# **Straw Bale Building**

#### The French touch

#### **The National association**



## RÉSEAU FRANÇAIS DE LA CONSTRUCTION PAILLE

## What is happening down there ?

- 400 members (220 professionals) 1 yearly national and regional gathering
- Over 600 projects every year
- 2 permanent workers
- Technical guidelines to use straw as an insulant
  - published in 2012
  - Revised and enhanced twice (2014 / 2017)
- More than 1200 people professional trained since 2016
- Regionalisation
  - 6 regional representative association
- Lots of volunteers (but not enough)



## Flat out !





### What's next?



- More testing
- Work on loadbearing straw
  - Small technical group
  - $\circ$  PhD
  - Rules on loadbearing straw?



