

CASE STUDY 1-02: CML KINDERGARTEN | PORTUGAL





GEOG	GEOGRAPHICAL AND CLIMATE INFORMATION		
Location	Rua Margarida de Abreu 4, 1900-314, Lisbon, Portugal		
Latitude; Longitude	38.74359816203614, -9.131250349942396		
Climate zone (Köppen–Geiger classification)	Csa: Warm temperate climate with dry and hot summer		
	BUILDING INFORMATION		
Building Type	Educational (Kindergarten)		
Project Type	New construction		
Completion Date	2013		
Number of buildings	1		
Number of storeys	2		
Total Floor Area (m²)	680		
Net Floor Area (m²)	582.3		
Thermally conditioned space area (m²)	0		
Spaces with Natural Ventilation (with or without Ceiling Fans) Only (m²)	The entire building is naturally ventilated		
Total cost (€)	-		
Cost /m² (€/m²)	-		
Performance Standards or Certification	Portuguese National Code (RECS, 2013)		
Awards	-		
STAKEHOLDERS			
Building Owner/ Representative	Municipality of Lisbon (CML)		
Architect / Designer	Appleton & Domingos, Arquitetos		
Construction manager	Municipality of Lisbon (CML)		
Environmental consultancy	NaturalWorks		
Structural Engineer, Civil Engineer	A2P		
Product Manufacturer	-		

Certification company

NaturalWorks

PROJECT DESCRIPTION



Figure 18 : Elements of the natural ventilation system

The CML kindergarten, constructed in 2013, is a small twostory building with a total area of 680 m² distributed in two floors with 3 m floor to ceiling height.

This school is naturally ventilated and does not have a mechanical cooling or ventilation. A natural displacement ventilation system was developed to provide fresh air with adequate acoustic insulation.

The CML Kindergarten uses solar thermal energy to heat domestic hot water that fed the hydraulic radiators which were installed in each classroom.

The design also includes high exposed thermal mass, daylighting, and solar shading.







Figure 19: CML kindergarten building schematics.

SITE INTEGRATION



Figure 20: Aerial view of the building.

The building is located in the outskirts of an urban dense neighbourhood in Lisbon, and it is a grid connected building. The CML Kindergarten is immediately surrounded by a garden (Southwest and Northwest, as shown in the figure), a playground area (Northeast) and a parking lot (Southeast). Regarding other buildings, the CML Kindergarten is surrounded by low to mid-rise buildings from the South, West, and North directions and from East by a small cliff (equivalent to a low-rise building).



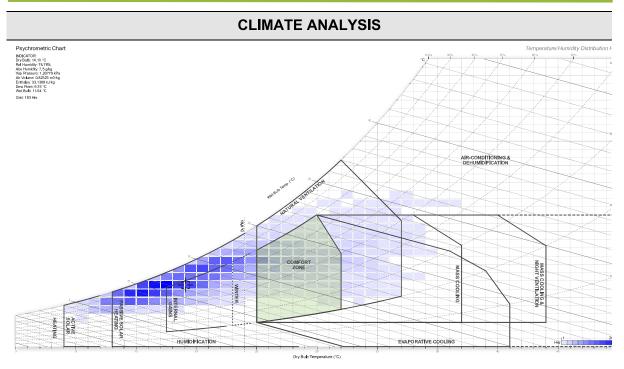


Figure 21 – Givoni Bioclimatic chart for the climate of Lisbon (Source: Andrew Marsh online tool).

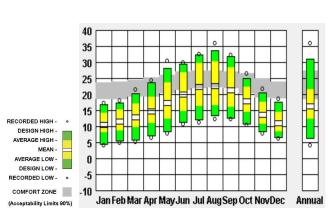


Figure 22 – Typical monthly air temperature range in Lisbon (Source: Climate consultant – Adaptative Comfort model).

Global horizontal radiation (Avg daily total) Min

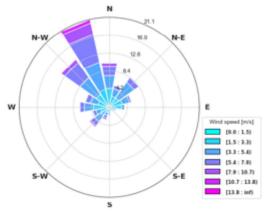


Figure 23 : Annual wind rose for Lisbon (Beaufort wind scale).

