

From Research to a National Standard: SBTool and Protocollo ITACA

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Green Building: a driver for new job opportunities

Environmentally Compatible Jobs project - 1999

Public administrations can generate a demand for green buildings through incentives, subsidies, performance requirements in building codes, public tenders, urban plans.

The increased demand for green building creates new job opportunities for the actors of the building sector (professionals, construction companies, workers).

Partners: City of Torino, Regione Piemonte and ATC Torino



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Need for a building assessment system to improve public policies

An assessment systems provides:

- The possibility to set reliable, measurable and verifiable performance targets for buildings, based on quantitative and objective indicators;
- A reference common framework for stakeholders;
- A clear definition of what is considered a green building.



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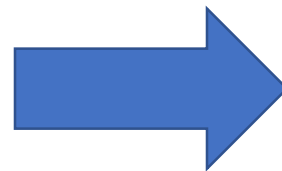


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CLEAR
RELIABLE
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VERIFIABLE

OBJECTIVES



POLICIES
REGULATIONS
INCENTIVES
GREEN PUBLIC
PROCUREMENT
URBAN PLANS
AUTHORIZATIONS

IT WAS CLEAR THE NEED TO SET UP A NEW NATIONAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TO SUPPORT PUBLIC POLICIES PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE BUILDING IN ITALY.

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS WERE NOT SUITABLE BECAUSE IT WASN'T POSSIBLE TO CONTEXTUALIZE THEM TO LOCAL CONDITIONS, PRIORITIES, UNIT OF MEASURES, STANDARDS, ETC..



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Green Building Challenge



An international research process to define a common generic framework for building assessment.

Launched in 1996

Initially supported by NRC Canada and since 2000 coordinated by iiSBE



Managed by the IFC – International Framework Committee



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Harmonization of assessments

- To understand each other talking the same language
- Common understanding about key sustainable built environment issues
- Measurement of the progress towards common sustainability objectives
- Best practice transferring
- Easier to learn from each other
- Facilitated transnational activities and processes



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Germany		USA	DOE
Greece	University of Thessaloniki	Wales	University of Cardiff
Hong Kong	University of Hong Kong	IFC 2002	



The Philip Merrill Environmental Center

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Annapolis, Maryland

- Building function type: Commercial office building
- Location: Annapolis, Maryland
- Completed: 2000
- Owner: Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- www.savethebay.cbf.org
- Designers/architects: Smith Group
- Site area: 127,475 m²
- Gross floor area, m² (32,000 ft²) = 2,970 m²
- Typical building population: 100 people (100,000 members and volunteers visit)

U.S. Team GREEN BUILDING CHALLENGE 2002

Description:

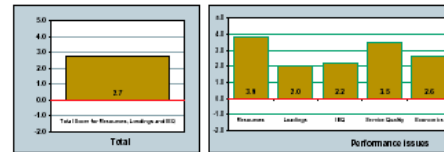
A unique holistic design process produced the Chesapeake Foundation's new building. This award-winning, 35,000 ft² building serves as a global model of energy conservation and sustainable building techniques. The Center's primary purpose is to "save the bay" through resource conservation and protection, environmental education, and education, and this principle was extended to their new headquarters building, which uses two thirds less energy than a typical office building of the same size.

Energy efficiency features include natural ventilation, which takes advantage of the bay's breezes to cool the building without relying completely on air conditioning. When sensors determine that the outdoor climate is suitable, the mechanical system shuts down, motor-operated windows open, and "openwindow" signs signal employees to open their windows. Active solar features produce a portion of the building's electricity using solar-electric panels. Solar water heating reduces electricity demand.

Fluidized composting toilets reduce nutrient pollution from human waste and roofing systems capture rainwater for hand washing and fire suppression. Smart parking design reduces the amount of parking spaces by 40% and encourages carpooling.

Under the parking lot, water runs through a series of gravel layers and is collected in a series of cisterns and is used for irrigation.

