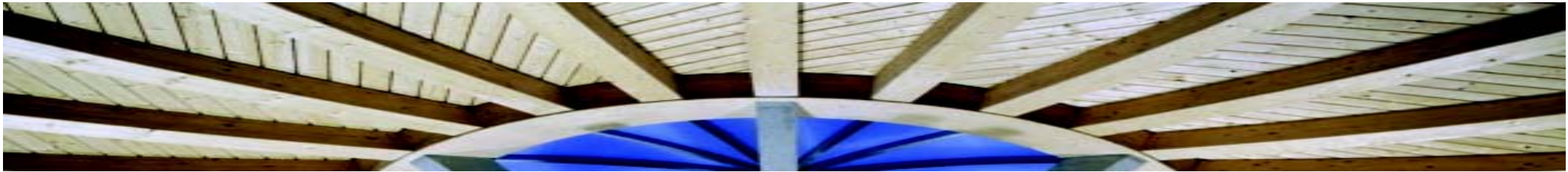


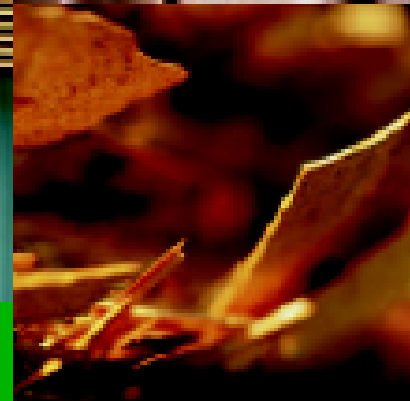
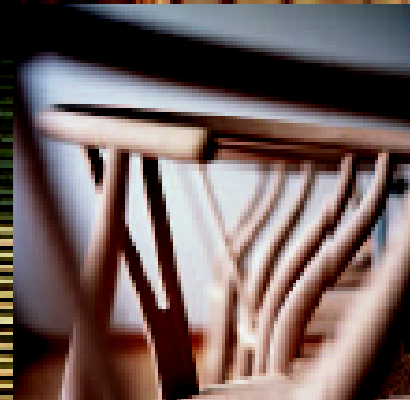
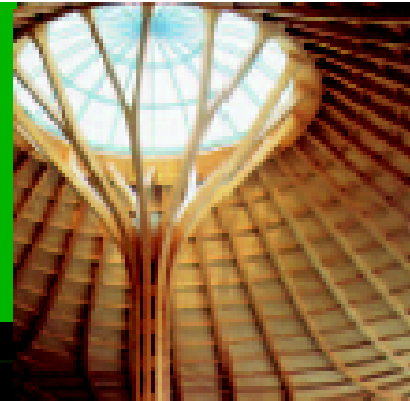
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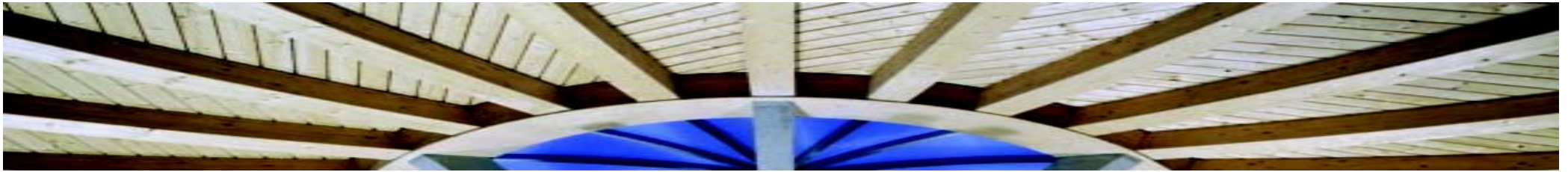
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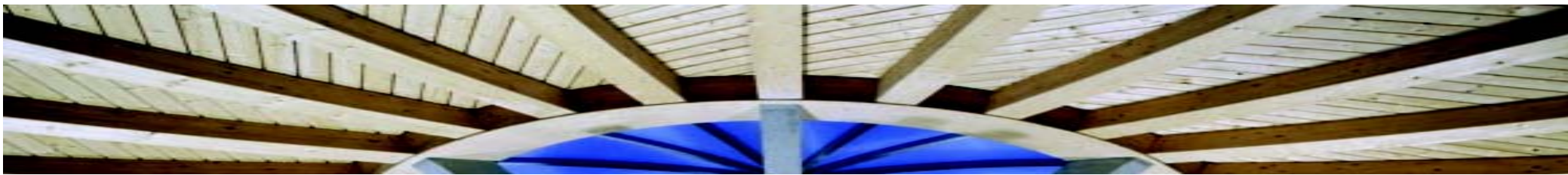
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- 1. Climate Change**
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- 6. The Industry: facts and figures**

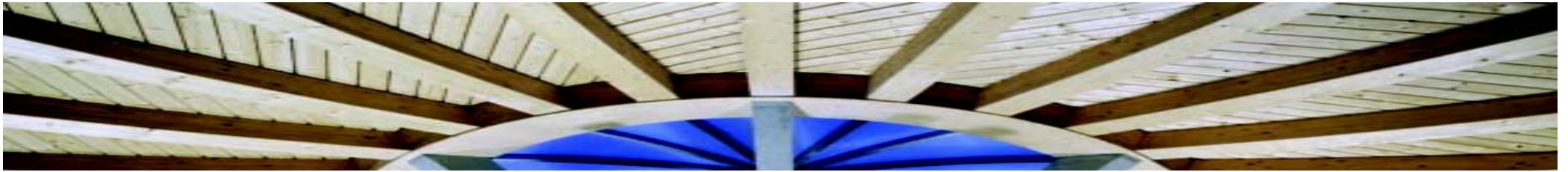


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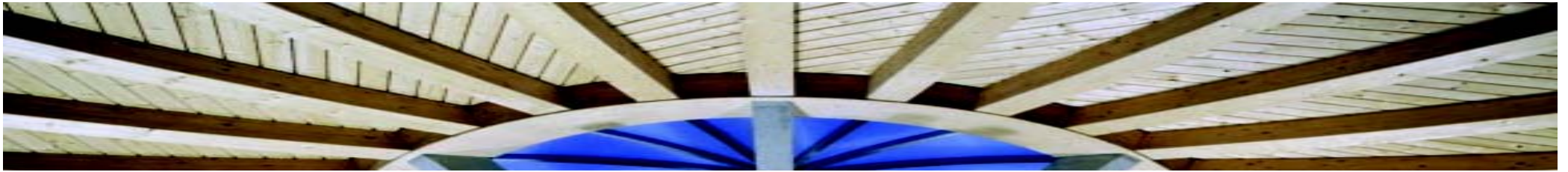


Climate change:

Scientific community agree ?

Public awareness increasing ?





# Public awareness of climate change

- « Abnormal » climatic developments
- No real winter in 2006, mild Spring 2007, droughts in Central-Europe
- Public is getting « interested » in the subject ...



