

Headquarters of Norvento

Company: Norvento

Designed by: Mangado y Asociados SL

What was the challenge?

The challenge consisted of creating a new space and a new way to work and research, far from the concept of a large office building where desks look all the same. The challenge was to offer spaces where the employees – a team of highly qualified members who work with top environmental technology and spend many hours in front of computers – could perform their tasks in a different environment and connected to nature, a special place where comfort is first priority.

A requirement was that every department had to be independent and could be immediately identified but also that facilitated the relationship among the employees.

Besides, the property for the Project is located in the limit between an industrial area and a forest which makes it be an ideal space to meet the requirements.

Finally, Norvento is an energy company firmly committed to environment so it was a great challenge to design a building with best energy efficiency, BREEAM zero, a zero-energy building



How design helped?

The architecture sought had to be simple, silent, attractive and no sophisticated materials would be used.

It was important to escape from the conventional office building. Confidence and comfort were an objective as well as an approach to a real home. And this was how the idea of a “wooden cabin” arose and the project was developed based on a ground floor building.

The idea of a wooden cabin help also to understand and take into account the location and the features of the Galician territory where the roof becomes an important water protection. The decision to use wood was based in the maintenance of the coherence between the environment of comfort and quietness, the proximity of the forest and the features of the geographic area in terms of climate.

What is the impact?

Norvento's team is made up of over 160 employees distributed in several workplaces in different countries.

Norvento owns over 500MW of installations in operation and promotion that comprise hydro, wind, solar, biomass, biogas and distributed energy installations. Their power ranges from 50kW to 50MW of some of the wind farms.

Our assets amount over €175 million and our equity over €90 million. 10% of our turnover is invested in R&D.

The incorporation of this building has meant a dream come true: facilities were expanded, staff was increased and it gave a new boost to improve competitiveness. The company's turnover increased, and nowadays Norvento, based in Galicia, has become a leader in the development of renewable energies.



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