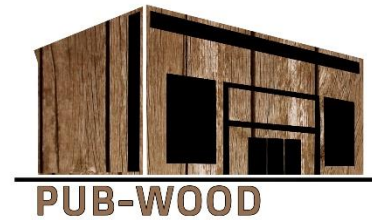




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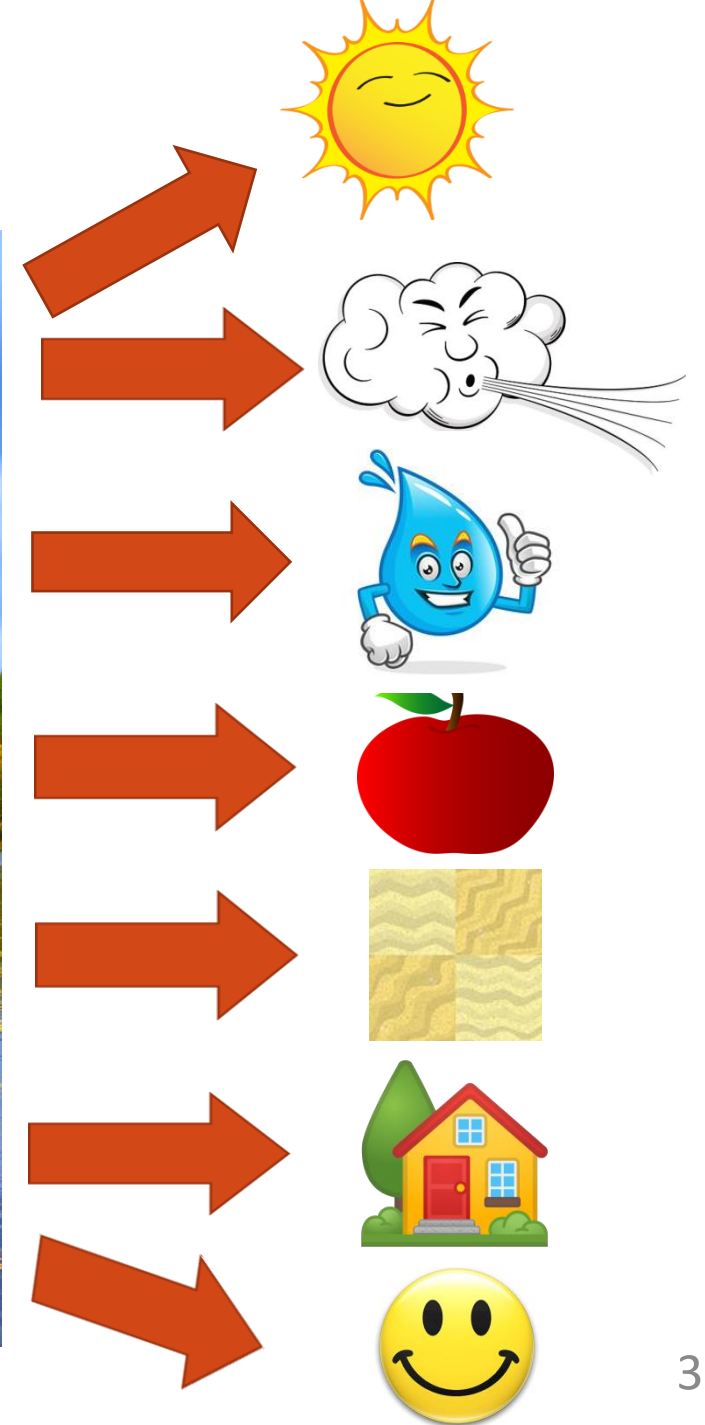
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# Nature – sustainable system