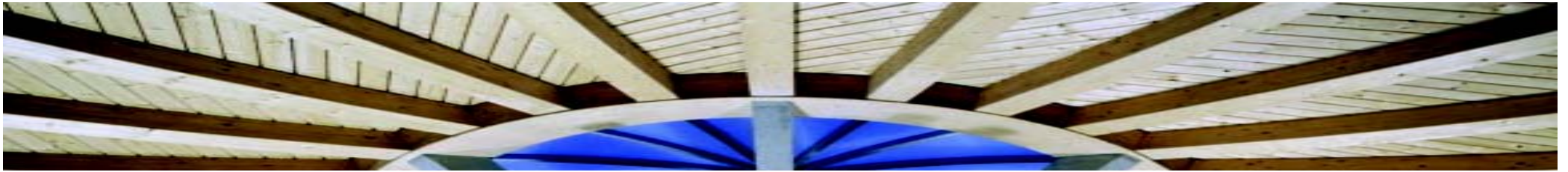
# The effects are already evident

- Global temperatures are rising:
  - 20<sup>th</sup> century the warmest since records began
  - 1990s the warmest decade
  - 1998 the warmest year
- The ice caps are shrinking
  - The surface of the North Pole has shrunk by 20% since 1950
- Sea levels are rising
  - By 15cm in the 20<sup>th</sup> century alone
- Natural disasters are increasing
  - Hurricanes, droughts, earthquakes and floods



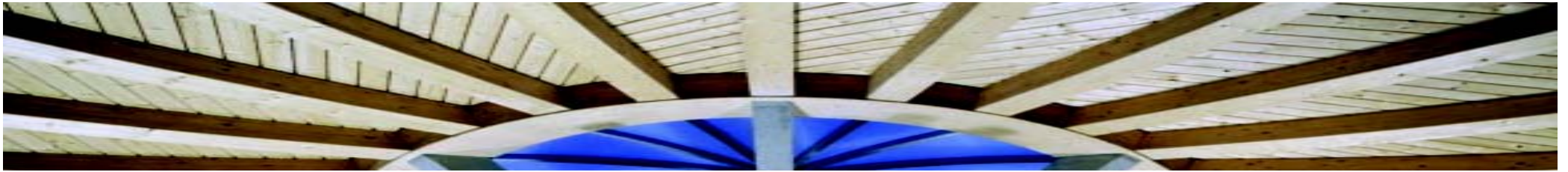
# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are the main cause

- CO<sub>2</sub> is the main greenhouse gas
- CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere has increased by 30% since the industrial revolution
- It is currently increasing by 0,5% a year
- By 2100 it will have doubled
- Therefore global temperatures are forecast to increase by 0,1 to 0,4°C every decade of the first half of the century



# Policy measures

- Kyoto Protocol
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction plans
- EU policy: increase biomass for energy production
- Waste Directives
- ....



# CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

Million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>

Tera grammes CO<sub>2</sub>

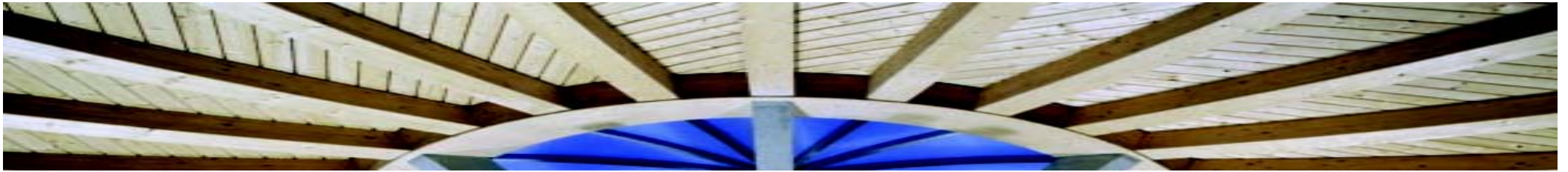
Visualisation difficult:

Let's make it personal :

**wood**

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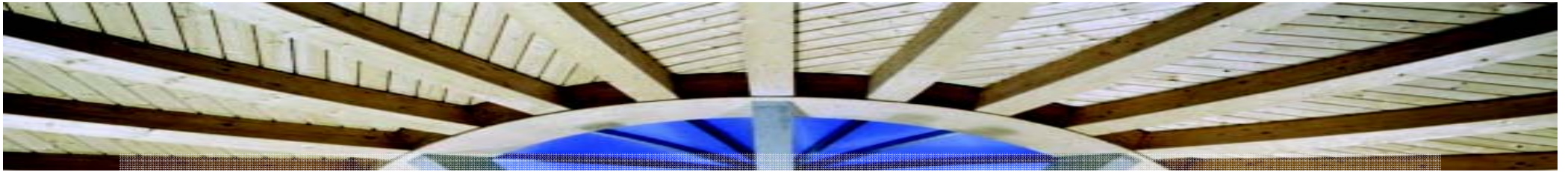
# IRG Conference Air Miles

1.9 million miles

8000 miles each delegate

Each used 4.7 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>

How to offset 4.7 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> each ?



# Use wood : Plant Trees

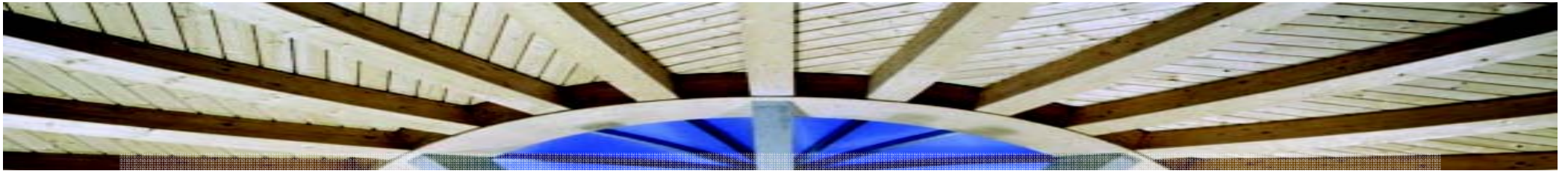
Every person in Europe has  
1.42 hectares of forest each.

= Two football pitches

= 400 trees

= 50 m<sup>3</sup> standing timber





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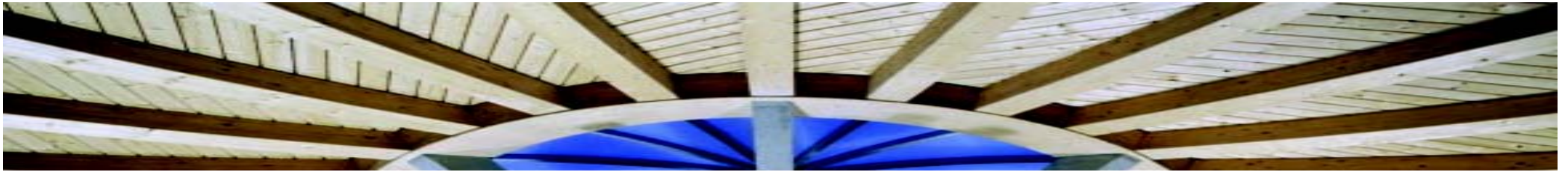
Every IRG delegate:  
plants 27 trees  
= 25 m<sup>2</sup> forest

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# The forest sink

- Europe's forests are huge carbon stores
  - Storing 47 000 million tonnes of carbon
- As the forests grow they absorb more CO<sub>2</sub>, becoming carbon sinks
  - Each year the forests absorb an additional 555 million tonnes of carbon
- Using wood encourages further forest growth
  - European legislation requires owners to replant
  - An effective market for wood provides a financial incentive to invest in active forest management



# Use wood : Plant Trees

Facts :

Annual increase in standing timber  
is enough wood to build one house every second.

Or

cover Switzerland with a 1 mm thick wood veneer.





