



CIRCULAR CONSTRUCTION PORTUGUESE ROADMAP FOR 2030

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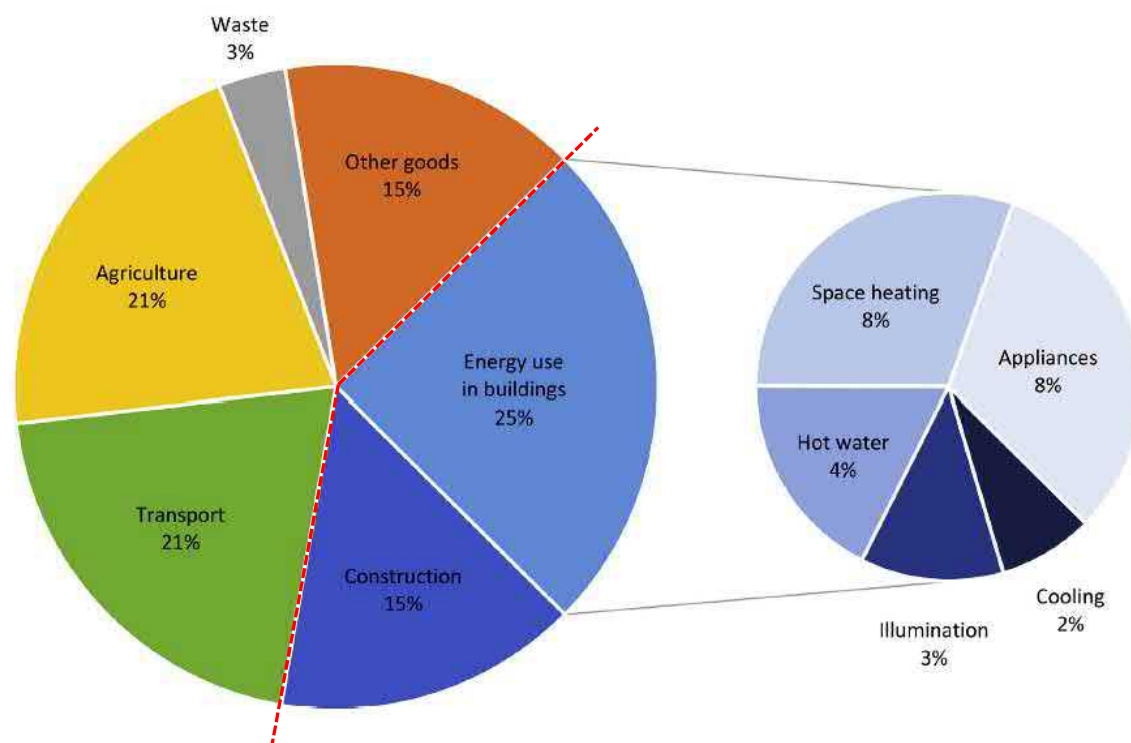
Decouple economic growth and wellbeing from resource exhaustion and environmental impacts



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Objectives to which CONSTRUCTION can contribute

TAKE OVER OUR RESPONSIBILITY



Joensuu, T. *et. al.*, (2020). Circular Economy practices in the Built Environment. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 124215.

Green house gases per major sectors

Buildings (contruction + use + demolition) \approx 40%



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WHO ARE WE?

Research Institute of R&D in Structures and Construction, created in 2015, and settled at the Civil Engineering Department of FEUP.

... AND MUCH MORE.



