

## Invitation

# Towards a Common European framework for Sustainable Building Assessment (CESBA)

The European Union has set ambitious climate protection targets for 2020. The building sector is a cornerstone of the climate protection program because it represents 40% of final energy consumption and 36% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, throughout the EU. Buildings play a central role in our societies, providing places to live, work or enjoy leisure activities. They are the basis of our urban environment, impacting the social, economic and ecologic aspects of our lives. Indeed, our health, comfort and safety as well as our economy and our natural environment are strongly connected with the construction sector activities.

There will be significant challenges for all stakeholders as both private and public bodies evaluate their current investments and policies, and formulate new quality standards for future buildings.

Several European projects have developed, compared, harmonized, and explored various building assessment tools. Six European projects have held four joint working sessions over the last 2 years to find a collective agreement for a common framework for assessing sustainable building.

Based on the results of the CEN/TC350 and outcomes of the different projects, this collective presents its results on

**10<sup>th</sup> of October 2012, from 14:00-17:15**

**Location: Euroregion Alpes Méditerranée, rue du Trône 62, 1050 Brussels**

The program is as follows:

- 14:00-14:15 Introduction: Mr Clemens Haury, Unit Energy Efficiency, DG Energy, European Commission
- 14:15-14:30 The importance of the sustainable building assessment, by Nathalie ESSIG, Open House
- 14:30-14:45 Architecture and building assessment: the point of view of architects, by Dalibor Borack, CEC5
- 14:45-15:00 Transnational comparison of instruments according to sustainable assessment of buildings, by Andrea MORO, Enerbuild/IRH Med
- 15:00-15:15 Q&A and discussion
- 15:15-15:30 The need for a common framework, by Xavier MARTI, IRH Med
- 15:30-15:45 A common vision of European Sustainable Building Assessment (CESBA) based on project results, by Cedric BOREL, Construction 21
- 15:45-16:00 A new concept: the signature, by Christophe GOBIN, Superbuildings
- 16:00-17:00 Q&A and discussion
- 17:00 Conclusion: Ms Josefina LINDBLOM, DG Environment, European Commission

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