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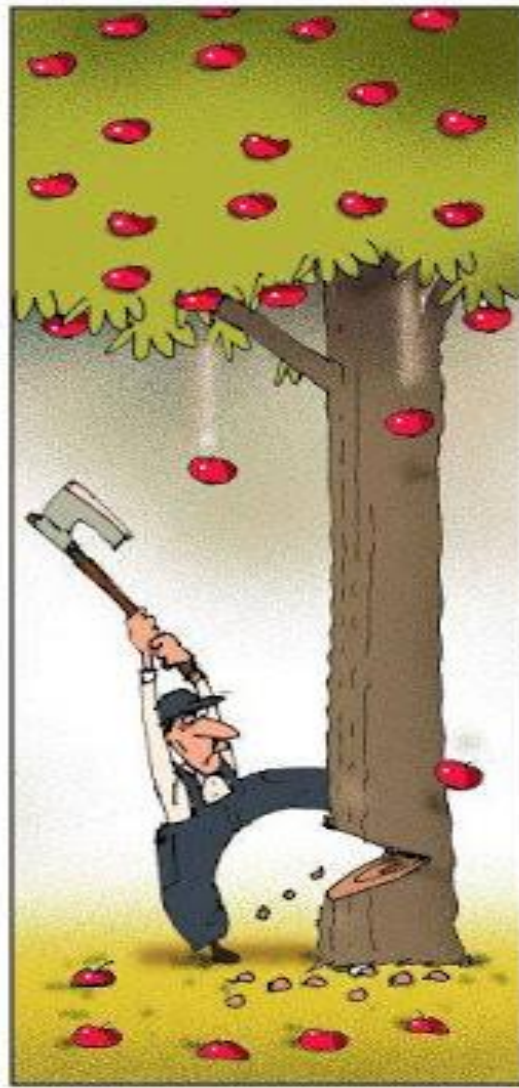
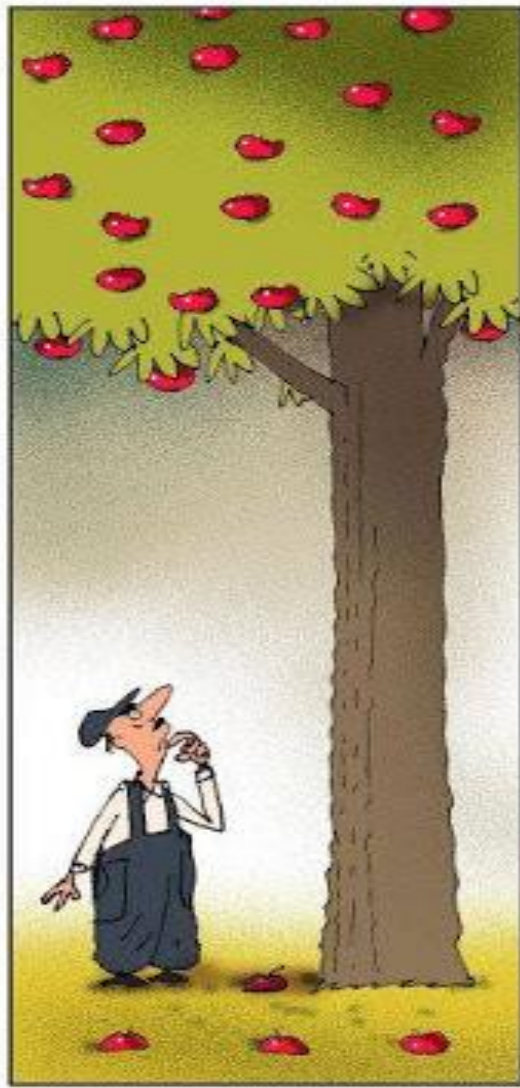


# Consumption culture



Pictures from: <https://oneinabillionblog.com/economics-2/economy/example-economy-over-consumption/>