Min: 1 946 Wh/m² (December)

(month) / Max (month)

Annual Degree-Days for weather classification according to ASHRAE Standard 169-2020

Annual Degree-Days for the Adaptive Comfort Base Temperature according to the ASHRAE 55-2017 for 80% of acceptability

Max: 7 548 Wh/m² (July)

HDD 18°C: 978

CDD 10°C: 2 549

HDD (Lower limit 80%): 1 295

CDD (Upper limit 80%): 18.5

Annual Degree-Days for a static comfort HDD 18.6°C: **1 063** temperature approach CDD 26°: **17**



KEY	KEY BIOCLIMATIC DESIGN PRINCIPLES		
Passive cooling strategy	The natural ventilation strategy consists of air being introduced into the space through low level grilles (or openable windows) on the façade and being exhausted in the centre or back of the room, through one or two chimneys depending on the size of the room. With this strategy, both comfort ventilation and nocturnal convective ventilation are used in summertime (see figure below in summer operation mode).		
Passive heating strategy	The winter operation mode allows for a semi-passive heating strategy with the heating being provided by passive convectors, feed by a heat pump.		
Solar protection	Passive solar protection for the ground floor with horizontal overhangs, and active solar protection for the first floor with horizontal fins (see figure below).		
Building orientation	The building has a rectangular shape with its main façades facing Northwest and Southeast.		
Insulation	Insulation applied in the outer layers of the façades and roof.		
Vegetation	-		
Natural daylighting	The lighting project included natural and artificial lighting. There are several skylights throughout the building. Due to limited financial resources for initial and running costs, the systems are manually operated.		
Use of local and embedded materials	-		
Water saving and heat recovery on hot water drain	-		
Waste management	-		
Others features	-		
by the	warm air is exhausted by stack effect Nigh cooling of exposed concrete surfaces (walls and floor) The fresh air is introduced through the air flow grilles installed on the façade The openable windows could be used to enable larger flow rate		
Winter Operation Mode	Summer Operation Mode		

Figure 24: Winter and Summer operation modes.

INFRASTRUCTURES and REGULATIONS to enable SUFFICIENCY ACTION		
Dressing code Informal dressing, adapted to the season, is welcome and promoted (e.g., short trousers and short leaves in hot periods): No		
Protected bike parking and	No	
showers	Ratio with number of users:	
Ceiling fans	In every room, even those conditioned: No	



Lighting	system	frac	tioned	to
allow usi	ng light	only	in zor	nes
occupied	and wh	nere d	aylight	ing
insufficie	nt			

In every room, even those conditioned: No

Space and facilities for line drying clothes (especially important in residences, hotels, sport facilities...)

In every room, even those conditioned: No

Book of instruction for correct use of the passive features (windows, solar protections, water savings) and active (lighting...) in order to promote sufficiency and efficiency actions Available through leaflets and posters at relevant places, online, etc.: Yes

BUILDING FABRIC AND MATERIALS

Roof

The roof is structured as (from outside to inside):

- 1. Aluminium (thickness 0.01 m, thermal conductivity 15.1 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 0 m²·°C/W and density 8055 kg/m³)
- 2. Rockwool (thickness 0.1 m, thermal conductivity 0.04 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 2.5 m²-°C/W and density 150 kg/m³)
- 3. Air space (thickness 0.05 m, thermal conductivity 0.03 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 1.67 m²·°C/W and density 1.16 kg/m³)
- Rockwool-gypsum board (thickness 0.065 m, thermal conductivity 0.04 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 1.63 m²·°C/W and density 40 kg/m³)

Overall R-value: 6.01 [m² K/W]

U-value: 0.38 [W/m²·K]

Ceiling

The ceiling is structured as:

- Rockwool- gypsum board (thickness 0.065 m, thermal conductivity 0.04 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 1.63 m^{2.}°C/W and density 40 kg/m³)
- 2. Air space (thickness 0.05 m, thermal conductivity 0.03 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 1.67 m²·°C/W and density 1.16 kg/m³)
- 3. Heavyweight concrete (thickness 0.2 m, thermal conductivity 2.3 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 0.09 m²·°C/W and density 1375 kg/m³)

