

Cavac Biomatériaux :

A complete hemp chain "from field to site", unique in Europe

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Bioeconomy Working Group Bio-based materials for sustainable built environments





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- > A french company created in 2009
- Specialised in the manufacture of innovative bio-based materials
- Part of CAVAC group : Agricultural cooperative (Pays-de-la-Loire Region, West of France)
 - > 10 000 farmers
 - > 1650 employees
 - ➤ Turnover : 1 billion €
 - > 130 CAVAC sites in Vendée

CAVAC Biomatériaux : A complete hemp chain "from field to site", unique in Europe



- Hemp and flax cultivator
- Transformator : Decortication of hemp and flax straw (fibres extraction)
- Manufacturer of bio-based insulation panels
- Producer of calibrated vegetal flours for plasturgy/composite applications
- A major player in bio-based materials research

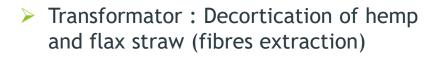


Cavac farmers grow hemp within a radius of 150 km around CAVAC Biomateriaux transformation site

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Micronised and calibrated vegetal flour 250 µm

Applications : Compound/plasturgy







Cavac Biomatériaux movie : « from field to site »

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DfLOD4zY5Q&t=5s





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ISOBIO (2015-2019) : Development of novel biobased materials for low carbon construction

HORIZON 2020

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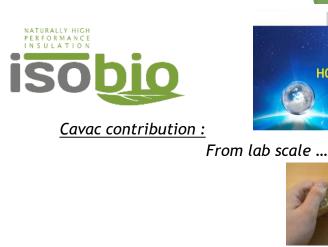
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PROGETIC

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Scale up on industrial or pilot production plant...



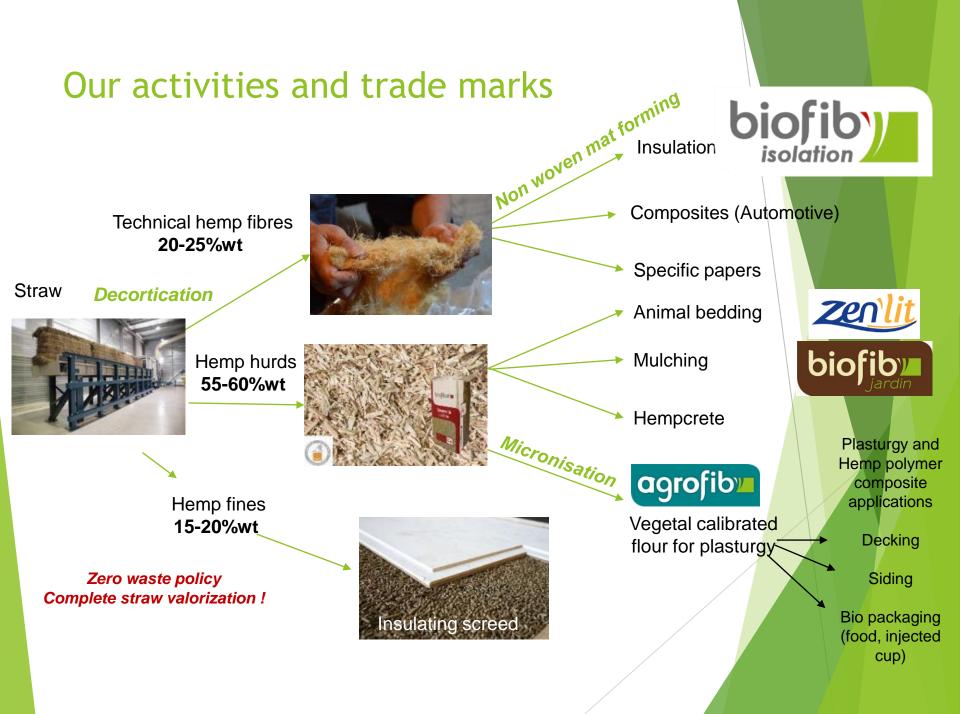
To building scale ...



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Cavac Biomatériaux in 2021 : Key data

- > 2000 ha of hemp
- > 2000 ha of flax
- > 150 producers of hemp
- > 150 producers of flax
- > 20 000 T of straw processed



Cavac Biomatériaux in 2021 : Key data

- > 3 fully automated production lines
- > 2500 m² of production area
- > 1 500 000 m² of insulation product per year
- > 10 000 m² of storage area
- > A laboratory for quality controls
- > A R&D department
- > 50 collaborators
- > 3 sale teams







Cavac Biomatériaux in 2021 : Key data

In 2019 : After 10 years of hemp insulation, Cavac Biomatériaux has received the first price of the bioeconomy from the french Ministry of Agriculture.