Picture from: <https://imgur.com/gallery/bSb5xly>



# Economic problems





# Social problems





# Environmental problems





# Climate change







**Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.**

Gro Harlem Brundtland



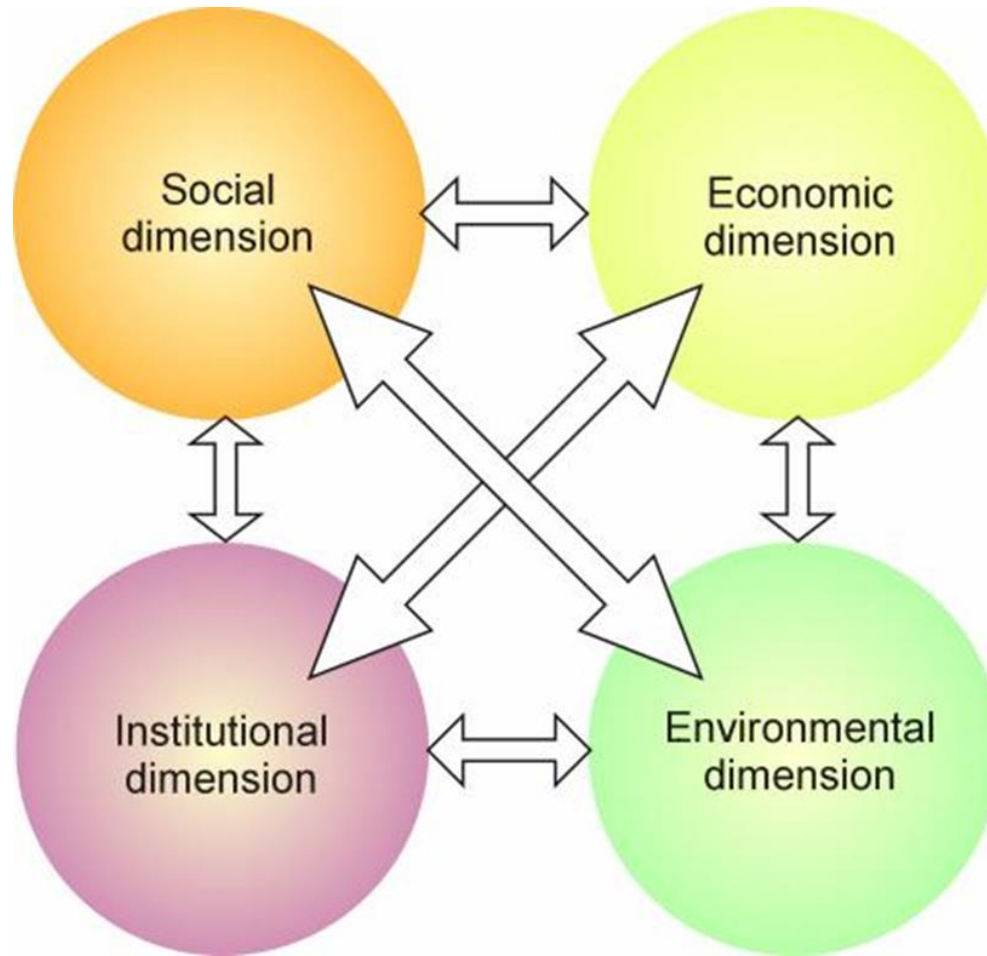
# Agenda 2030

- In 2015, countries adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its **17 Sustainable Development Goals**.
- In 2016, the Paris Agreement on climate change entered into force, addressing the need to limit the rise of global temperatures.





# Sustainability dimensions



Pictures: Left - <http://www.eolss.com/eolss/5a.htm> ; right - <http://www.oneworldcentre.org.au/global-goals/agenda-2030-and-the-sdgs/>





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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# Sustainable construction



- **Sustainable construction** means designing, renovating or converting a building in compliance with environmental rules and energy-saving methods.
- The purpose of this holistic process is to **restore and maintain harmony between the natural and built environment.**



# Sustainability rating systems

## BREEAM (Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method), UK (1990)

### BREEAM Offices 2005 - Design & Procurement Assessment tool

#### Design Stage Assessment Results

BREEAM Rating: Example 1

Good

Core & Design & Procurement Credit Allocation Table					
Overall Credit Allocation	Env Weighting	Available	Achieved	Percentage section credits achieved	Overall Weighted Percentage
Management	15%	10	5	50.00%	7.50%
Health & Wellbeing	15%	15	8	53.33%	8.00%
Energy		17	9	52.94%	
Transport		14	7	50.00%	
<b>Energy &amp; Transport</b>	25%	31	16	51.61%	12.90%
Water	5%	6	4	66.67%	3.33%
Materials	10%	12	4	33.33%	3.33%
Land Use & Ecology	15%	11	6	54.55%	8.18%
Pollution	15%	12	6	50.00%	7.50%
<b>Totals</b>					<b>50.75%</b>



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BREEAM Rating	% Benchmark
Unclassified	<25
Pass	≥25 - <40
Good	≥40 - <55
Very Good	≥55 - <70
Excellent	≥70






- At 90.8%, HAUT (Amsterdam) received the highest BREEAM score in the category 'Homes – Design'.