Overall R-value: 3.59 [m²·K/W]

U-value: 0.28 [W/m²·K]

Exterior Wall

The exterior wall is structured as (from outside to inside):

- 1. Plaster (thickness 0.01 m, thermal conductivity 1.3 W/m-°C, thermal resistance 0.01 m^{2.o}C/W and density 2000 kg/m³)
- 2. Polyethylene (thickness 0.08 m, thermal conductivity 0.04 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 2 m²·°C/W and density 40 kg/m³)
- Heavyweight Concrete (thickness 0.13 m, thermal conductivity 2.3 W/m-°C, thermal resistance 0.27 m^{2.o}C/W and density 2300 kg/m³)

Overall R-value: 2.45 [m²·K/W]

U-value: 0.41 [W/m² K]



Interior Wall The interior wall is structured as:		
	 Gypsum board (thickness 0.025 m, thermal conductivity 0.25 W/m-°C, thermal resistance 0.56 m²-°C/W and density 500 kg/m³) 	
	2. Air space (thickness 0.05 m, thermal conductivity 0.03 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 1.67 m²-°C/W and density 750 kg/m³)	
	3. Rockwool (thickness 0.07 m, thermal conductivity W/m·°C, thermal resistance 0.18 m²-°C/W and density kg/m³)	
	4. Gypsum board (thickness 0.025 m, thermal conductivity 0.04 W/m-°C, thermal resistance 0.63 m ² -°C/W and density 35 kg/m ³)	
	Overall R-value: 3.3 [m²·K/W]	
	U-value: 0.30 [W/m²·K]	
Floor	The floor is structured as (from outside to inside):	
	1. Soil (thickness 1.7 m, thermal conductivity 1.14 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 1.49 m²·°C/W and density 1000 kg/m³)	
	2. Riprap (thickness 0.25 m, thermal conductivity 1.2 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 0.21 m²-°C/W and density 1000 kg/m³)	
	3. Heavyweight concrete (thickness 0.2 m, thermal conductivity 2.3 W/m·°C, thermal resistance 0.18 m²·°C/W and density 2240 kg/m³)	
	Overall R-value: 1.88 [m²·K/W]	
	U-value: 0.41 [W/m²·K]	
Windows	Low-emissivity double glazed windows (λ=0.9 W/m·K; τ=0.75)	
	Window-to-wall ratio (WWR) 18%	
	U-value: 3.5 [W/m²·K]	
	Visual transmittance 0.75	

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING SYSTEMS	
Low-energy cooling systems	None
Low-energy heating systems	The winter operation mode allows for a low-energy heating strategy with the fresh outdoor air being pre-heated by passive convectors fed by a heat pump which has a maximum heating power output of 38.6kW and a COP of 3.5 (see Figure 24 above, in winter operation mode).
Ceiling fans	None
Mechanical ventilation / air renewal	The air renewal strategies are: • Natural ventilation: 1. Displacement ventilation; 2. Single sided ventilation. The ventilation solution consists in a high-level openable window plus low-level grilles installed on the façade of each classroom that control the inflow air. The air will be exhausted in the back of the room, through one or two thermal chimneys. Due to limited financial resources for initial and running costs, the implemented natural ventilation strategies are manually operated, and their usage relies on the occupant perception of the internal environment
Domestic Hot Water	Solar thermal system The building is served by:



•	The heat pump	over-mentioned	for heating system;
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Solar thermal system.

The solar thermal system is composed by 6 solar panels and a 500 litres water deposit.

The heat pump is used as an auxiliary system whenever the solar thermal panels cannot supply the necessary amount of energy.

Artificial lighting	The whole building is equipped with high-efficiency LED lighting.

