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### ASSESSING LIFE CYCLE RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS CAUSED BY BUILDINGS

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Investment decisions for buildings made today largely determine their environmental impacts over many future decades due to their long lifetimes. Furthermore, such decisions involve a trade-off between additional investments today and potential savings during use and at end of life - in terms of economic costs, primary energy demand, greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts. Since the economic system does not fully account for external environmental effects, environmental resources are used inefficiently. Life cycle assessment (LCA) is suited to complement economic information on buildings with information on their environmental impacts. LCA helps to take measures and action to increase the resource efficiency of buildings and construction.

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# Assessing Life Cycle Related



#### Environmental Impacts Caused by Buildings



### **Global Carbon Budget**







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# Technology and innovation pathways for zerocarbon-ready buildings by 2030

A strategic vision from the IEA Technology Collaboration Programmes

Austrian IEA TCP Day, "Mission Net Zero"- Vienna, 27th September 2022

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### Operational Energy Related CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions of Buildings





### Assessing Operational and Embodied Emissions – Current Trends

All buildings (Residential and Office) Office buildings Residential buildings Embodied and operational GHG emissions, average [kgCO2eq/m²a] 100 embodied GHG emissions [%] 75 50 of Share 52 0 (17) (87) (43)(n=67) (111)(60) (11) (24) (56)New New New New New Existing New Existing Existing Standard Standard Standard Standard Advanced Standard Advanced Standard Advanced

 There is a downward trend in operational emissions relating to an improved energy performance and increasing use of renewable energy.

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- The relative and absolute values of embodied impacts (here embodied GHG emissions) increase.
- The consideration of the entire life cycle, the limitation of the upfront/initial emissions, as well as the development of overall goals and guidance values for operational and embodied GHG emissions are necessary.

Martin Röck, Marcella Ruschi Mendes Saade, Maria Balouktsi, Freja Nygaard Rasmussen, Harpa Birgisdottir, Rolf Frischknecht, Guillaume Habert, Thomas Lützkendorf, Alexander Passer, 2019







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#### Current Discussion on International Level







IPCC - Climate Change 2022 - Mitigation of Climate Change (AR6 WG3): https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg3/

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9.4.2.2 Embodied emissions

2 Embodied emissions from production of materials are an important component of building sector emissions, and their share is likely to increase as emissions from building energy demand decrease 3 4 (Röck et al. 2020). Embodied emissions trajectories can be lowered by limiting the amount of new floor 5 area required (Berrill and Hertwich 2021; Fishman et al. 2021), and reducing the quantity and GHG 6 intensity of materials through material efficiency measures such as lightweighting and improved 7 building design, material substitution to lower-carbon alternatives, higher fabrication yields and scrap 8 recovery during material production, and re-use or lifetime extension of building components (Allwood 9 et al. 2011; Pamenter and Myers 2021; Churkina et al. 2020; Heeren et al. 2015b; Pauliuk et al. 2021; 10 Hertwich et al. 2019). Reducing the GHG intensity of energy supply to material production activities 11 also has a large influence on reducing overall embodied emissions. Figure 9.10 shows projections of 12 embodied emissions to 2050 from residential buildings in a baseline scenario (SSP2 Baseline) and a scenario incorporating multiple material efficiency measures and a much faster decarbonization of 13 energy supply (LED and 2°C policy) (Pauliuk et al. 2021). Embodied emissions are projected to be 32% 14 15 lower in 2050 than 2020 in a baseline scenario, primarily due to a lower growth rate of building floor 16 area per population. This is because the global population growth rate slows over the coming decades, 17 leading to less demand for new floor area relative to total population. Further baseline reductions in 18 embodied emissions between 2020 and 2050 derive from improvements in material production and a gradual decline in GHG intensity of energy supply. In a LED + 2°C policy scenario, 2050 embodied 19 20 emissions are 86% lower than the Baseline. This reduction of 2050 emissions comes from contributions 21 of comparable magnitude from three sources; slower floor area growth leading to less floor area of new 22 construction per capita (sufficiency), reductions in the mass of materials required for each unit of newly 23 built floor area (material efficiency), and reduction in the GHG intensity of material production, from 24 material substitution to lower carbon materials, and faster transition of energy supply.

