Climate-neutral construction and refurbishment - best practice examples from Germany

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2. Selected trends

- Building materials
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- Digitalisation & Automation
- Low Tech
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- Serial building & refurbishment
- Resilience
3. Federal Climate Change Act 2021

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Climate Change Act: Emissions of the fields of action included in the target definition for 2020 and 2030

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Development and target achievement of greenhouse gas emissions in Germany in the delimitation of the sectors of the Federal Climate Protection Act

Million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents


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4. The Cradle

The wooden hybrid office building is a **circular pilot project** and, with its sustainability concept based on the **cradle-to-cradle principle**, stands for innovative approaches and the future of construction.
4. The Cradle – basic facts

- Leasable area approx. 6,600 sqm for office and approx. 600 sqm catering; total site area 1,200 sqm
- Construction period 2020 – 2023
- KfW Efficiency House 55
- Photovoltaics
- Used materials:
  - Waterproof concrete
  - Wooden elements
4. The Cradle – achievements

❖ A total of 1,152 tonnes of CO₂ are saved by substituting reinforced concrete with wood

❖ 97.7 percent of The Cradle's materials can be returned to the material cycle thanks to their properties

❖ The Cradle registered as first pilot project in Germany on the Madaster platform

Buildings mapped as valuable raw material depots
4. Energiesprong – Pilot project Hameln

Before the **serial refurbishment**, Hameln's Kuckuck neighbourhood was characterised by its poor structural condition and a high vacancy rate. Now it is considered an Energiesprong showcase project.
4. Energiesprong - basic facts

- total of 612 sqm
- Construction period 11/2019 – 02/2022
- net-zero standard
- larch wood casing inclusive of insulation
- Insulated roof elements with photovoltaic modules
- Heat pump and heat accumulator
4. Energiesprong - achievements

❖ Dilapidated, vacant apartment buildings have been turned into 612 m² of attractive, affordable and sustainable housing.

❖ Proof that it is technically possible to carry out serial refurbishment from the single-family house to the multi-family house sector.

❖ Buildings in the worst energy efficiency class can be brought up to NetZero standard with a serial refurbishment according to the Energiesprong principle.
4. Quartier – CampusRO

Rosenheim's largest timber construction housing project combines sustainability and social aspects - and meets architectural standards.
4. CampusRO – basic facts

- Construction period 2020 - 2022
- KfW 40 plus
- Prefabricated wooden panel construction
- Photovoltaic system installed on the roofs with battery storage (70 % own power supply)
4. Campus RO - achievements

❖ By working with prefabricated wooden panel elements, the construction time could be significantly reduced

❖ By using wood up to 1,250 tonnes CO₂ are saved

❖ The energy supply is 70 percent self-supplied, generated by the photovoltaic system with battery storage located on the roofs.

❖ Rainwater is kept on the property for as long as possible by means of roof surfaces, green courtyard areas and underground infiltration trenches
Thank you very much for your attention

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