# Use wood

To Offset IRG each delegate

Plant 26 trees

**wood**

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# Use wood

From our personal forest

1 m<sup>3</sup> of timber produced every year

1 m<sup>3</sup> = 0.9 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> stored

4.7 tonnes = 5.2 m<sup>3</sup> wood (e.g. furniture)

# The product store

- Using wood extends the carbon storage beyond the life of the tree throughout the life of the product, and further, through recycling
- Using wood, rather than letting trees mature, die and rot, is an effective use of the carbon store



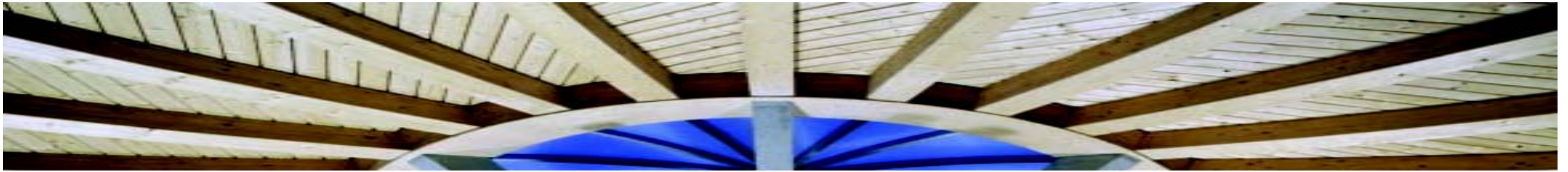
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# Use wood as a substitute for concrete, steel, plastic

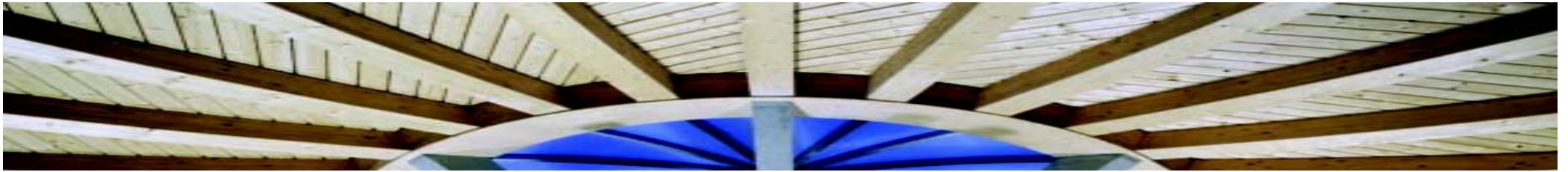


1 m<sup>3</sup> = 0.9 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> stored

**+ 1.1 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> saved**

4.7 tonnes =

2.4 m<sup>3</sup> wood in construction



# Substitution

- “Specifying wood in public procurement can help fulfil national and local climate change programmes... Substituting a cubic metre of wood for other construction materials (concrete, blocks or bricks) results in the significant average of 0,75 to 1 tonne CO<sub>2</sub> saving.”
  - International Institute for Environment and Development, Using Wood to Mitigate Climate Change, 2004



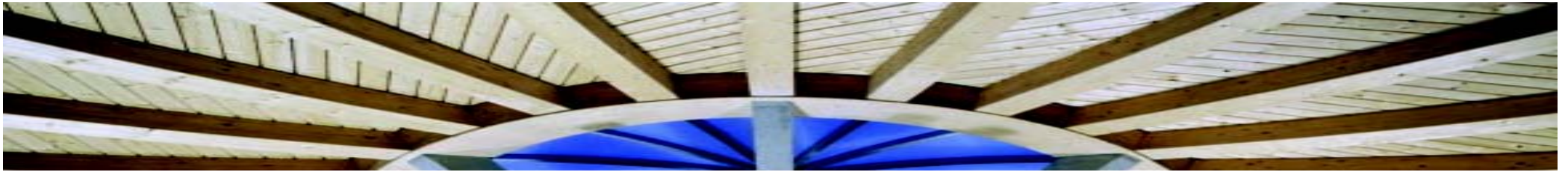
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Plant 26 trees

Use 5.2 m<sup>3</sup> wood

Use 2.4 m<sup>3</sup> as a substitute for concrete



# Use Preserved or Protected wood as a substitute for concrete

1 m<sup>3</sup> = 0.9 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> stored + 1.1 tonnes saved

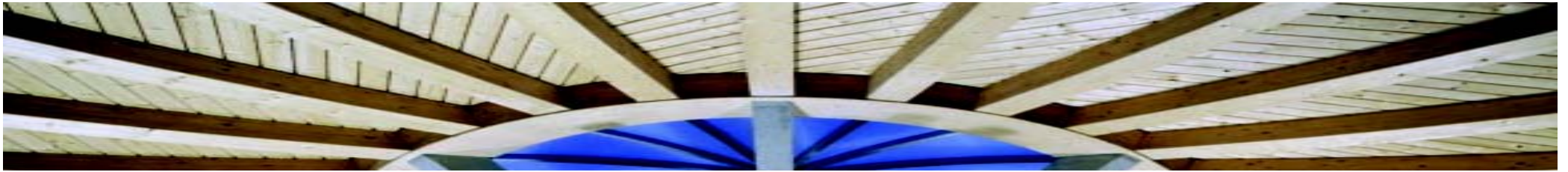
10 years protected : 4.7 t = 0.2 m<sup>3</sup> wood = 60 cm cube

50 years protected : 4.7 t = 0.04 m<sup>3</sup> wood = 35 cm cube

= 1 treatment plant : 2 1/2 minutes

All IRG : one day





# Tackle Climate Change: Use wood

To Offset IRG, each delegate has to:

