


Description of innovation

Innovation	
Title	Altholz Gerstmayer
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Domain	Product development
Source of wood	Recycled wood/waste wood
Location	Bavaria, Germany
Implementers	Gerstmayer Altholz e. K.
Actual status	Running
Approach	The business idea is to gather used timber from castles, monasteries or old estates. The timber is being cleaned and nails are pulled out; no drying before delivery
Main results	<p>The product ranges from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old spruce timber (original surfaces) • Old spruce/oak timber (freshly chopped) • Old spruce timber (rough sawn surfaces) • Beams and rafters from old spruce /oak timber • 3-layer-boards from old spruce/oak timber • Sawn old spruce/oak timber • House façades from old spruce timber
Lessons learned	It seems that there is a growing (niche) market for really old used wood to use for modern housing and interieur.
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Innovation assessment

Region	Germany, Bavaria
Time scale	Successful running for years
Mobilization Potential	Small – recycled wood
Kind of wood concerned	Recycled wood / waste wood
Sustainability Potential	Positive
Impact on environment & biodiversity	positive, wood is being reused
Ease of implementation	Medium
Economic impact	High for this niche market
Job effect	Small
Income effect	Positive
Specific knowledge needed	Medium; experience needed to gather, assort and treat different assortments of recycled wood
Costs of implementation	Medium; special machinery equipment for treatment e.g. needed
Technical readiness level	Applicable
Key information for adoption	Depending on regional recycled wood amount and specific demands - markets