

Level(s) – EU approach to sustainable building performance reporting

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Level(s)

Building sustainability
performance

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Level(s) is:

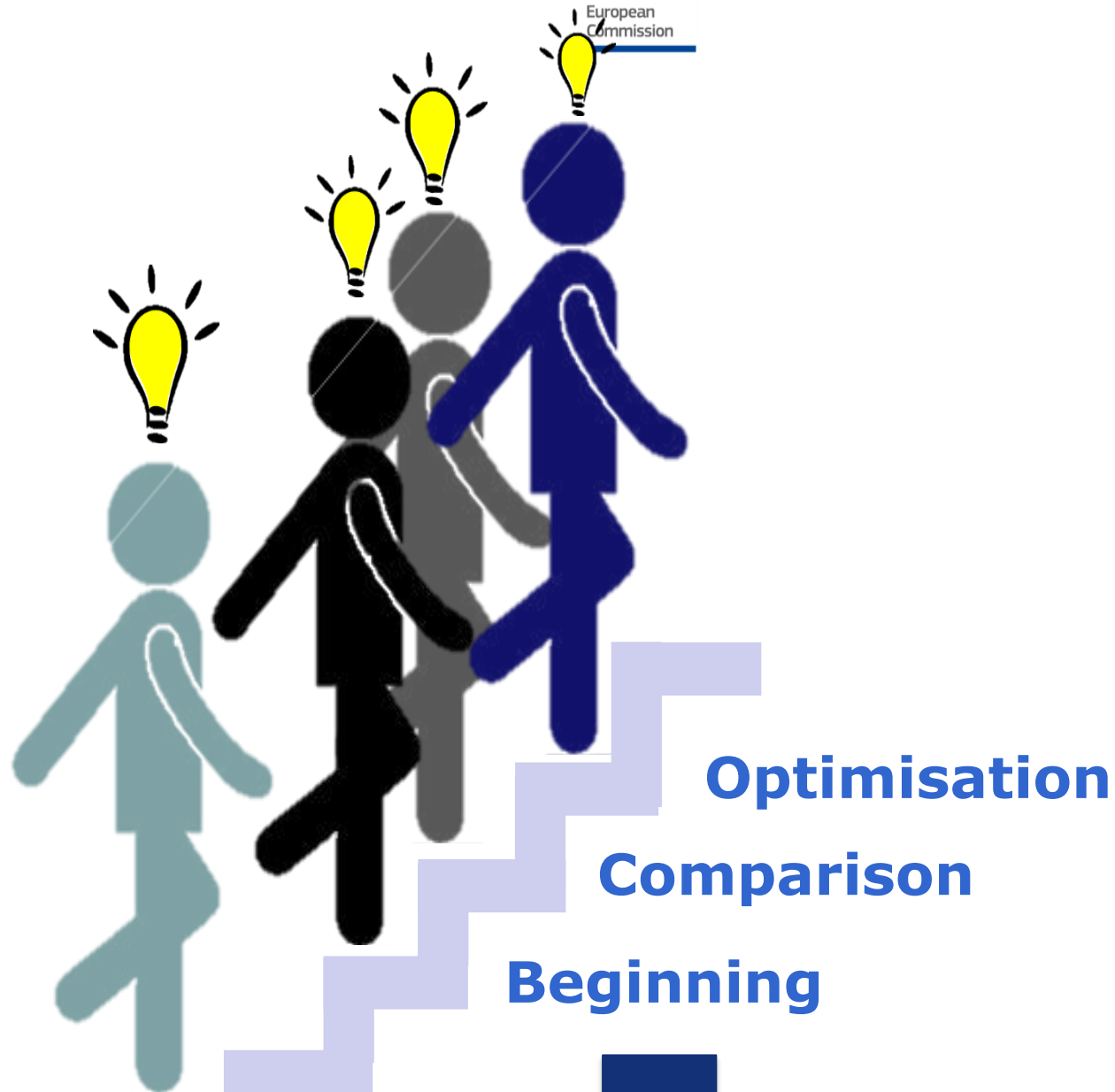
- A voluntary reporting tool
- Using a focused set of performance based indicators
- Reflecting EU policy objectives
- Based on existing standards
- Targeting mainstream market to do better
- Possible for certification schemes to use as a module

Level(s) is NOT:

- Used for EU benchmarks or EU certification

Level(s) at different levels!

- Tracking the levels of sustainability performance of buildings, taking into account the full life cycle.
- Three different levels of working with the indicators, depending on the readiness for sustainability assessment





MACRO-OBJECTIVES & INDICATORS

1. GHG Emissions

Along the building lifecycle

Primary & Delivered Energy consumption in use:
kWh/m²/year

Global Warming Potential
embodied CO₂ eq./m²

2. Resource Efficient Material Life Cycle

Bill of Materials:
Abiotic fossil fuels, minerals and metals, Biotic materials

Waste Flows: kg/m²
Disposed, reused, recycled, recovery

3. Water Use

Circular use of water resources

Use Phase Consumption:
m³/occupant/year

4. IEQ

Healthy & comfortable spaces

Indoor Air Quality: ventilation rate l/s/m²; CO₂ ppm; RH %
Pollutants: TVOC, CVOC, RI VOC, formaldehyde, benzene, PM_{2.5} & 10
Thermal Comfort: % time out of range degree days or hours

Light
Acoustic

5. Climate Change

Resilience and adaptation

Extreme weather events under future climate scenarios:
Thermal Comfort: % time out of range degree days or hours 2030/2050

6. Cost & Value

Optimised over whole life

Life cycle costs: acquisition, utility, maintenance
EUR/m²/year

Value Creation & Risk Factors:
Data quality of indicators

Service Life
Adaptability
Deconstruction/Reuse/recyclability

Other LCA Criteria:
ozone depletion, acidification,
eutrophication, Photochemical
ozone creation

Reliability rating per indicator

- Technological representativeness
- Geographical representativeness
- Time related representativeness
- Uncertainty
- Technical capability of personnel carrying out assessment
- Independent verification



Benefits with Level(s)

- Common language
- Complement and reinforce existing initiatives
- Support national policy initiatives

Level(s) target groups

- **Design teams** –

simple structure to present to clients, to prioritise attention on sustainability aspects

- **Construction management** –

role in monitoring and checking that design performance is met

Level(s) target groups

- **Property agents and valuers** –
simplified ratings of reliability of estimated performance
- **Asset and facilities managers** –
guidance on life cycle management, like maintenance and replacement planning, and post-occupancy surveys

Level(s) target groups

- **Property owners, developers and investors** –
how cost, value and risk associated with building performance can be managed to deliver long-term benefits
- **Public and private occupiers** –
focus on performance aspects that are of direct financial interest to occupiers, like operating and maintenance costs

Testing - objectives

- A ready to market tool in 2 years, with robust indicators and guidance
- Understand necessary support mechanisms for its implementation

Testing – how?

- Test some indicators or full framework, on ongoing or finalised projects
- Agree with EC to...
 - ...provide feedback
 - on indicators via common reporting format
 - on general experience via specific survey
 - collaborate during verification (some testers)
 - ... and access support (for testers only!)
 - common reporting format, technical helpdesk
 - regular webinars, platform for information exchange



Testing workshop - 4 December

<https://www.euconf.eu/conference-on-sustainable-buildings/index.html>

- How to work with Level(s)
- Opportunities and challenges for testing organisations
- Support to testing organisations
- Market leaders preparing testing
- Certification schemes preparing integration

Web streaming will be provided!



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