Source: <https://teamv.nl/en/haut-wins-international-breeam-award-2018/>

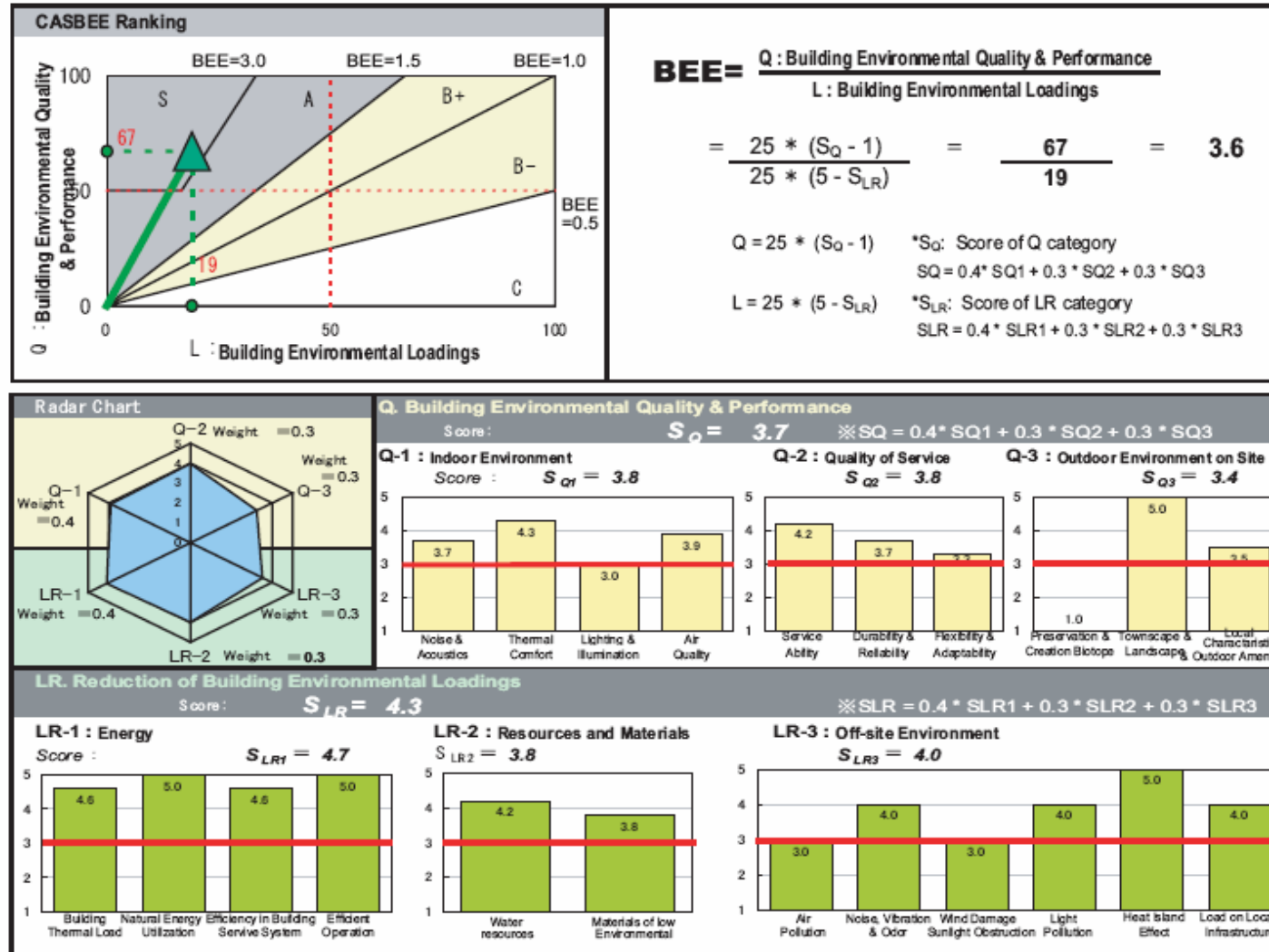


# LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), USA (1998)

