

case study



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The kindergarten offers 12 classrooms and consists of three single-storey buildings. Each part is independent and connected by means of a common corridor. As the classrooms are south-facing, they are perfectly lit with natural light. Thanks to large glazed areas, kids have a view of the surrounding area and even the Alps are visible in the distance in good weather. In turn, the play of light penetrating through windows stands behind sensory stimuli. Even significant solar radiation in summer seasons allows to create excellent conditions in the building. Pergolas that cover 12 classrooms develop pleasant and shaded spaces.

The kindergarten in Carignano is an unconventional facility with nearly zero energy consumption ('Near Zero Energy Building'). It features high energy efficiency performance and low operating costs. Through the use of wood and thick layers of heat-insulating materials as well as properly installed energy-efficient windows and doors, a building in winter can be heated using only 1.5 litres of fossil fuels per 1 m².

The process of the roof construction was carried out in a special way. The main technological elements (eg photovoltaic modules, solar collectors) and roof windows are installed on the roof. The application of roof windows and flat roof windows ensures access to natural light and fresh air that goes well with the energy strategy of the project.

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Silvio Riscaldino, site manager at Gandelli Legnami Srl commented: "The original project assumed a mixed building made of wood and steel. The company that won the tender proposed constructing a kindergarten using a prefabricated X-lam structure made of solid wood. This solution is compliant with all parameters provided for in the project such as energy performance (energy class A+) and thermal conditions. The selection of components was preceded by market research, but in the case of roof windows there was no issue with choosing the manufacturer. Most of our orders deal with wooden roof windows, while FAKRO is a well-known and valued company for both the quality of products and their high standards of workmanship. Windows were installed by technicians trained by FAKRO".



INFORMATION

Building	Kindergarten
Place	Carignano, Turin
Architect	Archiloco studio associato
Prefabricated production and assembly of wood	Gandelli Legnami Srl
Detailed design, wooden structures	Studio di Ingegneria Loris Borean
Used FAKRO products	Electrically operated flat roof windows: DEC-C P2 Electrically operated roof windows: FTU Z-Wave U5