

Building materials and experience of indoor environments

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Identify opportunities and limitations for the use of wood in interiors, and to assess and enhance the beneficial effects of wood on human well-being.

Focus group analysis

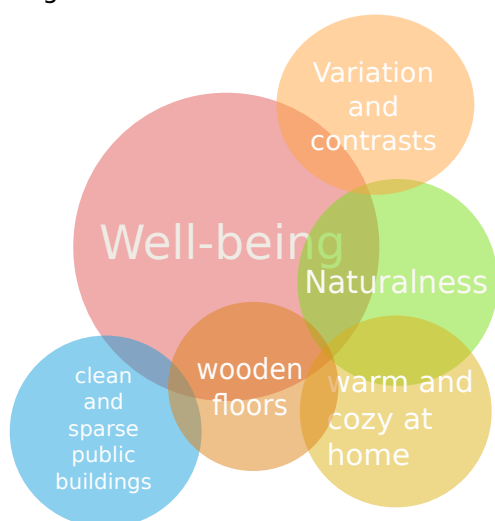
Country	Focus group composition	# Groups	# Participants
Norway, Sweden	Students	2	16
Finland,	Mixed Group, students and architects	1	8
Norway, Austria	Building professionals	2	12
Mozambique	NA	1	7
Austria	Mixed	1	6
Total		7	49

Perceptions of well-being

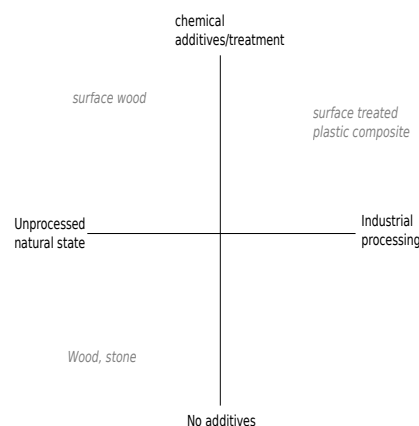
People feel comfortable in functional, sparse and clean public buildings.

However, they do not feel comfortable with the same style at home.

At home they prefer warm materials, e.g. wooden floors



Naturalness of building materials



Wood materials: Expectations

Wood should be warm and durable.

It is perceived as requiring a lot of maintenance compared to other materials.

Maintenance of wood can be an experience, which can give a feeling of accomplishment.

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