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# How does a net-zero GHG emissions building looks like?



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# Subtask 1: ExLife Cycle Model for Buildings ANNEX 72



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Adapted from EN 15643 and current draft of EN 15978-1

#### **Embodied impacts**

- Upfront
- Recurring
- EoL

#### **Operational impacts**

- Regulated
- Unregulated
- User related
- Non-energy related

#### **Additional information**

- Recycling potential
- Potentially avoided impacts from exported energy



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#### Subtask 1:

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#### How to reach net zero GHG emission buildings



### Subtask 1: Absolute versus Net Zero

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Lützkendorf, T. and Frischknecht, R., 2020. (Net-) zero-

emission buildings: a typology of terms and definitions.

Buildings and Cities, 1(1), pp.662-675. DOI:

http://doi.org/10.5334/bc.66 17

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#### Options to define and achieve (net) zero GHG emission buildings

Net Zero Emission Approaches						Zero emission
Net balance (Aa)	Net balance (Ab)	Technical reduction (Ba)	Technical reduction (Bb)	Technical removal (Ca)	Technical removal (Cb)	Absolute Zero
potentially avoided emissions	allocation	indirect	direct	potentially reversible	stable	-
Accounting for the potential benefits caused by exported energy produced on-site	Attributes the pro rata share of GHG emissions caused by on- site energy production to the exported energy	Investment in projects, which lead to potential CO <sub>2</sub> / GHG emission reductions elsewhere such as investments in solar or wind power plants*	Investment in CO <sub>2</sub> /GHG emission reduction projects such as CCS equipment in coal power plants*	Investment in projects, which remove CO <sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, but with potential reversibility, such as biological fixation*	Investment in projects, which remove CO <sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere, such as BECCS or DACCS*	Use of construction materials/operati onal energy with zero GHG emissions (including supply chain emissions)

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#### Subtask 1: Methodology

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#### Subtask 1: Österr. Beitrag LCA Survey

- Survey (D-A-CH und Worldwide)
- Online survey launched in 23 countries
- Number of respondents: 1166
   (Europe: 956)
- Survey period: 2018/2019
  - What is the current state of knowledge and practical application of the LCAmethod among designers?
  - > What are the **barriers**?
  - What can be recommended for action?

D-A-CH Region of Western Europe 3 Eastern Europe North Europe 25 Rest fo Western Europe Southern Europe Asia 20 Other Global Average 16% 15 10 5 Lack of in-house Too time-consuming Too costly Clients do not ask/ Lack of environmental Lack of Information Lack of training Lack of (external) Other pay for it regulations/ political incentives expertis Data LCA professionals opportunities BEYOND2020 NOV 2-4 WORLD SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT ONLINE CONFERENCE

> Balouktsi, M., Lützkendorf, T., Röck, M., Passer, A., Reisinger, T., Frischknecht, R., 2020. Survey results on acceptance and use of Life Cycle Assessment among designers in world regions: IEA EBC Annex 72. IOP Conf. Ser. Earth Environ. Sci. 588, 032023. https://doi.org/10.1088/1755-1315/588/3/032023

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#### Subtask 1: Österr. Beitrag Biogenic Carbon





80th LCA Forum - Biogenic carbon and climate change mitigation: silver bullet or flash in the pan?



https://video.ethz.ch/events/lca/2022/spring/80th.html



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#### Subtask 2: Design Tools Lead AT: Alexander Passer



#### What can be found in the report and background reports?

- The definition of the **design steps**, the definition of the **tasks** in each design step and an overview of the relevant **milestones** for performing LCA;
- An overview of the systematic **building decomposition** methods and the appropriate levels at each design step;
- An overview of the **tools** that can be used for LCA and a **selection process** for choosing the right LCA tool;
- Strategies on how to reduce the **design-related uncertainties**;
- An overview of the **visualisation** of the LCA results and which are appropriate in the selected design steps.

