

## **AGREEMENT ON GENERAL COOPERATION DGNB – AEIC**

The Association of Industrial Engineers of Catalonia (AEIC) and the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen) have concluded an Agreement on General Cooperation for the development and promotion of sustainable building in Spain.

DGNB is a member of the World Green Building Council (WGBC). It has established Cooperation Contracts with institutions of several countries: Austria, Bulgaria, China, Hungary, Switzerland, Thailand and Denmark. DGNB has also conclude Agreements on Cooperation with Brazil, Greece, Italy, Russia, Slovenia, Turkey and Spain (AEIC).

The goal of this agreement between DGNB and AEIC is to promote and adapt the DGNB Certification System of Sustainable Buildings, new and in use, in Spain. At the same time training of professionals to become Experts, Consultants or Auditors, in the DGNB System will be carried out.

The DGNB System is a second generation of certification tools to accredit the performance of sustainable buildings. There are three levels of qualification: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The qualification is established upon evaluation of 61 criteria grouped in six areas of quality: Ecology, Economy, Sociocultural and Functional, Process and Site.

The development of the DGNB System for each country is based on the adaptation of the International Core System taking into account regional codes and regulations under international supervision.

Several types of buildings have been certified in different countries. The DGNB Core System is available for New Buildings, the available occupancy apply for different types of buildings: Office and Administration, Retail, Industrial, Educational, Residential and institutional. It is also available for Existing office and administrative buildings. Other occupancy profiles are in development: Hotels, Hospitals, Laboratories, Congress Centres, Transport terminals, Sports complexes, etc.

One of the main goals of the DGNB International Network is to apply the DGNB Certification System to the countries of their partners enabling the DGNB System to become an European and global certification. Having a common ground for evaluation it will be possible to objectively compare performance of d buildings built in different regions.

Presentation of the DGNB Certification System and associated training will take place next 10th October morning in AEIC's headquarters in Barcelona, Via Laietana 39. The speakers are officials of the DGNB and it will be conducted in English.

We are confident that the achievement of the aims outlined in this agreement will be very valuable for professionals and engineering firms and beyond to whole building sector in Spain. We must be aware that sustainability is becoming an important asset for stakeholders, at the same time consulting engineers and architects must be able to offer certification services and be able to design sustainable building projects.

The DGNB System is a world leading certification, bearing this fact in mind the AEIC is willing to offer to the building professionals of Spain the access to all training levels of the DGNB System and thus becoming able to design sustainable buildings and also act as accredited consultants or auditors for third party projects.

More information about DGNB <http://www.dgnb-international.com/>

## **Presentation of the DGNB Certification System for Sustainable Buildings. Programme of the event.**

### **Introduction to DGNB – Description and Course Content**

The aim of this one-day informative session is to inform and raise awareness around the DGNB and its most important activities in the field of sustainable building. The following topics will be addressed:

- DGNB–Role and Tasks of the German Sustainable Building Council
- DGNB Certification System – Presentation, functionality and adaptation process worldwide
- Pathway to Certification – How to get your building DGNB certified
- DGNB Academy – How to become a DGNB Expert
- International Networks and Collaborations - WGBC, ERN, SB Alliance
- Research Projects – OPEN HOUSE, Construction21, PPP-Projects
- Other international activities

Welcome by Joan Vallvé, Dean of COEIC

Michael Dax, DGNB  
Dra. Consolata Russelli, DGNB  
Jordi Pedrerol, AEIC  
Francesc Bonvehí, AEIC

Date 10/10/2011 - From 9:15 to 13:00 at [AEIC](#) headquarters, Via Laietana 39, Barcelona.

There will be a coffee break.

Inscriptions: Booking available either by phone 34 - 933 192 304 (from 9 to 14 h and from 16 to 18 h, Fridays from 9 to 14 h only) or by [online registration](#).