Selected Environmental Sustainability Indicators for the Design	per sq ft only
ESI-1 Total net consumption of primary embodied energy, GJ	3.2
ESI-2 Net annual consumption of primary embodied energy, MJ	65
ESI-3 Net annual consumption of primary energy for building operations, MJ	190
ESI-4 Net annual consumption of primary non-renewable energy for building operations, MJ	184
ESI-5 Net annualized primary embodied energy and annual operating primary energy, MJ	600
ESI-6 Net area of land consumed for building and related works, m ²	2.6
ESI-7 Net annual consumption of potable water for building operations, m ³	1
ESI-8 Predictions of grey water and sewerage for building operations, m ³	8
ESI-9 Net annual GHG emissions from building operations, kg CO ₂ equivalent	98
ESI-10 Predicted CFC-11 equivalent leakage per year in kg	0.002140
ESI-11 Total weight of materials removed in design from site or off-site area, kg	720
ESI-12 Total weight of new materials on-site through the life-cycle, kg	851



Note: Score level in the bar charts indicates the best available performance target that is reported by a minimum five-star building.

CENTRE DE LOISIRS ROUGET DE LISLE - NANTERRE Leisure Center in Nanterre

Owner: Ville de Nanterre
 Architect: Atelier d'Architecture Philippe Madec
 Energy design: INGEROP
 Environmental expert: TRIBU

Annual operating final energy consumption: 103 kWh/m² year
 Annual consumption of potable water: 44 m³/j (including collected rain water)

Integration into the local environment

- Compromise between the hard constraints of the site (south façade close to railway) and a good comfort level for users (visual, acoustics...)
- Priority to pedestrian paths

Structure, products and materials

- Choice of durable, and easy-to-repair and easy-to-clean materials
- Choice of materials with low impact on human health

Energy consumption

- Ventilation system with heat recovery
- Low NOx emissions gas boilers
- Building Energy Management System (in accordance with the outside temperature and the occupation)

Indoor environment

- Good quality of daylighting by large use of glazed façades and light well
- Ventilation system permitting accelerated flows during non-heating periods

Environmental management

- Involvement of the maintenance staff in the studies and choices concerning vegetal species, floor coverings, systems and equipments (including BEMS)

Consulad Headquarters Building, Santiago, Chile



Function: Office building
 Owner: Isapre Consulad
 Architects: "May & Solar Arquitectos Asociados", Santiago
 Giancarlo del Aquila & Mario Vozzato, Ass. Architects, Italy
 Energy Design: Prof. Arch. Mario Grosso - Dr. Ing. Paolo Diaro
 Depart. Of Environmental Sciences and Technology
 Politecnico di Torino, Italy
 HVAC: "Gormaz & Zenteno Limited", Santiago

Completed: February 2001
 Site Area: 23,255 m²
 Built-up Area: 4,271 m²
 Gross Floor Area: 20,567 m²
 Basement / Above Grade Floors: 2 / 4
 Typical Building Population: 386 people
 Typical Hours of Occupancy: Mon - Fri: 07:30 a.m. - 19:30 p.m.

1. Technical Information

ISAPRE CONSULAD is a health insurance and services company that belongs to the Chilean Chamber of Construction. They required a new headquarters to project their own corporate image and that, in addition to their offices, the building should support and recreational facilities. To achieve these objectives they moved from their former central densely built location to a more open area; the chosen site has 2.5 ha, located out of downtown, on the beltway that surrounds Santiago. Another objective was a building with lower operational costs, with a geo-climatic design.