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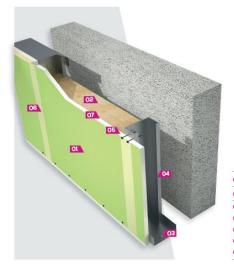


All the french certifications even for the most stingent buildings : Schools, theaters, high capacity buildings etc.



More than 300 systems validated (gypsum board + Biofib flexible panels) : Fire and acoustic tests

CONTRE-CLOISON PLAQUE PRÉGYROC AIR BA18 S & ISOLATION BIOFIB' TRIO



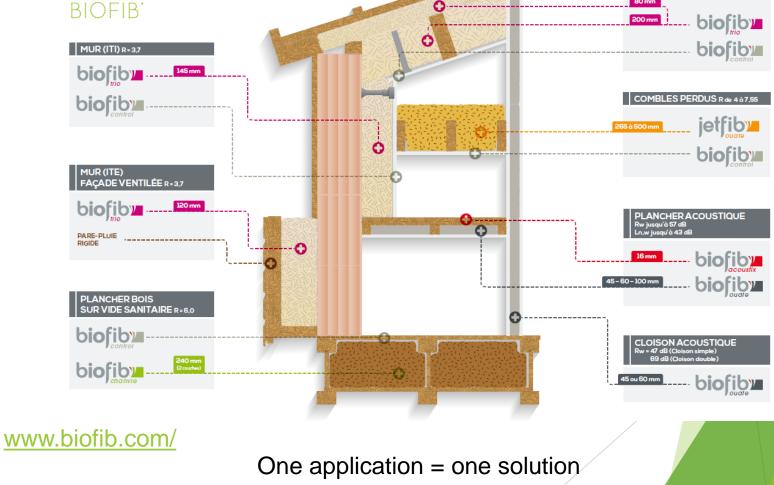


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Biofib' is the most known solution for biobased insulation of buildings in France !





Example of a building retrofit with





Building retrofit

KTR France Headquarter

- Projet owner : KTR France
- Dardilly (69)

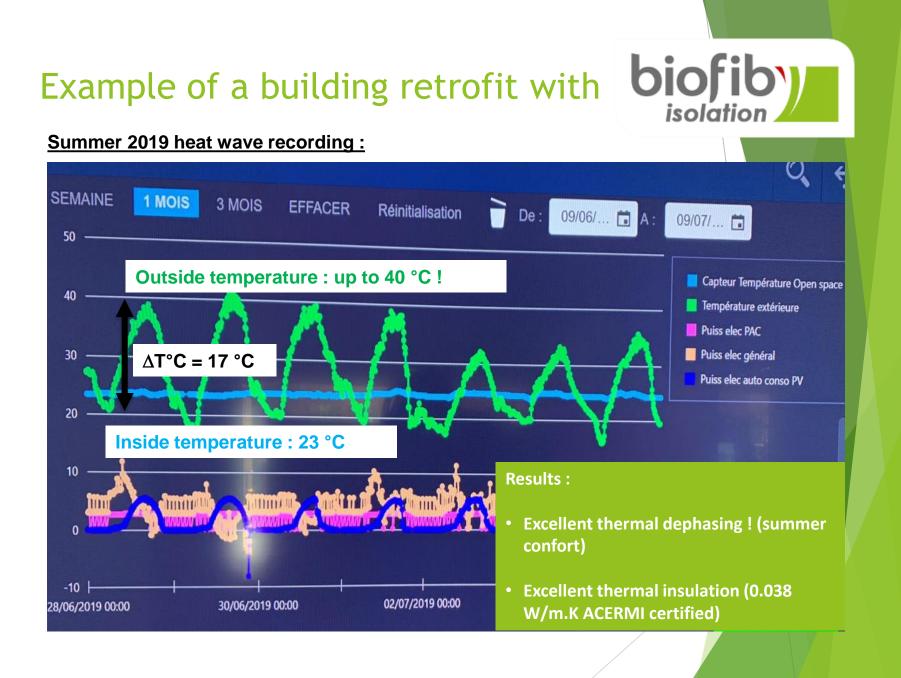
Biofib products :

- External insulation
- Internal insulation
- Ceiling









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Tomorrow's challenges

- Bio-based packaging
 - ▶ Bio-based polymer : PLA, PHA, BioPE
 - Hemp calibrated flours and other technical ressources (miscanthus, corn cob etc.)
- Natural fibers composites (injection, molding, thermoformed non woven etc.)
 - High specific strength composites
 - Acoustical applications
 - WPC
 - Automotive industry
- Bio-based building materials
 - Lightweight insulating natural building blocks
 - Flexible insulation product from recycled or biobased ressources
 - Load bearing panels

- Hemp textiles
 - ► For open end machinery
 - Cotonized fibers
 - Textile recycling
- Specific paper and non woven
 - Hygiene and care
 - Fiduciary applications

CAVAC Biomateriaux is your ideal partner for HEurope projects !



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Thank you ! Any questions ?

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