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HOME BASIS

Porto, Portugal



**Faculty of Engineering,
University of Porto**





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STRUCTURE

6 Thematic Lines

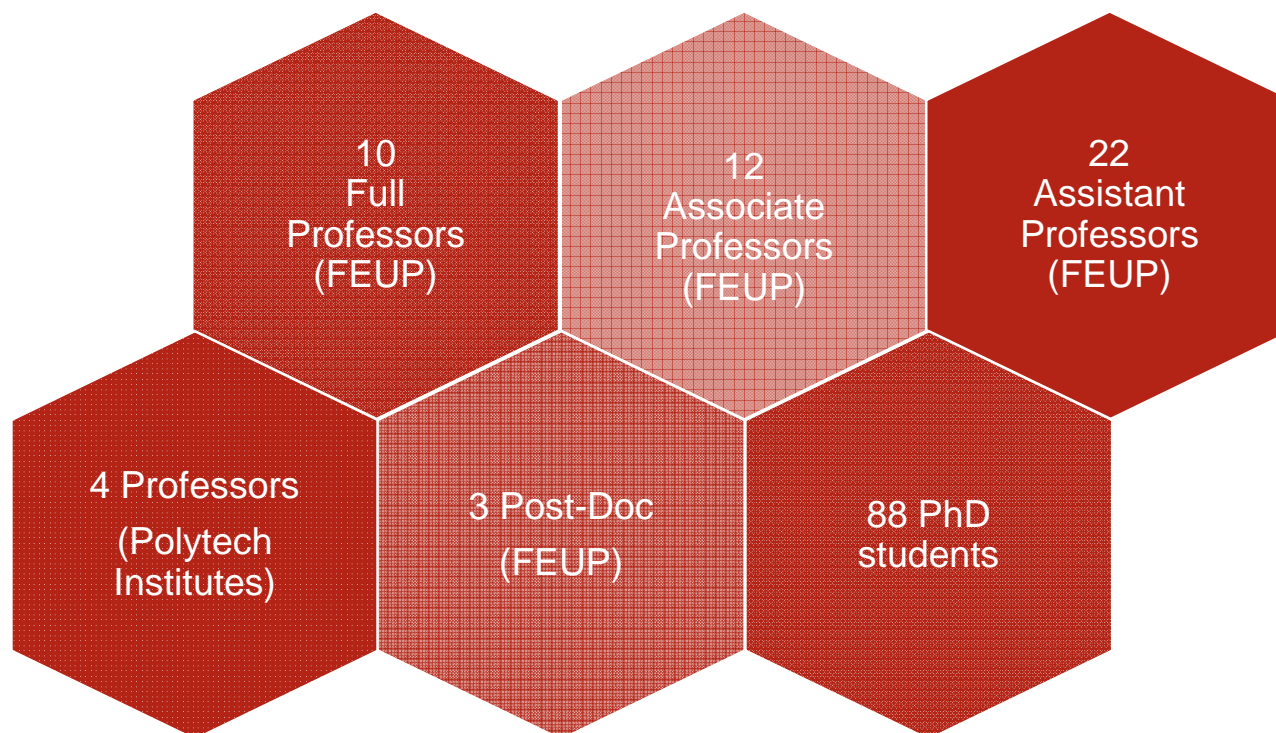
6 Research Groups

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| TL1 - <u>New construction materials</u> | • | | | • | • | • |
| TL2 - Built historical heritage | | • | | | • | • |
| TL3 - Safety assessment and seismic engineering | • | • | • | • | | |
| TL4 - Assessment and SHM of energy and transportation infrastructures | • | • | • | | | |
| TL5 - Railway infrastructures | • | • | • | • | | |
| TL6 - <u>Efficient and smart construction</u> | | • | | | • | • |



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APPROACH & GOALS

Preserve
(Rehabilitate and Refurbish)



Build Better
(Novel Eco-Materials)



Build for the Future
(Build for Disassembly)

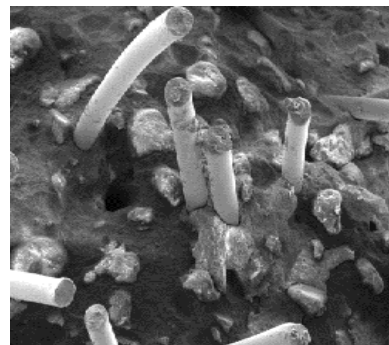




BUILD BETTER

TL1- New construction materials

- Novel eco-efficient building materials
- Upcycling C&DW and other industrial residues
- Alternative raw materials and additions



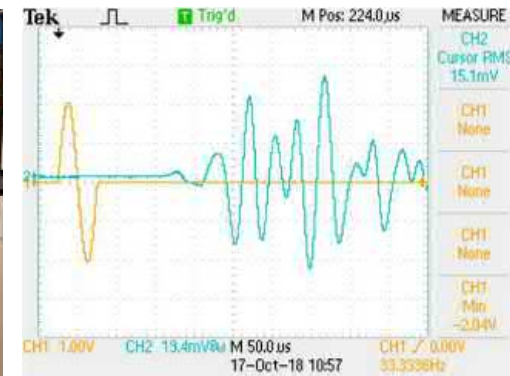


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PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS

TL1- New construction materials

- **RCD-VALOR** - C&DW in sustainable geosynthetic structures
- **CDW_LongTerm** - Long-term behavior C&DW geosynthetic structures
- **PRCD** - Prevention of Construction and Demolition Waste
- **GEOPROTEC** - New technologies for coastal protection systems with sand confined by geosynthetics





PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS

TL1- New construction materials

- **GeoSynergism** - Synergic effects in the degradation of geosynthetics
- **HiperSlab** - Structural behavior of HP fiber reinforced concrete slabs
- **UHPGRADE** - Next generation of UHP composites
- **ACTIVESC** - MSW slag in alkali activated materials



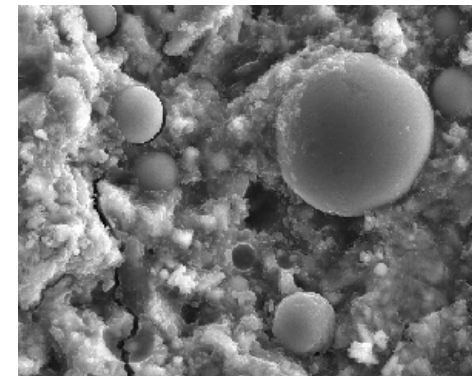


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WHAT THE FUTURE LOOKS LIKE

TL1- New construction materials

- Enhanced waste soils & stabilized soils
- Grouts from industrial by-products (ashes and metallurgic slags)
- GeopolimERIC grouts for contaminated coastal areas



