

Urban vegetation services

CSTB supports its partners
in sustainable development

More than 30 years of research and consulting
allow today the CSTB to foster innovation
by integrating nature in urban projects.

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CSTB experts put together their skills to meet public and private sectors needs.

VEGETATION AT THE VERY CORE OF THE CITY

CSTB supports building and urban development at 4 scales, from the material to the city via the building and the district. The establishment of vegetation in an urban environment presents many challenges that need to be tackled.

BIODIVERSITY

Nature in the city
Social impact

AMBIANCES

Thermal comfort
Acoustic confort
Energy performance
Lighting

REGULATION

Standards
Building code
Local Urbanism Planning
Territorial coherence scheme
Technical Appraisals and Experimental Technical Assessments

CLIMATE

Reduction of pollution
Urban heat island
Water management

GREEN ENVELOPE SERVICES



Thermal comfort demands becoming higher leads to an increase in energy demand. The greening of surfaces and urban spaces improves the comfort of cities, efficiency of buildings and offers high sun protection for buildings and their occupants.



Vegetation is a solution to limit the increase of pollution by trapping pollutants and sequestering carbon (CO₂) and to improve urban environments. The choice of plants must however be made carefully to limit the emission of allergens by certain species.



Vegetation contributes to the mitigation of the urban heat island phenomenon by creating freshisland and has a direct and indirect impact on reducing the carbon footprint of a city. Likewise, it regulates the flow of water during heavy rains (floods).



Vegetation contributes to actions in favor of the environment and biodiversity: urban water management and ecosystem functions of plants, among others.



Vegetation is an ideal bioclimatic strategy for mitigation of high lighting, acoustic insulation and acoustic absorption.



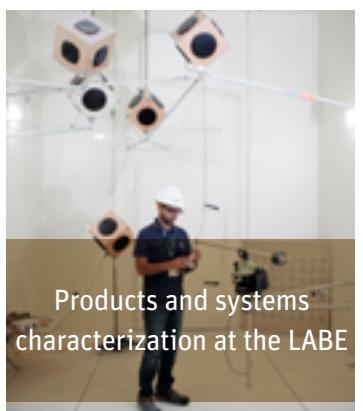
BIM digital models make it possible to identify the potential of greening. Using connected objects, the performance of these systems is assessed, modeled and optimized.



The French Technical Appraisal (ATec), Technical Application Documents (DTAs) and Experimental Technical Assessments (ATEx) are at the service of the safety of greening processes of buildings. The Resistance and Fire Reaction laboratories approved by the Ministry Interior of Defense, answers to the issues related to fires.

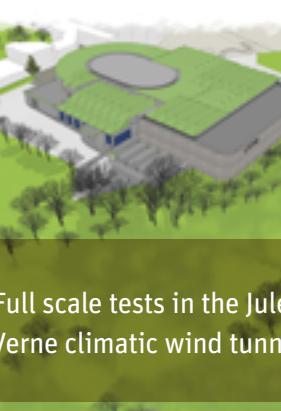
Research & expertise

ACOUSTICS



Products and systems characterization at the LABE

WIND EFFECTS



Full scale tests in the Jules Verne climatic wind tunnel

FIRE SAFETY

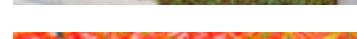


Reaction to fire and fire propagation tests

ENVIRONMENT



Urbanwater characterization



Biodiversity impact

LIGHTING



Acoustics impact simulation and optimisation



Analysis and simulation of bright ambiances



New test platform dedicated to fire safety of roofs

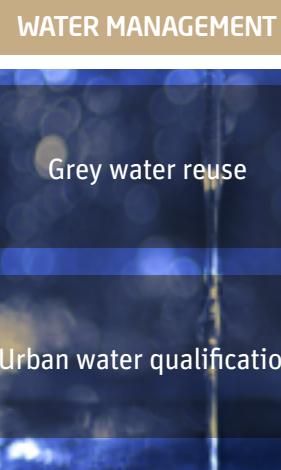


Climate impact (urban heat islands, heatwaves, pollution)