The purpose is to provide support to the design decisions-makers during the design process with the design decision table

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#### Subtask 2: Integration into Design Process ANNEX 72 EBC **Definition if the Design Steps**

Early design **Detailed design** Management Design Preliminary Concept Developed Technical Manufacturing Handover Operation End of use. Strategic definition studies Design Design and Design and and re-cycling step definition Construction management commissioning (Pre)-Fabrication Core Requirements & Feasibility studies, Concept. Elaboration of Detailed As-built Facilities Manage Decommissioning Objectives call for design sketches, design, technical design of construction documentation, ment and Asset of the building, review of competition building permit products, hand over, Management, deconstruction, competition procurement of Evaluation and project risks & design application construction Construction and commissioning reuse and Iternatives, upervision and testing mprovement of works recycling site appraisal. building perforclients brief Milestones 222 LOD

- The stakeholders involved into the planning process should be aware what decisions should be made in which design step.

- The design steps are following RIBA's recommendations.





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Systematic Building Decomposition

In principle, an assessment method must be applicable across every design step. Therefore, it is important to disaggregate the building according to:

- existing granularity of the building model
- availability of appropriate data (generic/average versus specific)



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 Soust-Verdaguer, B., et al., 2023. Using systematic building decomposition for implementing LCA: The results of a comparative analysis as part of IEA EBC Annex 72. J. Clean. Prod. 384, 135422. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2022.135422 23

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# Subtask 2: Choosing the Right Tool

**Selection Procedure for Tools** 

A selection process was developed to choose the most appropriate tool for each design step.

The criteria that was observed:

- usability,
- functionality,
- interoperability and
- compliance of currently available
   LCA tools



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Procedure for tools' identification from toolset, Di Bari et al. 2022

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# Subtask 2: Handling of Uncertainties

#### Typology of sources

Uncertainties in relation to

- LCA-method in use
- Data quality .
- **Design variability**

Further research is needed to capture, assess and communicate the degree of uncertainty of an assessment result.

Decreasing uncertainty related to design variability Decreasing uncertainty related to LCA (not influenced by designer) (influenced by designer) 70 41 60 50 'm2GFA/y 40 30 8 b∳ 20 10 Overall resulting final uncertainty Ψ. Region/sector-specific LOD 400 foreground data + cut-Country-specific Structural system defined off + dynamic modelling foregroung data + cut-off +2 envelope options + + dynamic vs static energy provision set (LOD modelling Structural system defined Average European 300) + diff. envelope options + foregroung data + diff. 2 options for energy allocation criteria + provision (LOD 200) dynamic vs static modelling = Federal Ministry Source: A72 report by Passer et al. (ST2) FFG Republic of Austria **IEA Research Cooperation** 



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#### Subtask 2: Handling of Uncertainties Two Possible Approaches for the Design Process



Two different strategies are proposed how to reduce the unceratinties during the design process:

- **Project development strategy** (reduce the uncertainty by the evolution of the available data
- **Optimization strategy** (identification of the most important materials/components and their optimization in the beginning of the design)

Strategy 1: Project development strategy							
1	/	Definition of the element groups	Definition of the elements (main element material defined) + Definition of the sub-elements uncertainties reported according to the granularity of the data	Definition of the materials as planned-uncertainties reported according to the granularity of the data	Definition of materials as build-uncertainties reduced to the minimum	Definition of materials as build-uncertainties reported reduced to the minimum	Definition of the RSL of materialsuncertainties connected to the RSL scenario
Strategy 2: Optimization /	Identification of the most important	Optimization Identifikation of the most important parameters	Optimization of the parameters/elements that were defined as the most relevant	Optimization of the parameters/elements that were defined as the most relevant	No uncertainties reported	No uncertainties reported	No uncertainties reported
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# Subtask 2: Visualization of the Results

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Selection Procedure of different Visualization Types

A selection process was developed to choose the most appropriate visualization type for the results

A distinction was made based on the LCA goals set for the project

- Hotspots
- Comparison
- Correlation, uncertainty and sensitivity
- Benchmarking
- Spatial distribution
- Temporal distribution



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Review of visualising LCA results in the design process of buildings Hollberg A., et al.. (2021) Review of visualising LCA results in the design process of buildings. In: Building and Environment, 190, 107530, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.buildenv.2020.107530. 27

