

Matrec

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MATREC (MATERIAL RECYCLING) is the first free Italian databank of eco-design dedicated to recycled materials and their use in the world of production and design. Based on an idea of the architect, Marco Capellini (Capellini | design & consulting), Matrec was born in 2002 as an online portal, collaborating with the national recycling consortia CiAl, Comieco and CoRePla. In 2006 the virtual Matrec became a reality, also thanks to the participation of the Region of Lombardy and Cestec. In a dedicated space at the Design Polytechnic in Milan, more than 200 samples of recycled materials from all over the world are displayed free of charge to the public.

Since 2008, Assorimap and Cesap have also adhered to the scheme. This year also witnessed the opening of the first Matrec Centre in Portugal, inside the Évora Park of Science and Technology.

Matrec is certainly a tool but, more than anything else, it is a service being offered to companies, professionals, designers, universities and research centres for developing products of reduced environmental impact.

Visitors to the website may find information on the most important themes of eco-design, on eco-sustainable products and the numerous materials obtained from recycling, which are subdivided into categories and complete with index cards showing their composition, technical characteristics, applications and manufacturers' details.

Furthermore, Matrec is a research centre placed at the disposal of firms for the development of innovative, sustainable products of high design content.



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