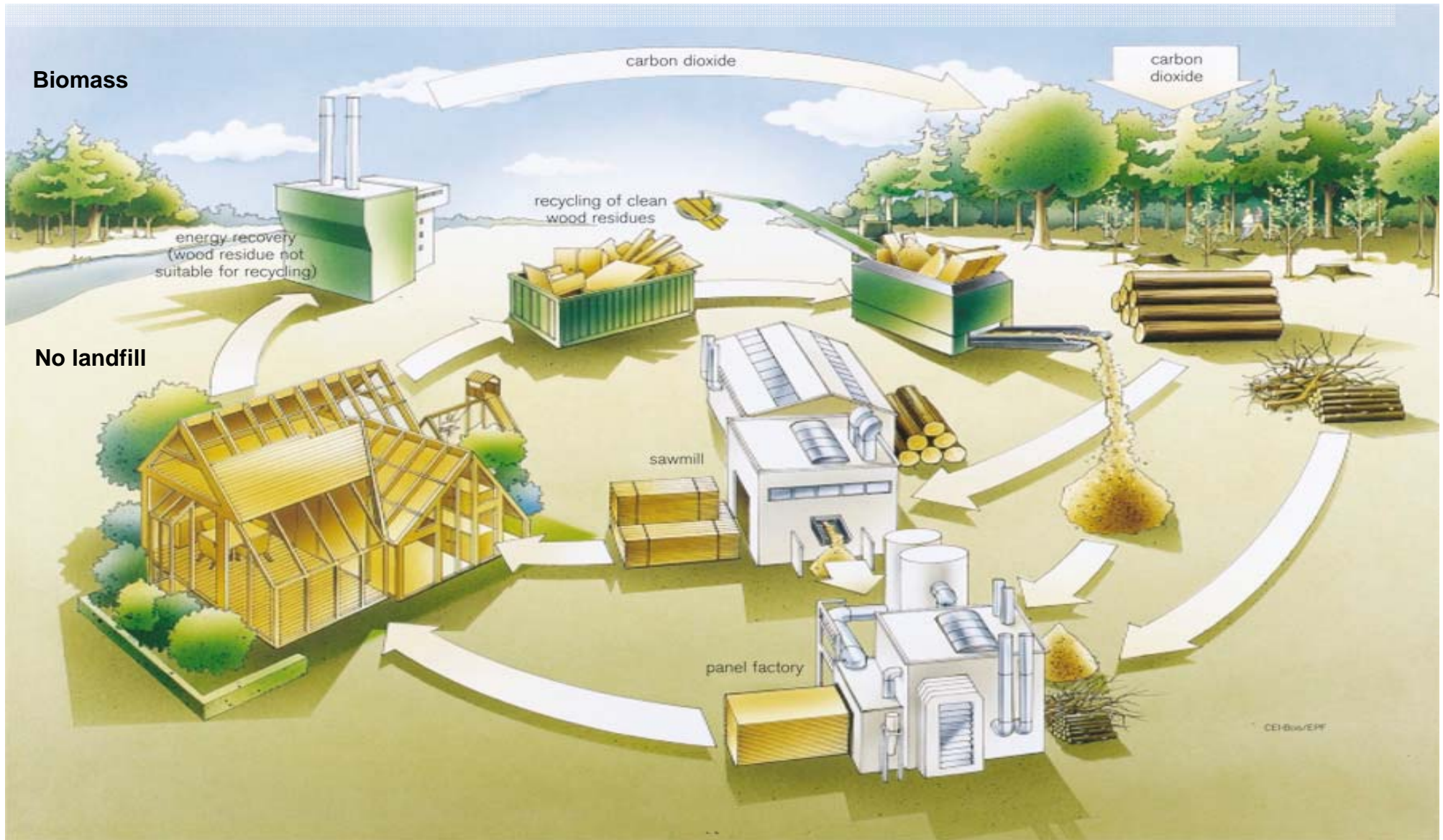
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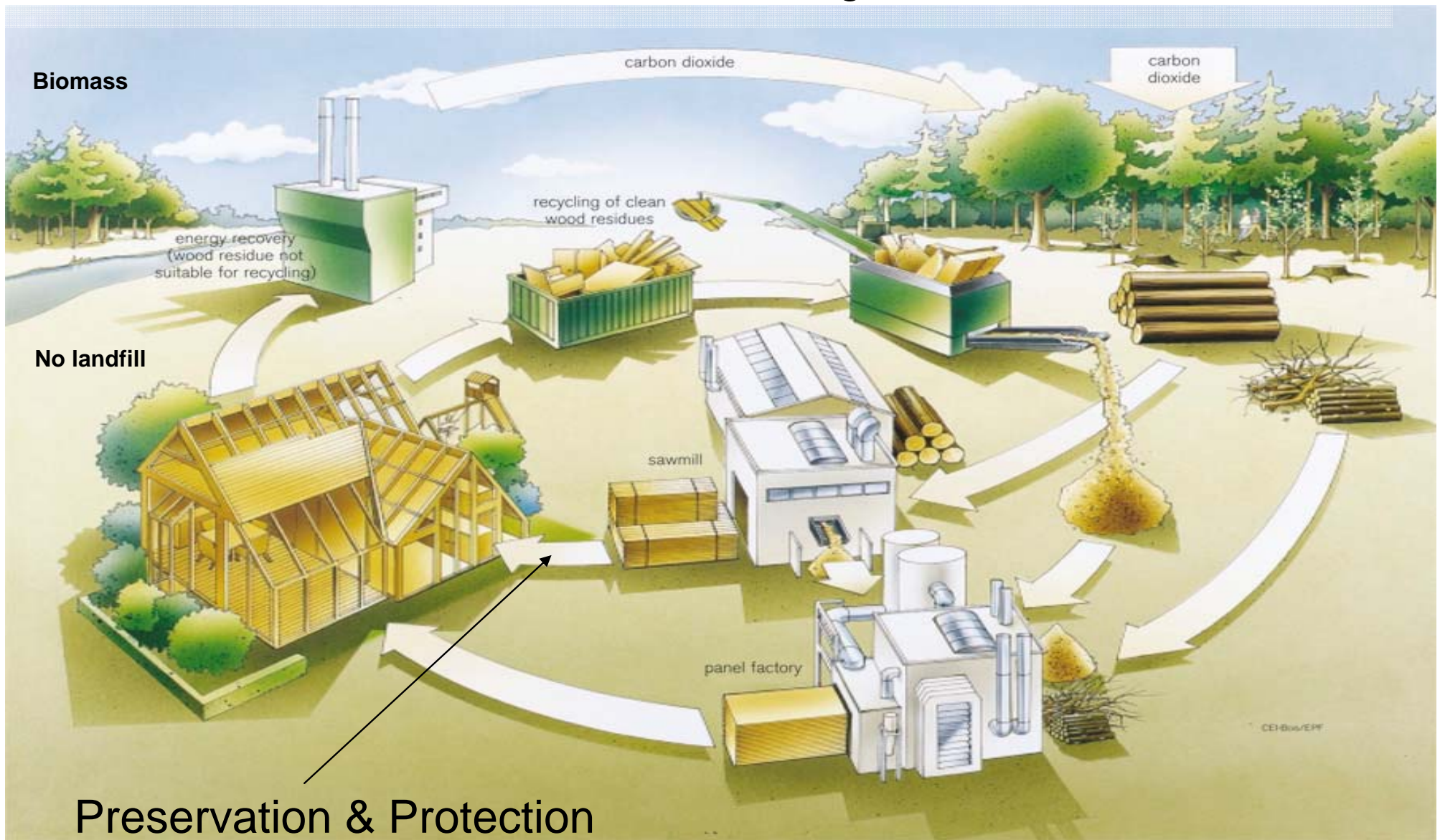
Use 2.4 m<sup>3</sup> as a substitute for concrete

