

# ECO innovative methodologies for the valorization of construction and urban waste into high grade TILES



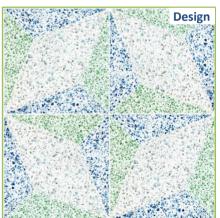


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### **ECOTILES - NEWSLETTER 2/2017**

#### **ECO TILES typologies**

TILES The ECO have heen experimented 3 different in typologies: the "standard" tile is similar to a traditional tile but contains up to 70% of waste material. The "extra ware" enhance the technical performance of the product, with a high resistance to abrasion. The "design" tile allows a wide range of colors and patterns, also for custom-made productions.





#### **Single and Double Layer ECO TILES**

The Single Layer tiles are made of one layer, polished, composed of recycled glass fragments, cement, pigment and a powder (marble, glass or quartz). The Double Layer tile adds to the bottom a second layer composed of cement and 75% of crushed CDW. The Single Layer is thinner, lighter and it is more suitable for the preparation of the "design" tiles. Double Layer tiles are heavier and sturdier, a perfect fit for the "extra ware" type and for high traffic environments.





#### LIFE ECO TILES LCA

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) evaluation has demonstrated that the substitution of quarried raw material with recycled glass (top layer) and CDW (bottom layer), and the use of an innovative curing process enable the reduction of the impact on the environment in terms of Global Warming Potential of 21% for mono-layer and 10% for double-layer tiles.



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## LIFE ECOTILES @



LIFE Platform Meeting, Sassuolo, 11 April - The event hosted by Confindustria, the Italian Ministry of Environment and the LIFE EU Committee showcased different European projects about green innovation in ceramics and building materials. In this context the ECOTILES project displayed the advantages of using granulate and cement based tiles in green building, with the added value of using recycled material for production.

Workshop "Ambiente e Rifiuti", Camerino, 23 May - The workshop, hosted by LIFE ECOTILES, aimed at illustrating to the local companies possibilities and advantages of the LIFE program funding, turning 25 years in 2017. The agenda of the event included speeches describing examples of EU LIFE projects (e.g. ECOTILES, SANITSER) by outlining the guidelines for successful strategies for funding.





MATERICA, Ostuni, 30 June – During the event "MATERICA", Valentino Grandinetti and Sergio Ortolani supervised the meeting entitled "Granules and Grit-tiles from tradition to continuous surfaces" about the history and the novelty of Terrazzo tiles. In the last part of the workshop Grandinetti disclosed to the attending architects the innovative nature the latest developments of the LIFE ECOTILES project.

Geosciences: a tool in a changing world, Pisa, 3-6 September - The congress, hosted by the most important Italian Geosciences Societies, aimed at showcasing the state of the art in Italian research. The UNICAM ECOTILES team presented a contribution with an illustrative panel titled "CDW for eco-innovative building products" in the section dedicated to "Geomaterials and their likes: from Nature to technology and manufacturing".