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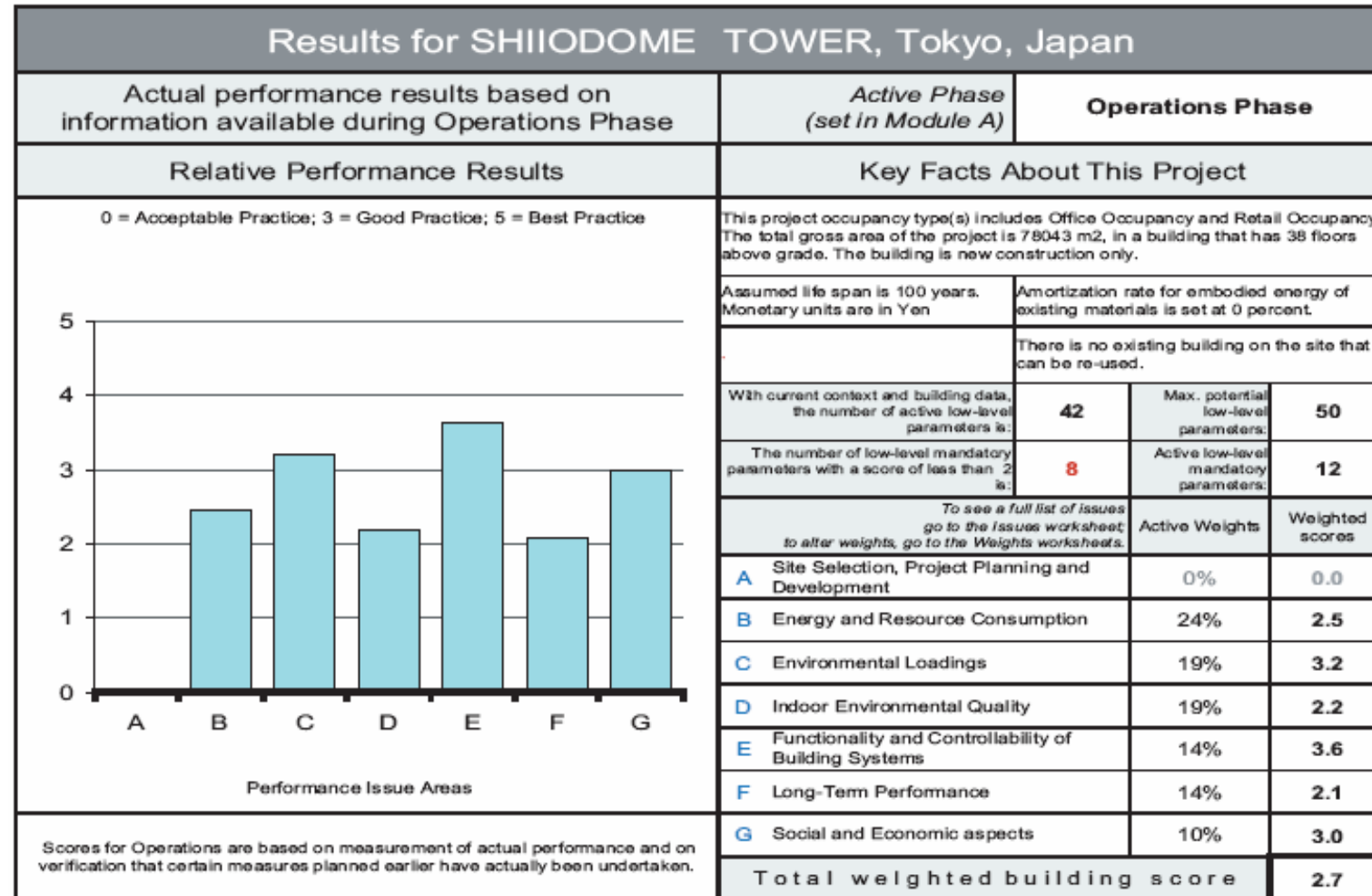
# CASBEE (Comprehensive Assessment System for Building Environmental Efficiency), Japan (2001)



Source: Fowler & Rauch (2006)

