hands-on workshops Saturday mornings with expert speakers</li> <li>- Specialised documentation and training models</li> <li>- Off-site work (housing forums, visits, awareness campaigns in schools, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Initiated in October 2010, this activity supplements the support provided in Essonne by the Maison Départementale de l'Habitat, on housing and the sustainable city.</p> <p>The project is funded by Europe's LIFE+ programme.</p>

	    
<b>Results / Accomplishments</b>	<p><b>2011 Year in Review</b></p> <p>Number of visitors to the materials library: 1,625 (including 136 customised consulting appointments lasting about 1 hour)</p> <p>Number of off-site contacts: 1,040</p> <p>Telephone contacts: 93</p> <p>Number of models presented: 8</p> <p>Number of product and material references: 478 in 2011 (more than 550 in March 2012)</p> <p>Number of publications: 598 (+ 25 subscriptions and technical/business documentation for each product presented)</p> <p>Awareness activities: 30 (949 participants)</p> <p>    Including Saturday morning hands-on workshops: 9 (117 participants)</p> <p>Number of appointments on sustainable social housing: 7 (253 participants)</p> <p>Number of trained students: 715</p> <p>Number of training days for social workers on energy poverty: 5</p> <p>Number of energy savings kits distributed: 50</p> <p>The materials library provides unbiased, independent consulting, free of charge, for a highly diverse audience, including individuals, local communities, landlords, backers, associations, schools, social workers, unstable households, etc.</p>
<b>Tips for Reproducing the Action</b>	<p>It is important to build awareness about more than just the equipment in order to reach audiences who are not already familiar with these issues during local events (forums and trade shows on housing, eco-living, and sustainable development) and field visits.</p>
<b>Web</b>	<p><b>Online publications, websites, downloadable documents, etc.</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.essonne.fr/cadre-de-vie/habitat-durable/la-maison-departementale-de-lhabitat-mdh/dossier/la_materiauthèque_ecologique-1/">http://www.essonne.fr/cadre-de-vie/habitat-durable/la-maison-departementale-de-lhabitat-mdh/dossier/la_materiauthèque_ecologique-1/</a></p>
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