Protect 30 cm cube of wood for 50 years

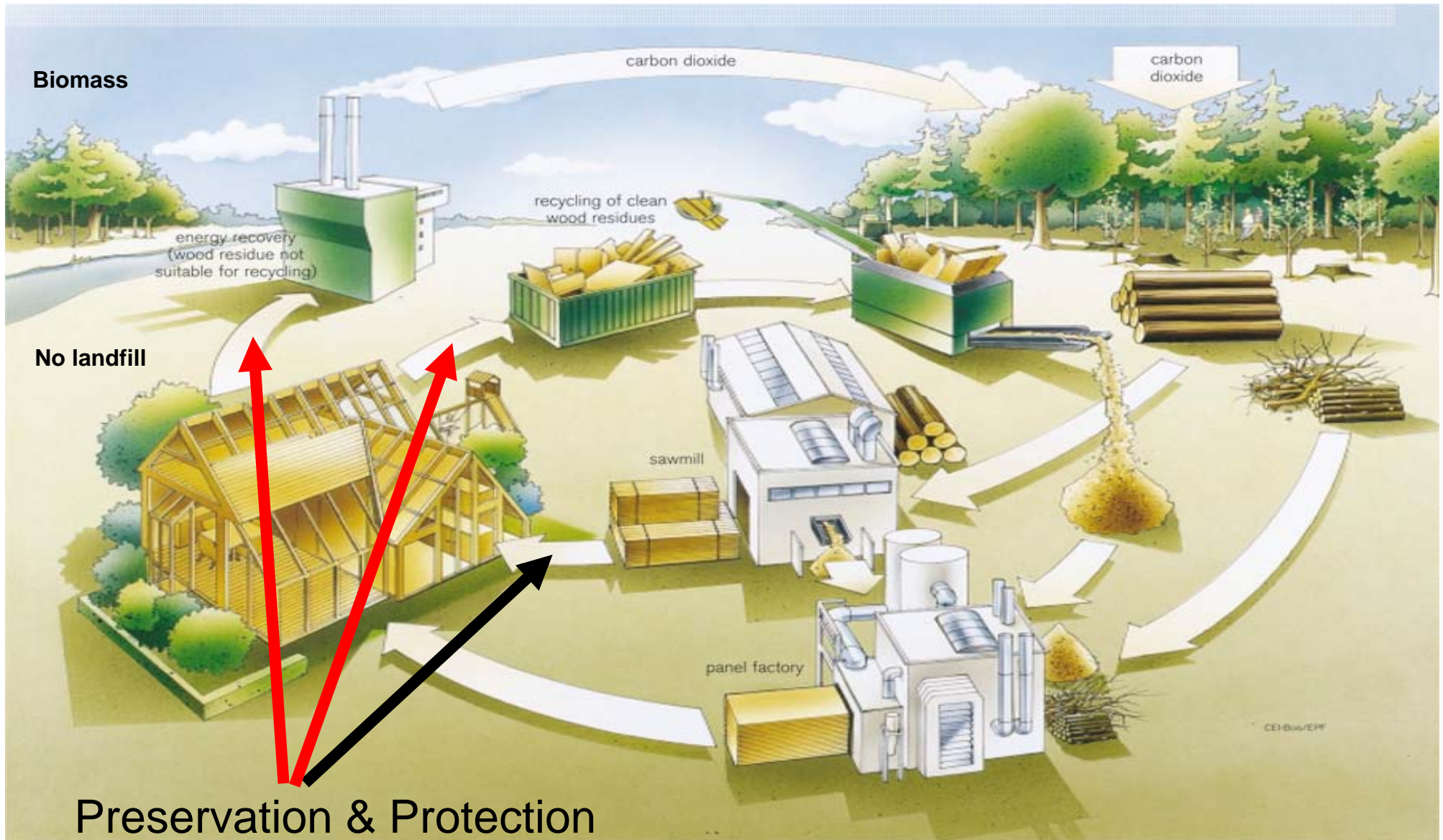
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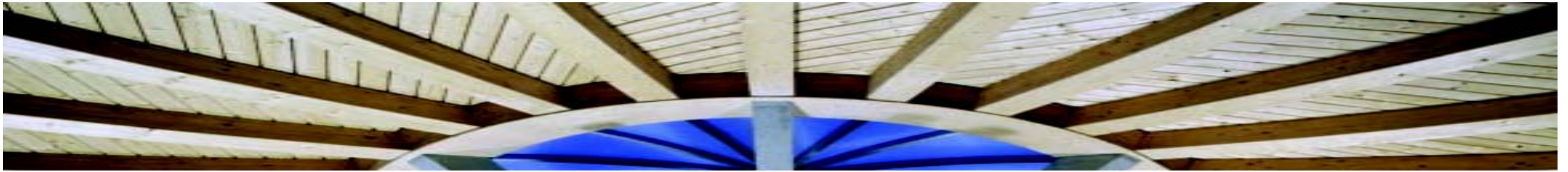


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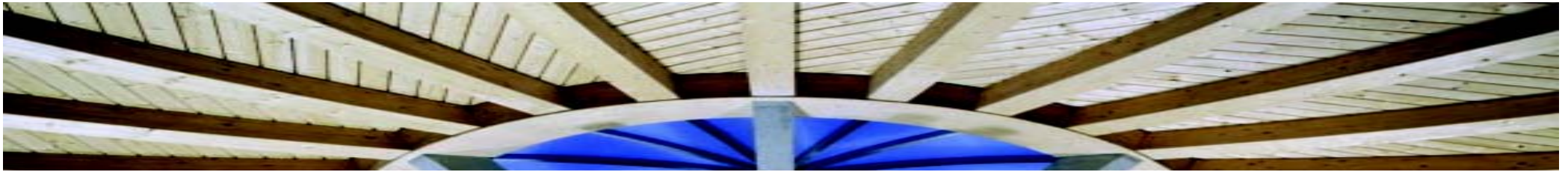
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# The role of **the forest** industries in tackling climate change

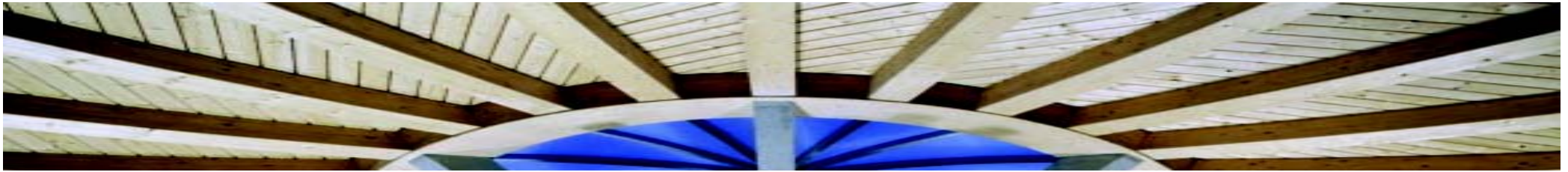
- Promote an increased use of wood and wood-based products
- Create innovative applications opening up new markets
- Research new products and materials from the wood raw material



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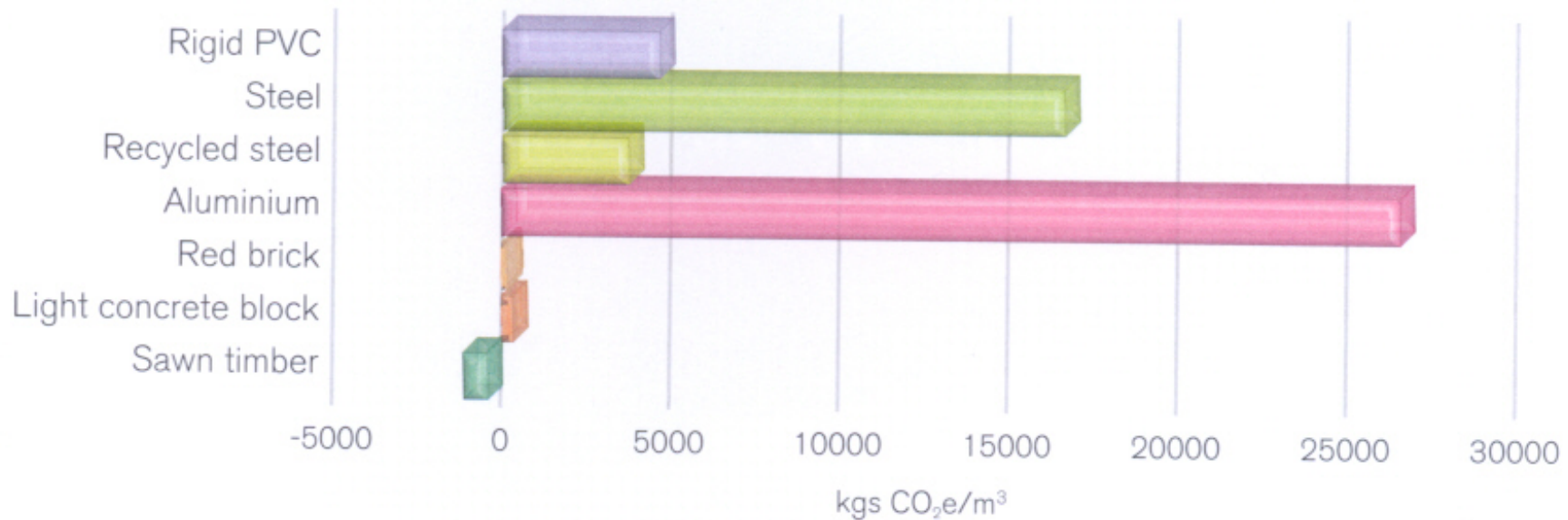
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Wood can reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission:  
Wood has the lowest embodied energy of any building material