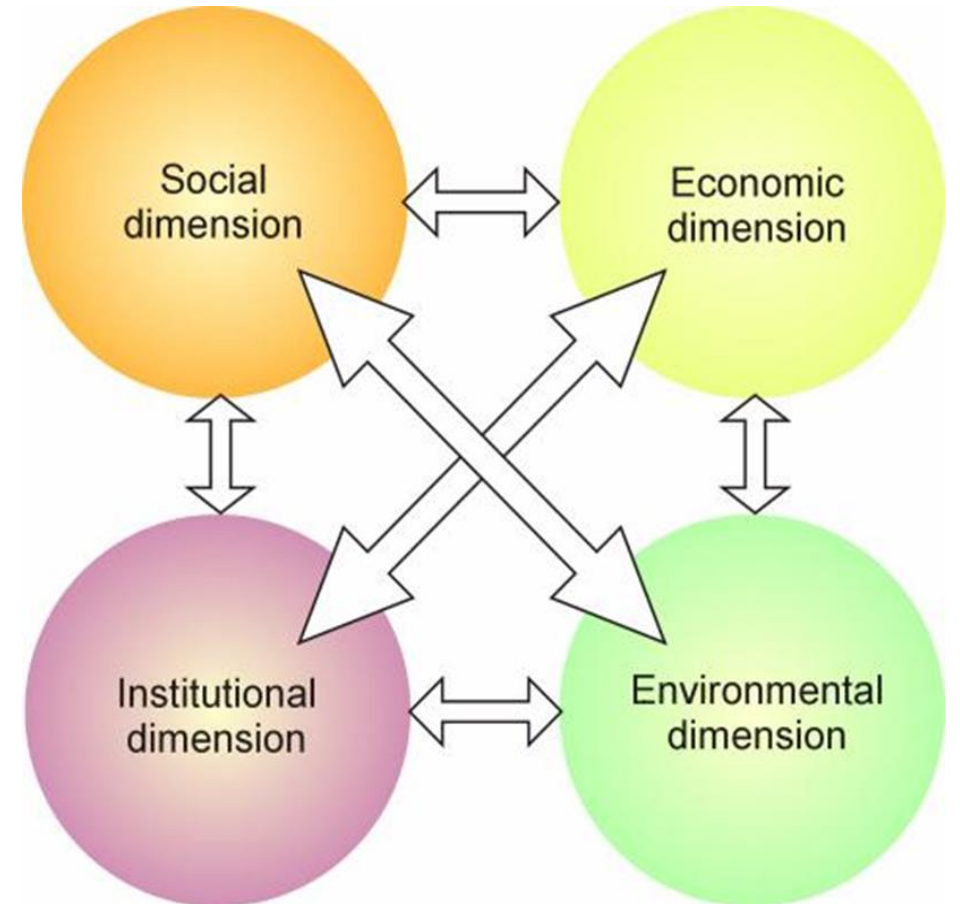


# GBTool , the International Framework Committee for the Green Building Challenge, more than 25 countries (1998)





# Construction with wood = Sustainable construction?



Pictures from: left - <https://arcspace.com/feature/metropol-parasol/>, right - <http://www.eolss.com/eolss/5a.htm>



# Economic perspective

- **Wood is a good business.**
- **Jobs in various subsectors:** sourcing, sawing, planning, shaping, laminating, assembling, designing, building, maintaining.
- **The forests are sustainable—and so are the jobs they provide.**



Source: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/forests/brief/forests-generate-jobs-and-incomes>





# Cost effectiveness

- Wood can be **locally sourced** and is usually less expensive than alternative building materials.
- Wood building systems typically **cost less to install. It is lighter** than other materials, requiring a less expensive foundation. Transportation is cheaper.
- **Faster construction** schedules help to keep costs down.
- Contractors can reduce labor and material costs with **panelizing**.
- **Using wood can save** significantly on construction costs. **Woodworks.org** offers a cost calculator to help builders estimate cost savings from building with wood, taking into account numerous variables like material costs, speed of construction and availability of labor.