Control and energy management None

	RENEWABLE ENERGY	
PV	None	
Solar thermal	The solar thermal system consists of seven flat collectors installed on the roof with a total area of 10m ² .	
Wind	None	
Geothermal	None	
Biomass	None	

BUILDING ANALYSIS AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

indicators

- Thermal comfort 1. Percentage of time outside an operative temperature range (Adaptive, II category EN16798-1, cooling season): 39.7%
 - 2. Percentage of time outside an operative temperature range (Fanger, II category EN16798-1, heating season): 1.07%
 - 3. Degree-hours (Adaptive, II category EN16798-1, cooling season): 505
 - 4. Degree-hours (Fanger, II category EN16798-1, heating season): 93
 - 5. Percentage of time inside the Givoni comfort zone of 1m/s:

Whole year: 80% / Cooling season: 83% (see Figure 25)

6. Percentage of time inside the Givoni comfort zone of 0m/s:

Whole year: 69% / Cooling season: 63% (see Figure 25)

7. Number of hours within a certain temperature range

Heating Season (1st-10 to 31th-03)		
Range	Nº of Hours	Frequency
T≤20	253	17.1%
19≤T≤24	1223	82.9%
T≥24	0	0.0%

Cooling Season (1st-04 to 30th-09)		30th-09)	
Range	Nº of Hours Frequency		
T≤23	0	0.00%	
23≤T≤26	1050	90.21%	
T≥26	114	9.79%	

Energy performance indicators

- 1. Energy needs for heating: **0.7** [kWh/m²/year]
- 2. Energy needs for cooling: **13.0** [kWh/m²/year]
- 3. Energy use for lighting: **22.7** [kWh/m²/year]
- 4. Energy needs for Sanitary Hot water: 9.5 [kWh/m²/year]
- 5. Total Primary energy use: 193.4 [kWh/m²/year]
- 6. Renewable Primary energy generated on-site: 8.1 [kWh/m²/year]
- 7. Renewable Primary energy generated on-site and self-consumed: **7.6** [kWh/m²/year]
- 8. Renewable Primary energy exported to the grid: **0.5** [kWh/m²/year]



	9. Ratio of renewable primary energy over the total primary energy use (with and without compensation): 4.2 (%)
	10. Delivered energy: 34.5 [kWh/m²/year] (from electricity bills)
Acoustic comfort	Airborne sound insulation
indicators	2. Equivalent continuous sound Level
	3. HVAC noise level
	4. Reverberation time
	5. Masking/barriers
Visual comfort	1. Light level (illuminance): 500 [lux]
indicators	2. Useful Daylight Illuminance (UDI)
	3. Glare control
	4. Quality view
	5. Zoning control
Indoor Air Quality	1. Organic compound
indicators	2. VOCs
	3. Inorganic gases
	4. Particulates (filtration)
	5. Minimum outdoor air provision
	6. Moisture (humidity, leaks)
	7. Hazard material
Users' feedback	-

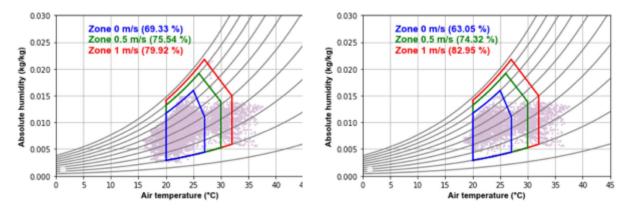


Figure 25 : Givoni bioclimatic chart – distribution of hourly mean air temperature: (a) for the whole year and (b) for the summer period.

LESSONS LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
Lessons learned	The stack driven natural ventilation (NV) system is very effective and self-regulating. This system can meet the airflow rate goals during the spring and winter periods. If possible, this sort of NV system should have easily accessible manual control.
Recommendations	User training is essential and may need to be periodic (every 3 to 4years). In this school, the current users were convinced that the chimneys were poorly designed skylights.



BUILDING STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Strengths





Passive Design

Energy Efficiency

Weaknesses

The main problem of this NV system occurs during the hottest days of summer, when it is necessary to promote the interior air renewal (to maintain acceptable CO2 concentration, below the limit of 1625ppm for hybrid/passive buildings) but the outdoor air is much warmer than indoor air, which makes the use of natural ventilation prohibitive. In these cases, the users will determine what comfort parameter is more relevant to his comfort and to define if the openings should be maintained closed or be opened.

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