Net emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> including carbon sink effect





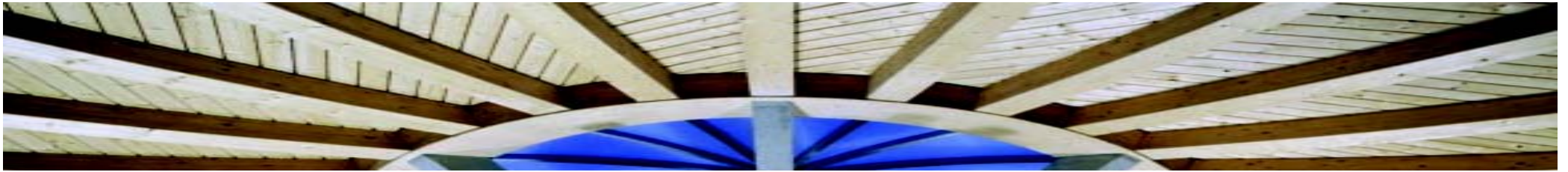
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Wood stores carbon

## Carbon storage in domestic products

Unit	Carbon Content
House	10-25 t C/house
Wooden window	25 kg C/window
Wooden flooring	5 kg C/m <sup>2</sup>
Furniture	1 t C/household
House and contents	12-30 t C

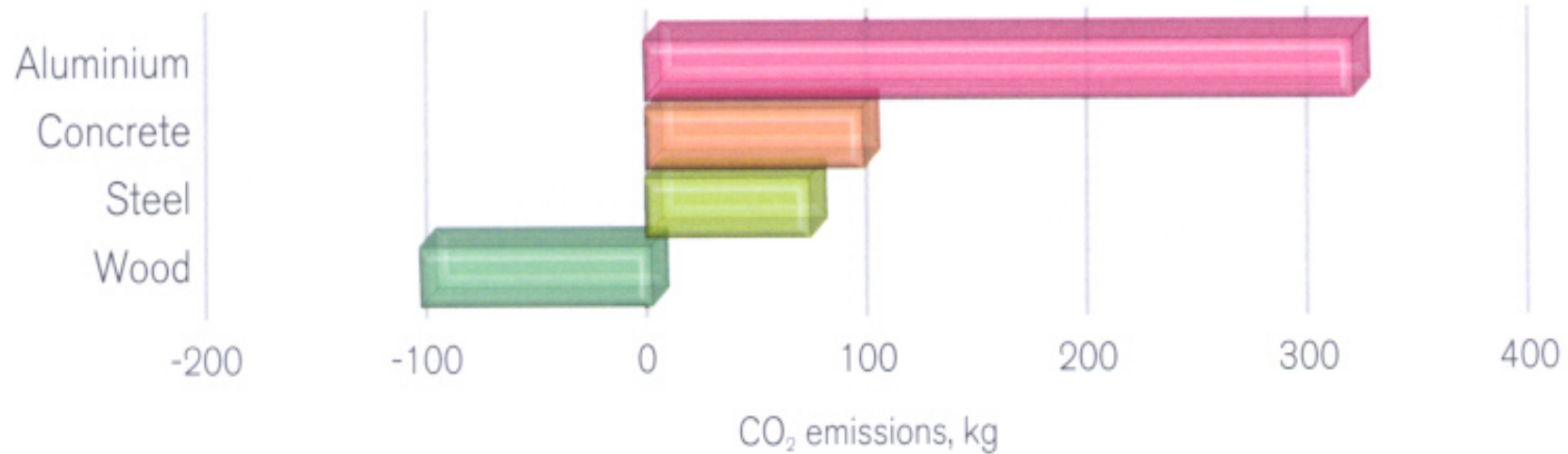


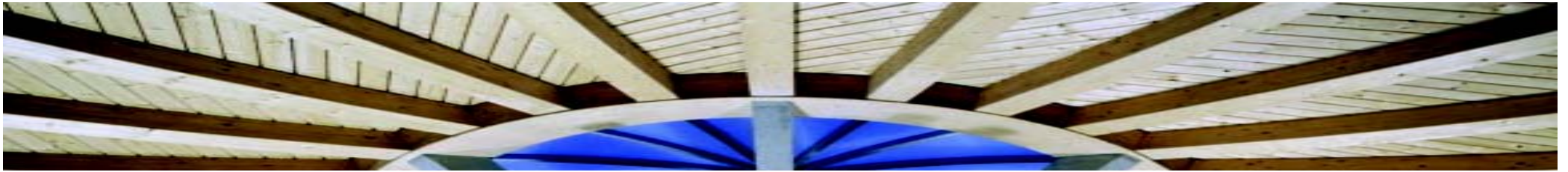


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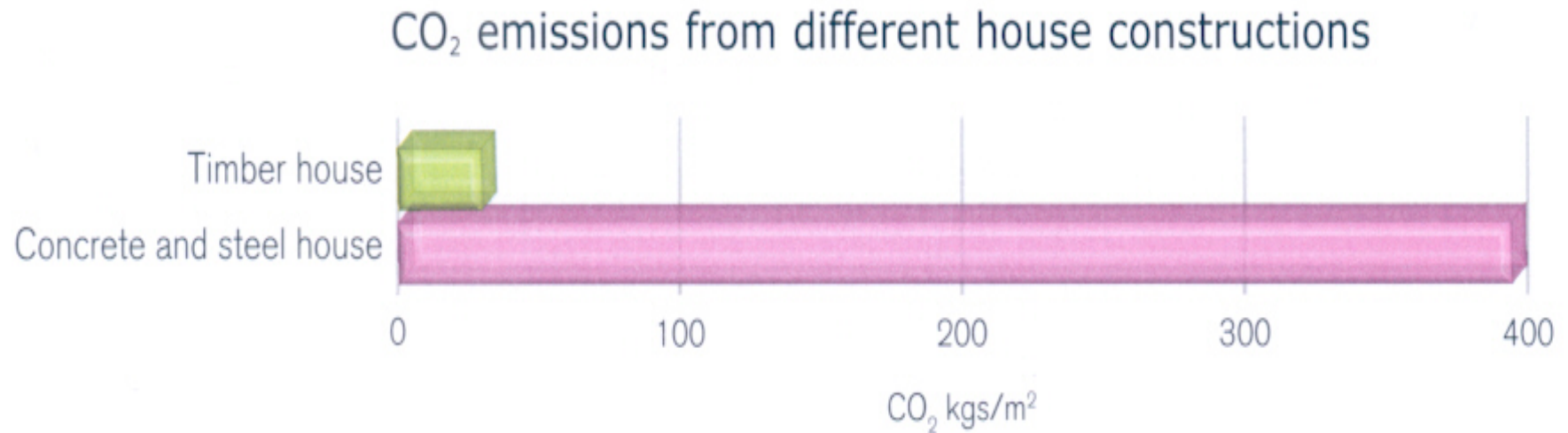
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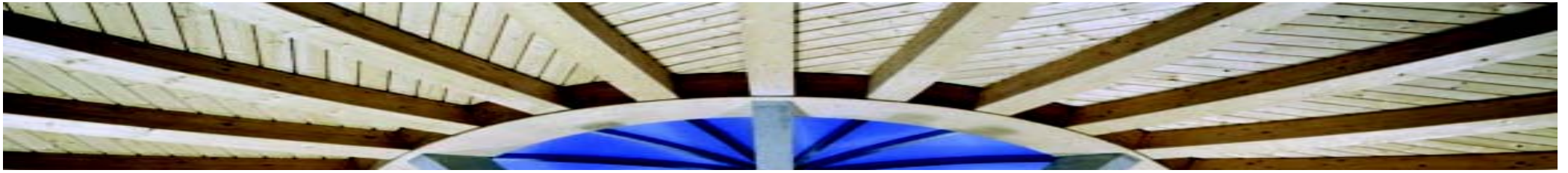