# EXAMPLE: BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT, BETHEL, WASHINGTON

- BSD's Clover Creek Elementary, completed in 2012, was built at a cost of \$197.70 per square foot—a savings of more than **\$50** per square foot over the average construction cost of an elementary school in western Washington.
- Using wood framing for a school saves about **20 percent** in materials and installation costs. For a \$10-million project, this translates to a **\$2-million savings**.





# Social perspective

- Public acceptance and appreciation
- Aesthetically pleasing design
- Quality of life. ProHolz BW GmbH reports that wood makes you feel good, lowers the heart rate and has a positive effect on people's health.
- Wood breathes and regulates the indoor climate and humidity.



Source: <https://www.biooekonomie-bw.de/en/articles/news/sustainable-building-construction-municipalities-go-wood/>



# EXAMPLE: EGGLHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL (GERMANY)



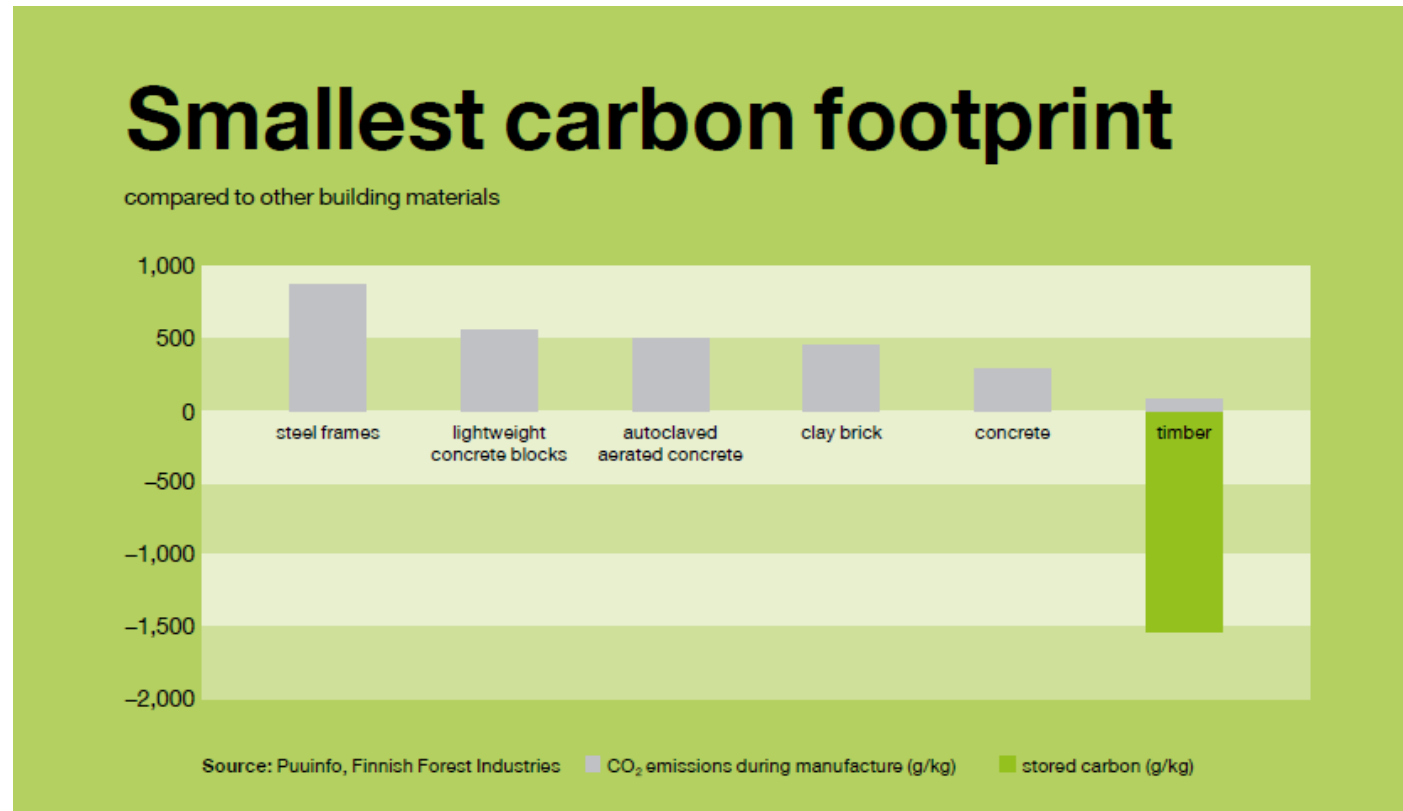
- Studies have shown that compared to standard classrooms, timber classrooms give pupils a greater ability to concentrate and help to reduce stress and tension.

