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- And has the “Norwegian Institute for Sustainability Research” – NORSUS, from Norway, as a partner.



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Background



The construction sector:

- makes an intensive use of primary resources;
- has a low level of circularity;
- has a great circularity potential.



Traditional demolition is still the most common practice in Portugal.

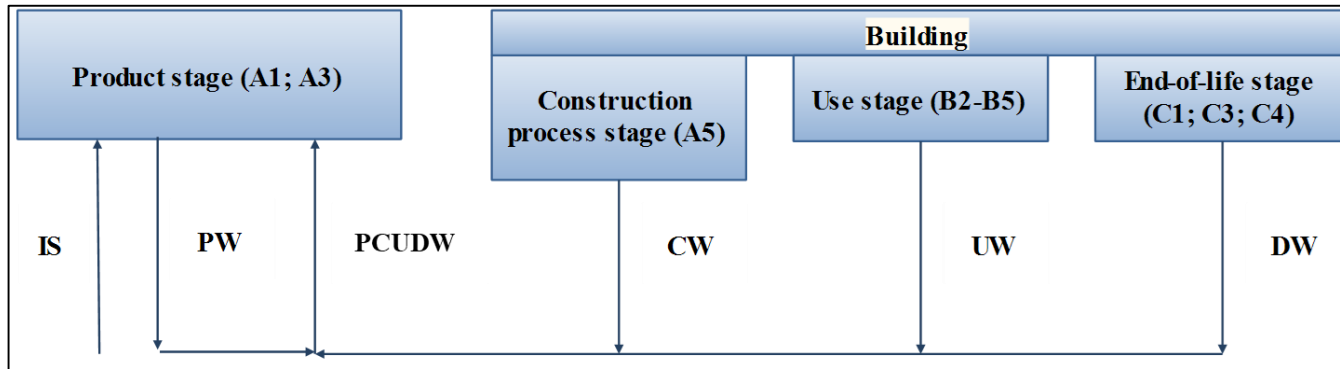
However, selective demolition maximizes the re-use, or at least the recycling, of demolition waste.



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Main aim

Develop the web-based **C+D platform** for calculating the **economic and environmental benefits** associated with the process of **deconstruction of buildings** and of **re-use of Construction and Demolition Waste (CDW, or C+D waste)**.

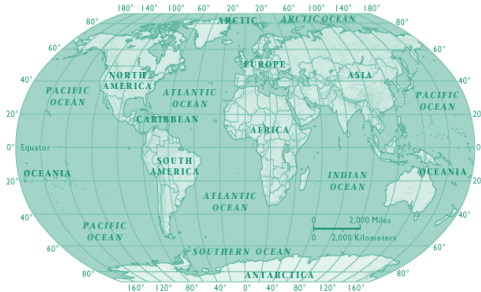
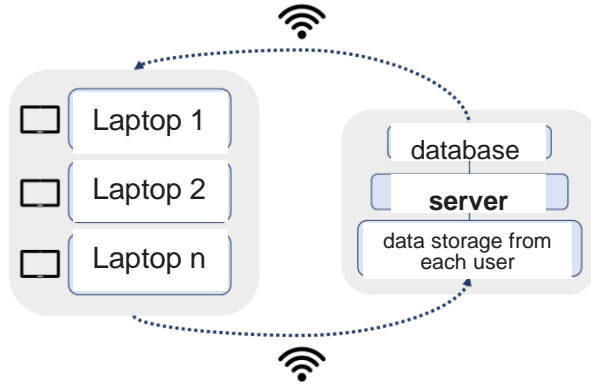


Waste flows from the production of construction materials (including industrial symbiosis), and from the construction, use, and demolition of buildings



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Specific objectives



- Develop the C+D platform, which will be comprehensive, upgradeable and innovative, and that will include a circularity indicator;
- Make this platform available to the public in Portugal, Norway and other countries, in Portuguese and in English, along with a handbook in the same languages.