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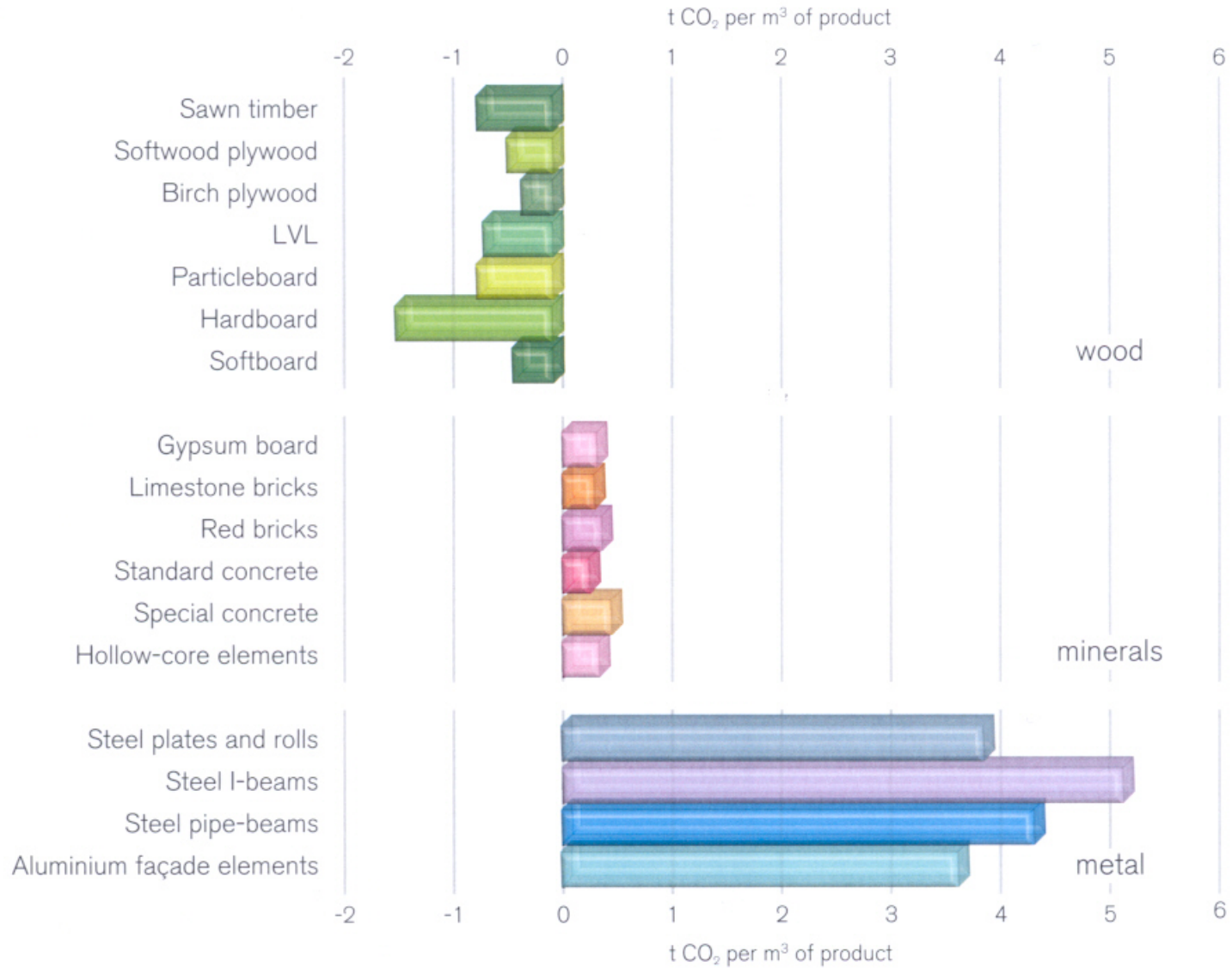


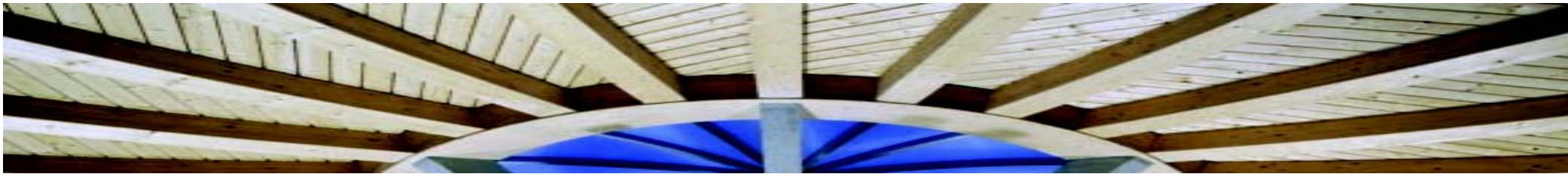
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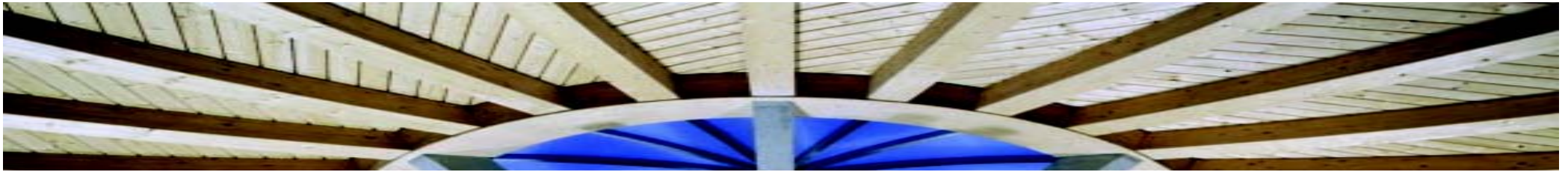
- Thermal efficiency
  - Wood continues to save CO<sub>2</sub> throughout a building's life, because its natural thermal efficiency saves energy

# Net CO<sub>2</sub> lifecycle emissions





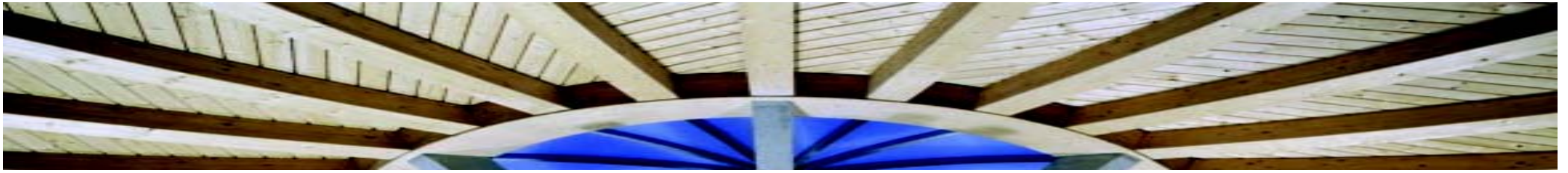
Wood is an important and growing European resource. Using more wood offers a simple way to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and to encourage the further growth of Europe's forests.