# Subtask 2: Main Results

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Early design **Detailed design** Management The Design Decision Table - Part 1 Design step definition Core Objectives **Design steps:** Milestones LOD **Objectives** Important Clarify the need for the Optimize the design of Build less ions of the stakeholders based on awareness about the envir to consider for reducing the environmental impacts shape design to reduc the energy demands the building systems, especially structure and the building services, finishings (and the re of the building syster **Milestones** building Reduce area built where possible Important considerations Integration of passive and bioclimatic design strategies in the design of the building **envelop** Integration of passive and bioclimatic design Is a new building needed? Reduction or optimization Can I reduce or optimize the embodied and operational building impacts: Can the materials to be demolished be reused/ of the built area to strategies in the desig of the building volume recycled/upcycled/ downcycled? Can an existing building be the minimum ransforr nstead? **Stakeholders** Information needed Can I reduce or optimize Which materials and construction systems enable to minimize the material quantities in the building? transports. waste generation, construction and Purpose of the LCA operational/use Who are the most important stakeholders Key role at the stage Designers (architect and engineer) Client Sustainability assessmen and certification expert BIM manager Contractor Designers (architect and engi Client BIM manager Commissioning management syst Designers (architect and eng Client Contractror Designers (architect and Designers (architect and engin Designers (architect a Designers (architect and engir (architect and engineer) (architect and engin Client Sustainability assessme and certification experi BIM manager (architect and engineer) Client Sustainability assessmen and certification expert BIM manager Client Sustainability assessmen and certification expert BIM manager Client Sustainability assess and certification expo Contracto Contractor Information needed for conducting the LCA Definition of the building program with general area Definition of the Definition of the building elements to be included in the building main building elements (material quantities and BIM model verified) what if scenario tities and BIM model ver assessment compariso Purpose of LCA Identify the baseline scenario Improve the design of the building volume Compare different products and manufactures and Compare/determinate the potential of reuse educe the building's environmental impacts To optimize the volume/built surface ratio, To compare building design alternatives and recycling of the building especially in residential buildings macro components

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## Subtask 2: Main Results

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#### The Design Decision Table - Part 2

Design steps:

- Task of the design stages
- Decomposition levels to be used
- Tools (BIM)
- Uncertainties
- Visualization types to be used
- Purpose of the LCA

•	Task of the design stage	Setting and identifying the target impacts based on the building program, typology, country, etc.	Verify the surfaces and building geometry with the target estimated impacts. Re-define or adjust the design.	Verify the systems and buildi estimations with the target o Re-define or adjust the design	ng elements material r benchmarks impacts. n.	Verify the material estimations ( equipment, installations) with th impacts. Re-define or adjust the design.	including technical e traget or benchmarks	Labeling or certification of the building impacts befor/after construction, considering the real materials and process of the building.	Tracking the certified impacts values along the building life cycles in the maintenance, repair, refurbishment and substitution stages.	Identify potential re-use or valorization of the building elements and materials. Consider the building as a material bank to the next generations.
	Which level of decomposition to should be used? 22 Systematic building decomposition in LCA	Floor areas (with different functions)		Elements/Components		Materials Generic material data ★	Product specifi- material data			• • • • •
	How to reduce	Strategy 1: Project develop	ment strategy							
	the design related uncertainties?	/	/	Definition of the element groups	Definition of the elements (main element material defined) + Definition of the sub-elements uncertainties reported according to the granularity of the data	Definition of the materials as pla reported according to the granu	nned-uncertainties llarity of the data	Definition of materials as build-uncertainties reduced to the minimum	Definition of materials as build-uncertainties reported reduced to the minimum	Definition of the RSL of materialsuncertainties connected to the RSL scenario
	3 Uncertainties	Strategy 2: Optimization	Identification of the most important	Optimization Identifikation of the most important parameters	Optimization of the parameters/elements that were defined as the most relevant	Optimization of the parameters/ defined as the most relevant	/elements that were	No uncertainties reported	No uncertainties reported	No uncertainties reported
	How can BIM help/improve the LCA during the deign process?	Enables to obtain a systematic quantity take-off from the Enables to obtain a systematic compo BM model. Allows to atomatically update of the element extraction, the design is modified. Allows to atomatically update of the element extraction, the design is modified.		ic component quantity e of the component quantities dified.	Enables to obtain a systematic material quantity take-off from the BIM model. Allows to atomically update of the material extraction, if the design is modified.		ic material quantity take-off from the as built BIM model.			
		Allows to use the same BIM model for different purpose that can faciliate the LCA application during the design process, such as operational energy calculation, optimization, etc.			during the design process,	Allows to use the same BIM model for different purpose that can faciliate the LCA application during the detail design process, such as technical equipments and installations design, building management, etc. Additional design application design application during the detail design application during the detail design process. Such as technical equipments and installations design, building management, etc.			Allows to automatically update of the material extraction, if the design is modified during the use phase.	
						Allows to use the same BIM model for different that can facilitate the CA application during It can enable the data exchange with the digital permit, digital twins, etc.		nodel for different purpose olication during the furbishment, replacement), ge with the digital logbook, t, energy performance		
	What is the purpose of the visualization and which types	Purpose: Purpose: Identification of hotspots Comparison of design option			15			Purpose: Temporal distribution		
Ļ	should be used?	Comparison of design options Correlation, uncertainties and				I sensitivity analysis			Spatial distribution	