WATER MANAGEMENT



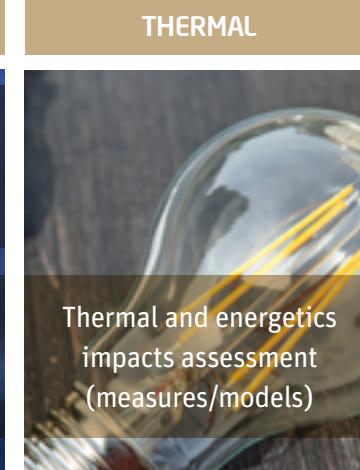
CSTB developed software supplied by test results from the LABE



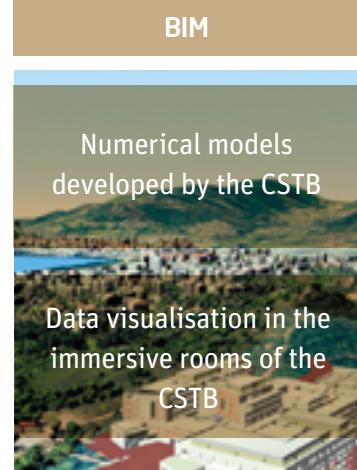
Grey water reuse

Urban water qualification

THERMAL



Thermal and energetics impacts assessment (measures/models)



Numerical models developed by the CSTB

Data visualisation in the immersive rooms of the CSTB

More information: recherche.cstb.fr/en

EVALUATION



CSTB is piloting the evaluation of the vegetated kits implemented in façade and rooftop through the instruction of Technical Appraisals (ATec) and Experimental Technical Assessments (ATEx).

More information: evaluation.cstb.fr/en

EDITIONS AND TRAINING



LES TOITURES VÉGÉTALISÉES (French)

Conception, réalisation et entretien



TOITURES-TERRASSES (French)

Prescriptions techniques et recommandations pratiques
Etanchéité des toitures terrasses
Isolation des toitures terrasses
Toitures végétalisées



L'ÉTANCHÉITÉ DES TOITURES-TERRASSES (French)

Conception et réalisation

En application des DTU 43.1, 43.3, 43.4, 43.5 et 43.11



L'ARBRE EN MILIEU URBAIN (French)

Choix, plantation et entretien



ISOLATION DES TOITURES-TERRASSES (French)

Conception, mise en oeuvre et entretien

En application des DTU de la série 43

More information: boutique.cstb.fr

REFERENCES

R&D - EXPERTISE

REVEQAU - Roles of the vegetated envelopes on the air quality in urban area - *submitted to Primequal - ADEME*
PROOF - Photovoltaic and Green ROOF - *submitted to the ANR*

GROOF - Greenhouses to Reduce CO₂ on rooFs - Interreg
THERMAL IMPACT STUDY - On constructions in tropical climate - DHUP

LIPU - Action-Research on the Edge & urban landscapes - Interreg

THINKNATURE - Development of a multi-stakeholder dialogue platform and Think tank to promote innovation with Nature based solutions - H2020

SOFTWARES CSTB - Mithra-SIG, ICARE, MithraSON, EveCity v3, Lab'Urba

MATRIOCHKAS - New methods of evaluating performance of different techniques to better treat rainwater (Nantes Métropole) - ANR

TERRACES - Urban cooling role of the Urban vegetation - ADEME

INOGEV - Urban water management - ANR
VEGDUD - Urban vegetation stakes - ANR

HOSANNA - Acoustics role of urban vegetation - H2020
TVGEP - Urban rain water management - RGC&U

EVALUATION - INNOVATION

ATec - of a green roofing system

1st ATEx - Urban agriculture on a roof

ATec - Rain water

ATEx - International Center of Parietal At, Lascaux
1st ATec in vegetated reported cladding

ATEx - University campus Citadelle, Amiens

ATEx - Brest maritime prefecture

1st ATec - of a green roofing system

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