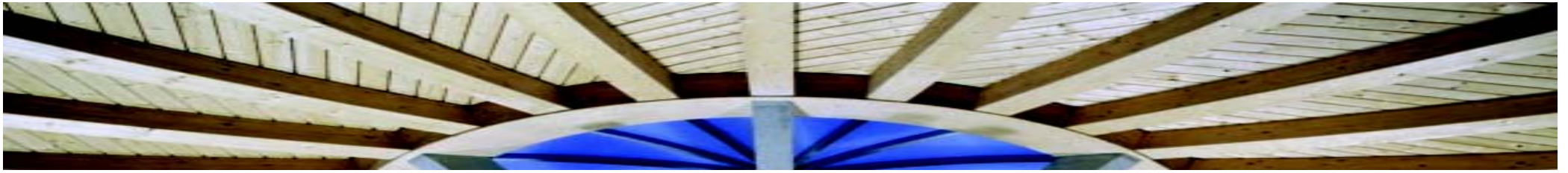


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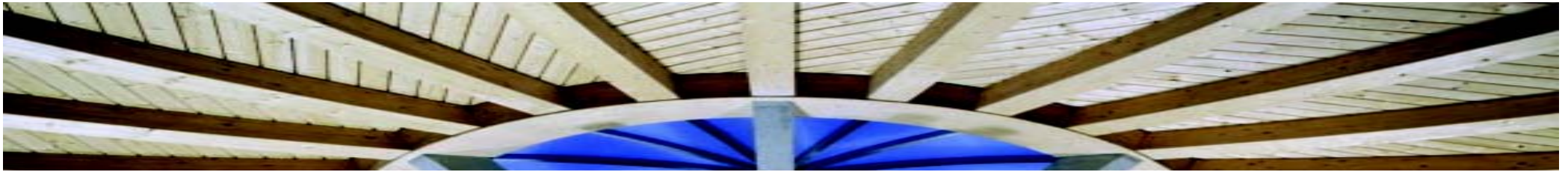
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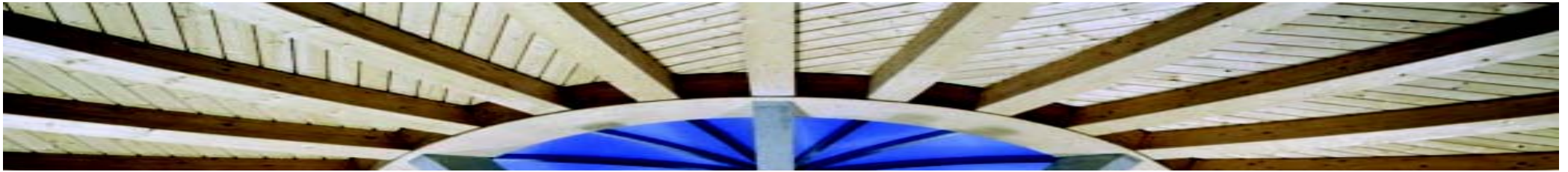






- “It has been estimated that an annual 4% increase to 2010 in Europe’s wood consumption would sequester an additional 150 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> per year and that the market value of this environmental service would be about € 1,8 billion a year”

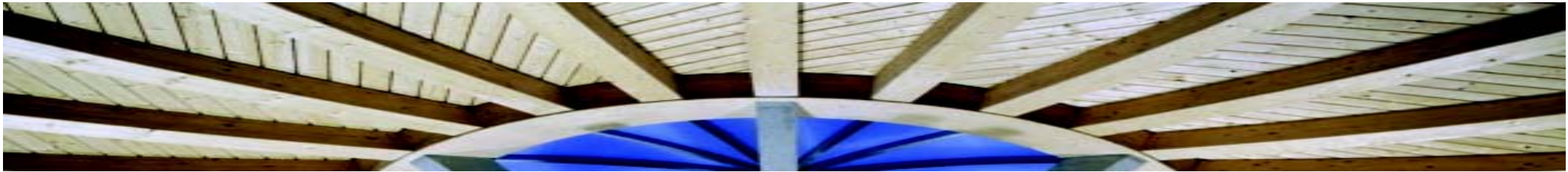
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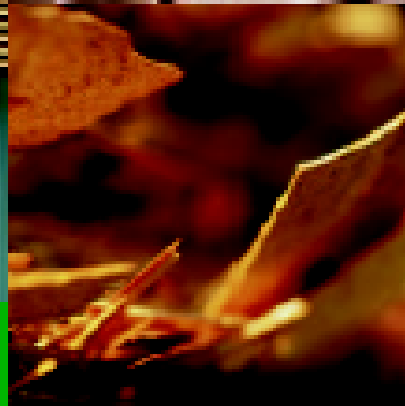
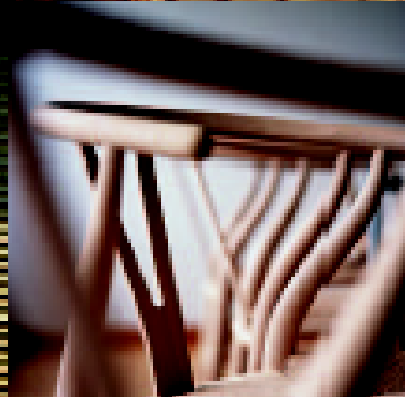
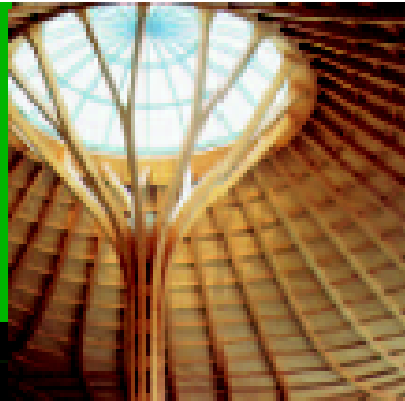
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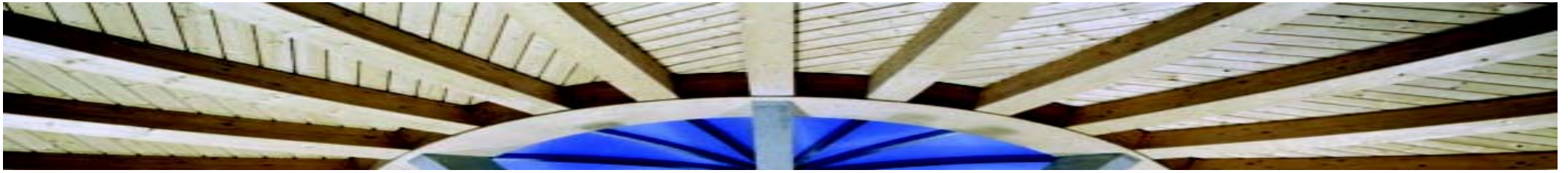
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Thank you for your attention!

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