Green Building Challenge 2002 <http://ilsb.org>



Layout plan

LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS

Indicator	Value	Unit
Embodied energy, MJ	65	per m ²
Energy for building operations, MJ	190	per m ² per year
Net annualized energy for building operations, MJ	184	per m ² per year
Net annual consumption of primary energy, MJ	379	per m ² per year
Net annual consumption of primary non-renewable energy, MJ	374	per m ² per year
Net annualized primary embodied energy and annual operating primary energy, MJ	600	per m ² per year
Net area of land consumed for building and related works, m ²	2.6	per m ²
Net annual consumption of potable water for building operations, m ³	1	per m ² per year
Predictions of grey water and sewerage for building operations, m ³	8	per m ² per year
Net annual GHG emissions from building operations, kg CO ₂ equivalent	98	per m ² per year
Predicted CFC-11 equivalent leakage per year in kg	0.002140	per m ² per year
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Telecommunication and telematic university school in Baix de Llobregat, SPAIN

OVERVIEW

Owner: Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
 Location: Baix de Llobregat
 Architects: Josep Sureda / Agustí Mateos
 Collaboration: Manuel Argilo / Oriol Guàrdia
 Clients of work: Josep Mateos
 Engineers: C.O.T. Uus / Duat, S.L.
 Main contractor: NEDSO, S.A.
 Year of completion: 2001
 Gross Floor Area: 11275 m²
 Construction cost: 10,700,000 €



DESCRIPTION

Programatic needs, bringing about... and its location in the site, sums... allow thematic diversities... factors connected with the total tertiary water supply system... the tanks. The water tanks supplies... water cells, installed in southern... the walls. These produce hot water... from the heating system... rooftop pools under flooring. The... is equipped to the base and of floor... microclimate in the kitchen's rooms,... walls in the roof... condition. The site was... No significant vegetation... the small earth movement... d within site limits... a Gomes & Maristela Silva... Ivana Bianchi & Paula Barata



THE LIVING EXPERIENCE OF HONG KONG

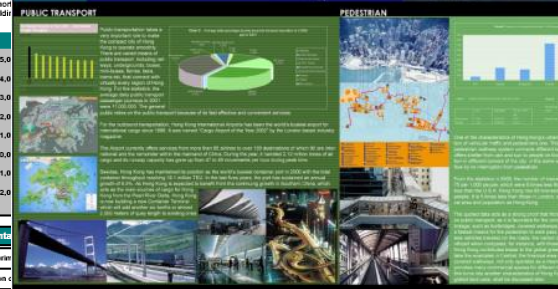
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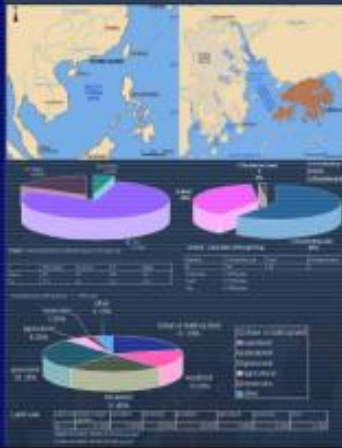
Hong Kong, "Pearl of the Orient", lies on the eastern margin of the Pearl River. The region comprises the peninsula of Kowloon and the New Territories, with a coastline 245 km long, and is made up of 223 islets and islands, of which the largest is Lantau Island and the second largest is Hong Kong Island. The peninsula is rugged, with several high peaks, which include the two main peaks, Lantau Peak (957m) and Sunner Peak (935m). There are only comparatively limited areas of low land.

The total area of the region is 2,841 km², of which comprises 1,278 km² of land area. This represents about 40% of the total area and only 1% of which is reclaimed land. At the beginning, 40% area (1,133 km²) is covered by sea.

According to the land area statistics 2000, within the land area, there are only 2% (57 km²) used for urban and built-up purposes, as other lands are essentially either forest, grassland, or agricultural uses.

It is interesting to point out that Hong Kong, besides having the image of being an international metropolis, has plenty of green land to grow its own fruits, "veg". There are 251 country parks, which covered over 400 km² that means 40% of land in Hong Kong is covered by greenery. Comparing with other cities, less than one-third of total land population living there, tourists usually enjoy the parks when they are traveling to Hong Kong.