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#### Subtask 3: Case Studies

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## Subtask 3: Österr. Beitrag



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#### Case Studies: BE2226, China, Wood-Building & Inffeldgasse

#### LCA and BIM: Visualization of environmental potentials in building construction at early design stages

#### Abstract

#### Purpose/aim

This case study showcases an approach using Building Information Modeling (BIM) to assess a wide range of construction options and their embodied environmental impact.

#### Method

We use a conceptual BIM model to evaluate a variety of material compositions for different building elements and the potential contribution of elements to the total embodied impact of the building design.

#### Results

Applying the method to a case study we can see that it allows to quickly identify which element has the greatest potential for improvement at the building scale and where to focus during a conceptual design stage. **Conclusions** 

The BIM-integrated approach enables identification of design specific hotspots which can be visualized on the building model for communication of LCA results and visual design guidance.

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**Original publication:** Röck M, Hollberg A, Habert G, Passer A. LCA and BIM: Visualization of environmental potentials in building construction at early design stages. Build Environ 2018;140:153–61. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.buildenv.2018.05.006">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.buildenv.2018.05.006</a>

 Analysis and visualization of LCA results and improvement potential.

 Construction options<sup>1</sup>
 BIM model<sup>2</sup>
 LCA results

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Fig. 1: Schematic workflow showing the link of aggregated LCA data for multiple construction options

and BIM; Automated identification of element quantities and calculations of total embodied impact;



Aggregated LCA database for building elements, e.g. MS Excel

<sup>2</sup> BIM model, e.g. Autodesk Revit

<sup>3</sup> Custom script, e.g. Autodesk Dynamo

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countries listed (preliminary results).

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kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eg/m<sup>2</sup>a

**Figure 5.** Greenhouse gas emissions in kg  $CO_2$ -eq per m<sup>2</sup> and year of the reference

building "be2226" assessed according to the national/regional approaches of the

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#### DIGITALES BAUWERKS-MODELL

Veröffentlichte Dateitypen: Autodesk Revit 2020 IFC2X3-Koordinationsansicht

Materialien: ca. 50

IFC-Elementtypen: insgesamt ca. 9290



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# Inffeldgasse 13, PZ02, BIM Model





#### Subtask 4: LCA databases





## Deliverables Available Q2 2023 on:



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### **Official Deliverables (Reports)**



Nr.	Title
В	Report on Context-specific methods guidelines on the environmental life cycle assessment of
	buildings, including biogenic carbon assessment
С	Report on guidelines for designers on how to optimise the life cycle performance of buildings using
	design tools such as BIM
D	Report on national LCA databases used in the construction sector
E	Report on building case studies
F	Report on <b>environmental benchmarks</b> of buildings,
	including zero emission buildings
G	Report on how to establish an LCA database targeted to the construction sector
1	Optimisation case studies
J	Understanding the impact of individual, industry & political <b>decisions</b> on transitions <b>towards</b> environmental sustainability
	Annex 72 Summary Report



#### The Monte Verità Declaration



#### On a built environment within planetary boundaries

Signed by 40+ scientists from 25 countries worldwide (Europe, Asia, Americas, Oceania)

Introduce legally binding maximum target values for GHG-emissions of new constructions and of refurbishments by 2025 latest with a roadmap

to net zero by 2035.