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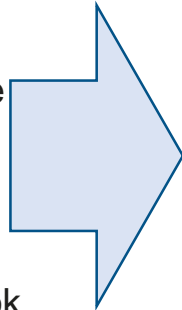
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3. Development of an indicator of the environmental and economic advantages of circularity
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Expected results

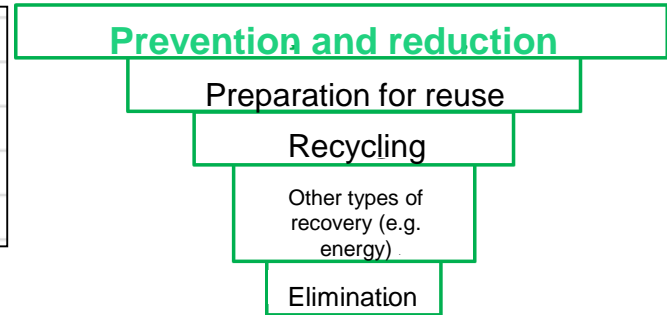
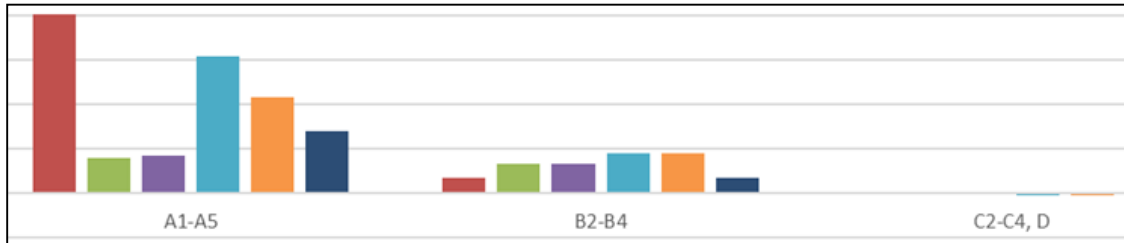
- **Dissemination** of the C+D platform and of the corresponding handbook to their potential users;
- **Reduction** of CDW production and increased recovery of secondary materials;
- **Promotion** of building assemblies with higher reuse (or recycling) potential;
- **Selection** of the deconstruction (demolition) technique that **minimize** the environmental and economic **impacts**;
- **Dissemination of the knowledge** produced in courses at the University level.



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Contribution to the program (1/3)

By calculating and disseminating these **environmental and economic impacts** through C+D platform to the stakeholders that can influence the decisions at the **end of life of buildings**, it is expected the **adoption of the best practices according to the principle of the waste management hierarchy**.

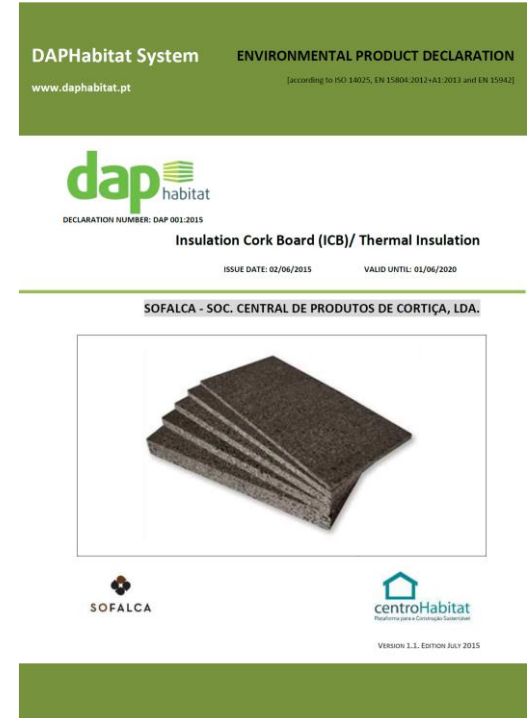


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Contribution to the program (2/3)



The figures of the environmental **impacts at the end of life of each construction material** are also necessary to develop their **environmental Declarations and Footprints.**



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Contribution to the program (3/3)

The C+D project therefore promotes the **circular economy of the construction sector**

and its results will create new **business opportunities** at the end of life stage of buildings

and will contribute for a **higher rate of CDW reuse**.



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Para o período 2014-2021, foi acordada uma contribuição total de 2,8 mil milhões de euros para 15 países beneficiários. Portugal beneficiará de uma verba de 102,7 milhões de euros.

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