POPULATION



PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Public transportation takes a very important role to make the citizens life in Hong Kong to operate smoothly. There are several modes of public transport including airways, underground, train, bus, etc. The covered area actually every night in Hong Kong. For the statistics, the average time people spend on public transport in 2001 was 11,250,000. The general public relies on the public transport because of its fast efficient and convenient services.

For the historical perspective, "Hong Kong International Airport" has been the world's busiest airport for international flights since 1998. It was named "Cargat" airport of the Year 2000" by the American Business Magazine.

The Airport currently offers services from more than 60 airports to over 130 destinations of which 60 are international and the remainder will be the mainland of China. During the year, it handled 2.12 million tons of air cargo and 36,000 passengers. It is given an A1 in 45 international and local flying points list.

Secondly, Hong Kong has maintained its position as the world's busiest company port in 2000 with the total container throughput reaching 18.2 million TEU in the year. In the year, the port has maintained an average growth of 6.2%. As Hong Kong is expected to benefit from the continuing growth in Southeast Asia, what will be the main sources of cargo for Hong Kong from the Asian Region. Clearly, Hong Kong is still building a new container terminal. Terminal 4 will add another 400,000 TEU capacity and 1,000,000 TEU capacity. It is expected to be completed by 2005.

PEDESTRIAN



One of the characteristics of Hong Kong is urban planning and the size of urban traffic and pedestrian flow. The pedestrian traffic volume, walking routes, pedestrian crossings, sidewalks and so on are all well planned and can be people so fast to reach their destination. The pedestrian traffic of the city is the most busy. It is estimated to be 10 million per day.

Each day, 10 million people use the public transport system. The total number of pedestrian vehicles is over 10 million. In 2000, there were 10 million vehicles in the U.S. In Hong Kong, the 60 thousand people per day, which is 1/3 of the total population, which has become a very important part of Hong Kong.

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Two photographs show the escalator in use. A bar chart shows passenger volume by time of day. A line graph shows passenger volume over time.

Time	Passenger Volume
10:00	100
12:00	150
14:00	200
16:00	150
18:00	100

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SBTool: the Generic Framework principle

- A generic framework allows to combine the need for contextualized tools with the possibility to transnationally compare the assessment results.
- It is a «generic» multicriteria assessment tool that needs a contextualization process to be applied.
- It is the common root for harmonized national and regional systems. It makes possible to speak the same language.
- The Generic Framework is composed by a set of assessment criteria, a weighting system, a normalization system and an aggregation procedure.