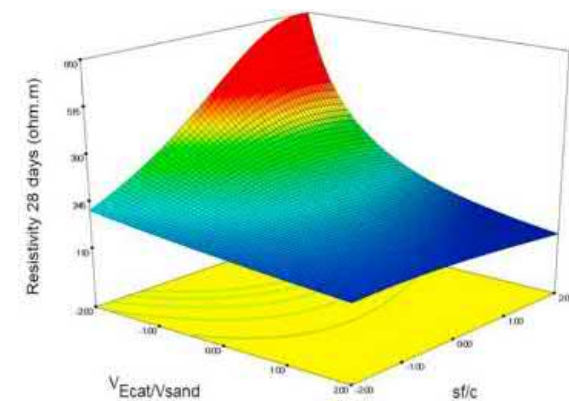
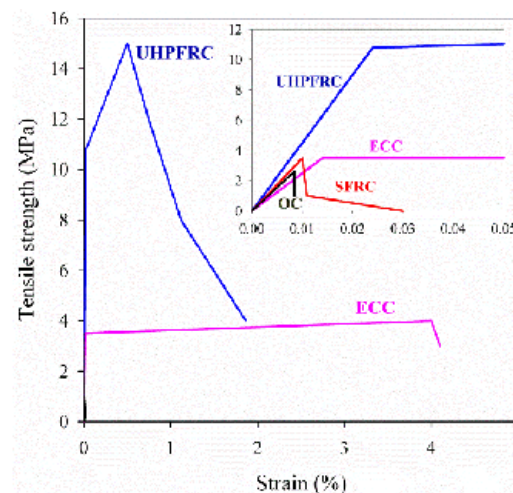


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- Alkali-activated concrete for transport infrastructure (steel slag)
- Vibrated and self-compacting waste-based concretes
- Advanced fiber reinforced materials (UHPC; ECC)



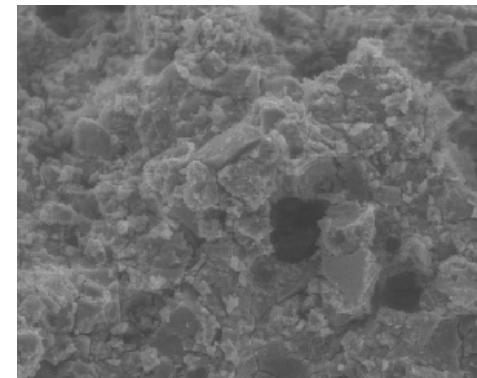


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- Durability of C&DW based building materials
- Chemical stabilization of industrial waste streams
- Novel geosynthetics for extreme environments



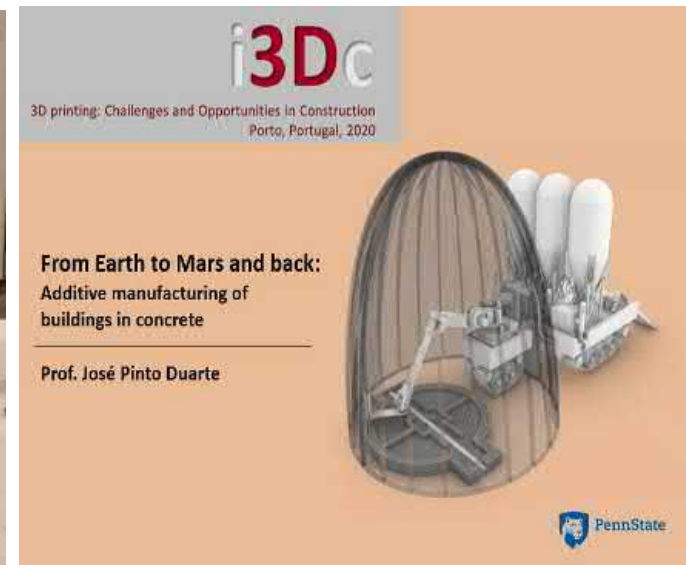


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- Digital fabrication (3D & 4D printing)





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WHAT THE FUTURE LOOKS LIKE

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- **Circular Economy** in construction
 - Pre-demolition audits
 - Novel construction materials
 - Building (de)construction support tools
 - Standardization

... AND PUT IT ALL INTO ACTION.



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- Create scientific and qualified jobs
- Assuming Portugal's leadership and position in EU





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- Forest
- Agroindustry
- **Construction**
 - Reduce raw materials consumption
 - Upcycling CD&W and secondary mineral resources
(mining residues and tailings)
- Urban residues
- Water efficiency
- Manufacture industry
- Servitization

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THANK YOU!

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

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