# Is a green roof for our school cowshed economically profitable?

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#### Aim of our UNESCO project

- The aim that has guided our group to realize this project is the will to find an interesting connection between the economic profitability of a green roof and our school cowshed.
- Furthermore we would like to compare the cost of an intensive and an extensive green roof to understand which type of system is the most economically profitable.





### What about a green roof?

A green roof is a roof of a building that is partially or completely covered with vegetation and a growing medium, planted over a membrane.

It involves, at a minimum, a high quality water-proofing system, root repellent system, drainage system, filter cloth, a lightweight growing medium and plants.

• There are two main types of green roof: **extensive** and **intensive** green roof.







### Extensive green roof

- It is more often used for single family and multi-family residential buildings.
- People walk on them mainly for maintenance. These green roofs also fit outbuildings such as sheds and garages very well.
- Extensive green roofs are the simplest to install and are very often added to existing roofs.



Extensive green roof



### Intensive green roof

- It is widely used on commercial buildings where owners want to have large green areas that incorporate all sizes and types of plants.
- These roofs will have grasses, ground covers, flowers, shrubs and even trees. They will often include paths and walkways to provide space where people can interact with the natural surroundings.





### How much may a green roof cost?

Depth of growing medium

Use of irrigation

Costs of a green roof

Types of plant

Size of installation





### What about the costs of realization and maintenance?

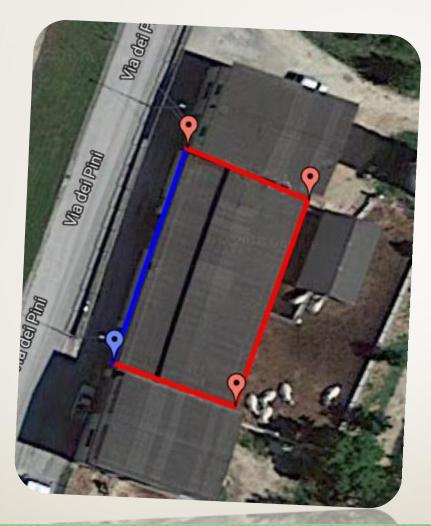


### Costs of realization of an extensive green roof

Code	Description	U. M	Price
27.07.001*	Installation for roofs over 200 m <sup>2</sup>	m²	52,29€
27.07.001*	Static irrigation for roofs over 200 m <sup>2</sup>	m²	6,94€
27.07.002*	Extensive vegetation with sedum or other perennial herbaceous plants	m²	72,11€
		m²	131,34€

Source: www.norme.marche.it





344.0 m2 / 0.03440 hectares / 0.0003440 km2 / 3702 ft2 / 0.08499 acres / 0.0001328 mile2

Square metres of our school cowshed







### Maintenance of an extensive green roof

Irrigation (priority in the initial phase)

Distribution of slow-release organic fertilizer

Elimination of weeds

Control of the thickness of the substrate

Replacing plants









Maintenance of a green roof



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27.07.005*	Intensive vegetation with a 20 cm substrate (it may vary from 20 to 50 cm)	m²	128,05€
		m²	187,28 €

Source: www.norme.marche.it



### Maintenance of an intensive green roof

**Pruning** 

Treatments with pesticides

Mowing the lawns

Control of the irrigation system Elimination of anchoring devices for shrubs







### Conclusion



### Is a green roof for our school cowshed economically profitable?

- According to the UNESCO project made by the group of Isaia, the
  extensive green roof is better than the intensive system for our
  school cowshed. But this analysis has been made over the
  advantages of green roofs.
- Instead of considering different functions, our group has created a project over the costs of realization of a green roof for our school cowshed in order to verify the economical profitability of this system.



#### Costs of realization

 We think that a green roof for our school cowshed could be considered as suitable, not only for some reasons related to the advantages, but also for the economical profitability (also due to tax deduction).

 According to an analysis of advantages and costs, we can affirm that the extensive system is more economically profitable than the other type of green roof. But why?

Types of substrate

Types of vegetation







#### Maintenance of green roofs

An extensive green roof is planted with sedum and various species of **succulent** and **xerophile plants**, which can tolerate drought.

These plants are so spartan that they do not require particular care but just a couple of visits a year to fertilize and remove any kind of weeds.



#### Green roofs and taxes?

Green roofs Green bonus Less taxes

The Green Bonus allows to deduct **36 % of the expenses** -on a maximum spending limit of 5,000 euros - from IRPEF.



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