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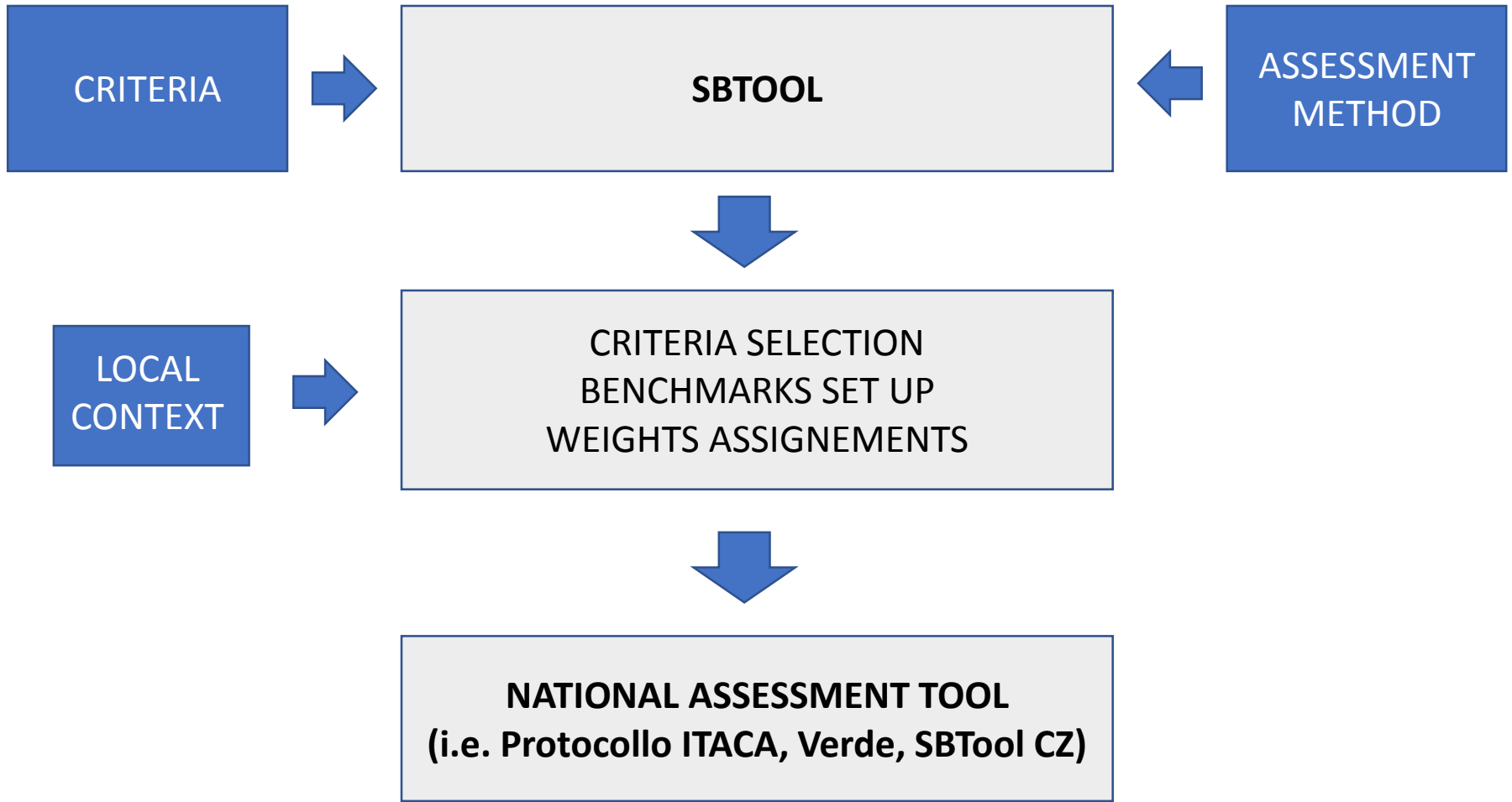


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ITALIAN TEAM IN GBC

The Italian GBC National Team was set up and presented in 2000 at SB Maastricht. Key members were Environment Park, the Italian National Research Council, Politecnico of Torino and Politecnico of Milan.

Between 2000-2002 the first Italian version of GBTool was developed and tested.

The Italian GBTool was used as Guideline for the Sustainability of the Olympic Villages – XX Winter Olympic Games Torino.



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The GBC in Torino

In 2002 the meeting of the IFC was hosted in Torino, Italy, at the Environment Park.

On that occasion, the first conference in Italy on building assessment tools and methodologies was organized with 25 participating countries,

A key organization was attending the conference: ITACA, the Federal Association of the Italian Regions. In Italy, energy and environment fall into the competence of regions.



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ITACA and iiSBE

ITACA asked iiSBE to collaborate in the process for the development of the new Italian national public assessment tools.

ITACA chose to base the new tool on the GBTool because:

- Its scientific value, coming from the cooperation of 25 teams
- The possibility to adapt the framework to local contexts: 20 regions with different climates and building practices
- It is open source, transparent and simple to use: suitable for mass certification



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PROTOCOLLO ITACA

January 2004: the Conference of the Presidents of Italian Regions officially approved the first version of Protocollo ITACA.