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a built environment within planetary boundaries

Outcome of IEA EBC Annex 72

#### 0 Preamble

Buildings substantially contribute to and influence the quality of life. At the same time, they are one key element to help achieving several of the Sustainable Development Goals launched by UN Environment, in particular #11 Sustainable Cities and Communities, #12 Sustainable Consumption and Production and #13 Climate Action. A comprehensive Sustainable Consumption and Production and PTS Climate Action. A comprehensive assessment of buildings addresses the environmental, the social and the economic per-formance. The environmental dimension covers life cycle based impacts such as climate change caused by greenhouse gas emissions adout ple life cycle of buildings, impacts on the local environment and potential health risks e.g. due to indoor air quality. The declaration and its recommendations focuse on the life cycle based environmental The declaration and its recommendations locks of the line cycle based environmental impacts and resource consumption, the core topic of the experts and their research institutes co-operating in IEA EBC Annex 72. While this declaration has a special focus on greenhouse gas emissions, further environmental impacts including resource consumption are also addressed to avoid burden shifting.

- The experts co-operating in the IEA EBC Annex 72 "Assessing Life Cycle Related Environmental Impacts Caused by Buildings" acknowledge that
- mankind is responsible for the rapidly increasing global temperature which is causing severe human suffering and irreparable damages on fragile ecosystems.
   CO<sub>2</sub> emissions need to be urgently and drastically reduced and globally reach net zero well before 2050 to stay within the remaining global budget which increases the
- Well before 200 to study within the retraining global budget which intereases the likeliness that the global temperature increase stays below 1.5°C.<sup>1</sup> the emissions of all other greenhouse gases (GHG) need to be reduced similarly. I de planetary boundaries are exceeded with respect to pressure on biodiversity, nitrogen and phosphorous flows.
- freshwater is overused in several regions of the world.
   the concentration of aerosols (air quality) is far too high in many metropolitan areas and the concentration of aerosols (at quarity is fail too fing in many neopontal areas and aggiomerations of the world. Buildings put pressure on local and global natural resources buildings are causing about 40% of global Coc emissions, either directly, or indirectly via the energy and the construction materials sectors.
- buildings, building related infrastructures and their supply chains are one driver for land
- use and land use change and landscape fragmentation and subsequent biodiversity use on more set in the losses. airborne pollutants emitted by the construction material industries are contributing substantially to the impairment of outdoor air quality.

The emissions of other greenhouse gases addresses greenhouse one emissions line eed to be reduced to similarly low levels. That is why this = Federal Ministry

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#### **Dissemination Events**



- SBE BERLIN
  - Special session to present Annex 72 results
- Common methodology guidelines
- Methods for the development of and case studies for deriving empirical environmental benchmarks
- Guidelines how to use building design and planning tools
- Guidelines to establish national/regional databases and share national experiences



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### **Output - Publications**



#### **Conference Papers Published on Following Important Conferences**

- D-A-CH SBE 22 Sustainable Built Environment For a Built Environment Within Planetary Boundaries, 20-23 September 2022, Berlin, Germany
- CESB 22 Sustainable Built Environment Central Europe towards Sustainable Building, 4-6 July 2022, Prague, Czech Republic
- Pre COP 26 Climate Expo, 17-21 May 2021, Glasgow, UK
- WSBE 20 World Sustainable Built Environment Beyond2020 2-4 November 2020, Gothenburg, Sweden
- SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT D-A-CH CONFERENCE 2019 (SBE19 Graz) 11–14 September 2019, Graz, Austria
- Sixth International Symposium on Life-Cycle Civil Engineering, Ghent, Belgium, October 2018



# Output - Publications

**Most cited Paper** 





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#### All the reports and background reports and the Design decision table will be available from spring 2023

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