Source: Stora Enso (2019)



# Environmental perspective

- Natural material.
- Reduced embodied energy.



Source: Stora Enso (2019)



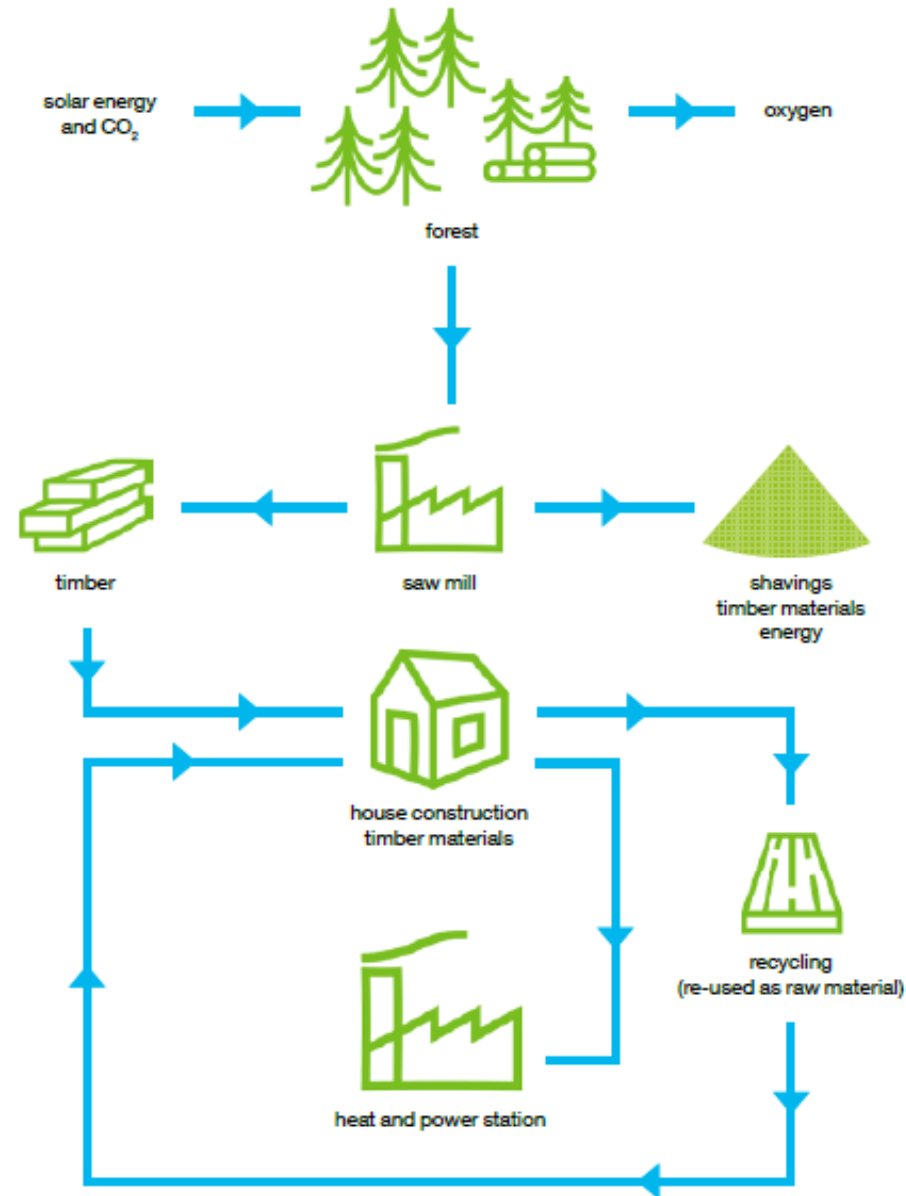


# Environmental perspective

- **Fewer greenhouse gas emissions.** Global life-cycle assessment studies have proven that wood can offer lower greenhouse gas emissions, less air and water pollution, lower volumes of solid waste and less ecological resource use than other materials.
- In Austria, trees produce enough wood every 40 seconds to build a timber house.



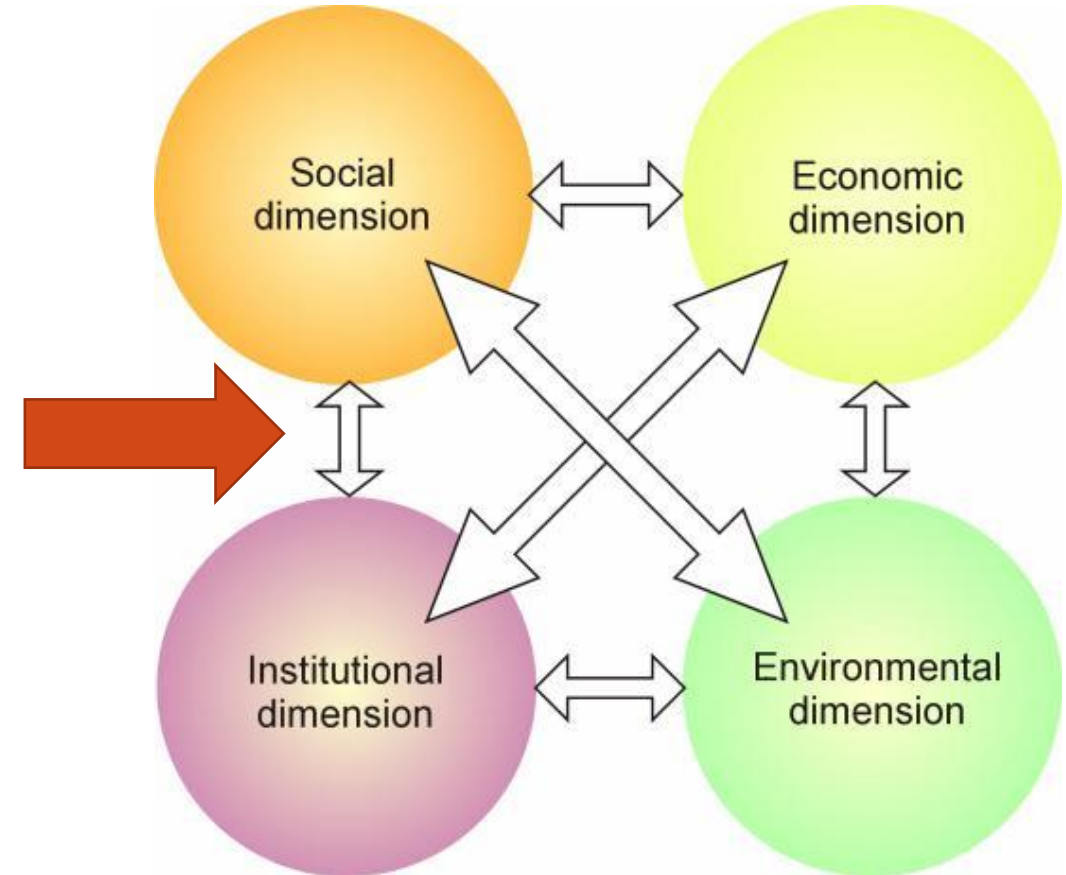
# Natural cycle: wood can be used again and again



Source: Stora Enso (2019)



# Conclusion: Building with wood contributes to sustainable development



Picture: <https://www.dezeen.com/2018/11/14/calgary-new-central-library-snohetta-dialog-aaron-betsky-opinion/>



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