Welcome note and introduction to the project: scope, expectations and work programme, DG GROW

Ms Elisabeth Hamdouch, Deputy Head of Unit, GROW C.1

How does the proposed concept of a Building Passport initiative fit into the existing EU policy framework? How does it link through to other current initiatives, such as the ongoing review of Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), EU Voluntary Certification Scheme (EVCS) for non-residential buildings, the Energy Efficiency Financial Institutions Group (EEFIG), the resource efficiency indicators/framework and the Construction2020 initiative?

Mr Antonio Paparella, Team Coordinator Sustainable Construction, GROW C.1

The role and perceived benefits of building related data and information flows for the building value chain

Mr Thomas Lützkendorf, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
Mr Jeremy Moody, CAAV

Group discussion/market feedback: data needs and implications of a lack of data

An overview of existing schemes and initiatives by member state authorities and industry: What worked? What did not work? And why? Where are the gaps?

The digital transition of the French building sector,
Ms Jeanne Michaud, Cheffe de projet gouvernance des acteurs de la construction et professions réglementées, DGALN/DHUP/QC3

Industry led initiative, building folder
Mr Georg Lange, Bundesverband Deutscher Fertigbau e.V. (BDF)

Dutch Building Files
Mr Peter van Veen, Deputy Director, Directory Construction and Energy Saving at the Ministry of Internal Affairs the Netherlands

Finnish Building Passport experience
Mr Matti Kuittinen, Senior expert, Department of the Built Environment Ministry of the Environment Finland

Sandwich Lunch

Group discussion led by a financial institution: What should be the scope and function of the Building Passport? What are the issues around data transparency and reliability? How do we address practical matters, such as open access, data protection, privacy, liabilities, quality assurance, etc.?

Chair: Mr Frank Hovorka, Caisse des Dépôts
14.00  What are the next steps?

Group discussion led by surveyors: Setting up of a Steering Group or Task Force; analysis of research needs (aims, timeline, desired outputs?)

15.00  Conclusion by DG GROW
Background note

Why a workshop on Building Passports?

Market participants along the building value chain routinely gather and discard information – information that is in fact immensely valuable to foster competitiveness and sustainability of the industry and market alike, especially in:

- Regulatory compliance
- Planning
- Cost management
- Operation and maintenance
- Insurance
- Investment and financial decision-making.

Most of this information however, is not collated in one place and a systematic approach of organising and managing this information is currently largely missing. Mappings of information flows between designers, builders, local authorities, regulators and assessors have shown that practically none of the information is being handed down from the beginning to the end of the supply chain. Some of it stays with particular professionals or suppliers, some of it needs to be created two or three times over for valuation, transaction or insurance purposes, and typically almost none of it ends up with end users.

Lack of information and transparency increases risk and undermines investor confidence. Therefore, a systematised and optimised capture and processing of information also supports investment decision making and creates opportunities for innovation and uptake of energy efficiency and sustainability measures, processes and designs. Building passports could play a valuable role in boosting the availability of information to a wide range of market participants. Better information flows are a necessary part of improving the quality assurance system for buildings and the construction industry market overall.

Aim of the workshop

The aim of this workshop is to explore the potential role of a EU guidelines for a voluntary ‘building passport’ as a key tool to help overcome this information imbalance by providing all market stakeholders, including financing institutions, providers of mortgage credit, investors and insurers with access to key building related documentation and information to properly assess the many factors impacting the overall quality of buildings. Similar to medical records or car’s maintenance log book, a building passport would allow access to all relevant data and information at all times by anyone who needs it.

Who should attend?

- Insurers
- Material suppliers
- Professionals
- Banks and investors
- Contractors
- Owners and occupiers