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Green Roofs in Lithuania: Private Country House



A good practice which comes from Lithuania, presents an example of how a green roof can be applied to a private property by using a small-scale private funding. The chosen example is a small country house used for recreation purpose.

The idea to install a green roof came from Norway where V. Čimelius, the owner of the house, worked for several years.

There are not many ordinary houses with such a covering in Norway, but the roofs of wooden summer houses there are often covered with plants. The Scandinavians do not care about how the grass on the roof will look. It grows naturally – no one mows it or maintains it – the natural look is the most beautiful. Based on this concept, he designed his own roof.

The grass on the roof is the same as the lawn outside the house. It came straight from the ground. Almost the only maintenance of the house is watering which is performed time to time during the summer season.

T. Čimelius has established his own company which installs green roofs. He spreads the word among citizens about the benefits of green roofs and encourages people to think green and act sustainable. The man believes that government building regulations should encourage the installation of such roofs. Like in many European countries: building a house in a green area requires preserving or restoring the same ecosystem. One of the solutions is to move the ecosystem onto the roof.

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