The Italian Regions started to adopt Protocollo ITACA to raise the impact of their policies.

First used in incentive based programs.

Rating system composed by 5 issues and 74 criteria. Provides a score ranging from -1 to +5 to a building depending on its performance.



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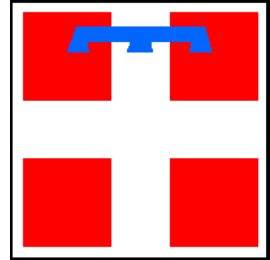


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REGIONAL POLICIES

- 10.000 Apartments by 2012
 - +10.000 euro per apartment, minimum score 2.5
- Housing Plan
 - +35 % building volume, minimum score 2.5
- Green Public Procurement
 - Energy Centre Torino, 5% penalty if a minimum score is not reached
- Shopping Centers
 - Commercial authorization: score 3 minimum
- Funding programs for public buildings



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iiSBE Italia: the first chapter

Considering the increasing need for support expressed by the Italian Regions, iiSBE decides to set up its first local chapter, iiSBE Italia in 2005.

A MOU is signed between iiSBE Italia and ITACA where iiSBE Italia takes the official role of technical control body for the Protocollo ITACA assessment system:

- Update of national versions
- New assessment protocols development (i.e. urban scale)
- Support provided to regions (local versions, training, certification)



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PROTOCOLLO ITACA Update

2004: first National version (74 criteria)

2007: short version for an easier application (15 criteria)

2009, 2011, 2015: updates of the National version

- . Changes in energy regulations
- . New technical standards (UNI)



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Protocollo ITACA and the market

2011: the private sector request ITACA to provide an assessment systems also suitable for the market.

Appreciated: affordability, operability and limited cost

15 regional systems with different certification processes

. 99% of 1500 buildings certified because incentives or regulations

. Certification non always accessible by private organizations



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A new strategy for a national system

The private sector was asking an assessment system operational and accessible in the whole country based on a unique standard.

To answer this need, the strategy of ITACA and iiSBE Italia has been developed in two directions:

- Transformation of the national version of Protocollo ITACA in a national standard (UNI)
- Implementation of a certification process under national accreditation



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UNI PdR13 – a new standard

UNI is the Italian National Standardization body

2014 - Agreement between ITACA and UNI

2015 - publication of the new UNI PdR 13 standard:
“Environmental sustainability of construction works - Operational tools for sustainability assessment”

Section 0- Methodology (SBTool description)

Section 1- Criteria for residential buildings

Section 2- Criteria for non residential buildings



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UNI PdR13

The document is downloadable from the UNI website for free because it is a public assessment tool.

Now a common national assessment tool is available in the whole country.

The value of Protocollo ITACA has been strengthened. Today it isn't anymore only the public assessment system of the Italian regions but instead it is the official technical assessment tool for Italy.



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A new national certification process

- A second agreement was signed between ITACA and Accredia.
- Accredia is the national Italian accreditation body. It is the organization that accredits certification bodies to can carry out inspections and audit activities with regards to UNI standards.
- ITACA and Accredia, with the support of iiSBE Italia, defined the Technical Regulation 33 (RT33) for the accreditation of organizations with respect to UNI PdR 13 – Protocollo ITACA.
- Set up of a National registry
- Two level process: audit carried out by certification bodies that are validated by the national registry. The national registry issues the certificate



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A Collective Initiative for a New Culture of Built Environment in Europe

Main Objectives:

- Harmonization of public assessment systems in Europe
- Facilitate the adoption of assessment tools in policies
- Increase the number of certified buildings



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Conclusions

The establishment of the new standard UNI PdR13 not only made available a fully operational national certification system to the private sector. It is also encouraging the adoption and use of Protocollo ITACA by public organizations.

This approach combines the public and private needs in one open and transparent systems that is expected will encourage the mass diffusion of sustainability certification in Italy.



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