



Institut Bauen und Umwelt Newsletter

September 2014

Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear members of IBU,

The holidays are only about to finish and the BAU 2015 is quickly approaching. Below, IBU offers several services to you as an IBU member in order to efficiently present your EPDs and respectively show your commitment for sustainable construction at the trade fair in Munich:

First of all, I would like to draw your attention to our **exhibition package**, which is available for regular members. It can be ordered until the end of September at our main office in Berlin. Secondly, there will be an “EPD Communication Workshop” in October, exclusively for our IBU members. You can register for it anytime from now. And thirdly, a reminder concerning EPDs that are supposed to be ready and published on time for BAU 2015:

The final spurt to create EPDs has started and they have to be handed in for verification now.

Furthermore IBU is in the planning phase of creating an interface of its EPD database with Ökobau.dat. In the future this will enable you to make your EPD data available free of charge to a large number of relevant professional experts. We are planning to hold a workshop as a “Webinar” and will inform you in due time about the exact date and content of the workshop.

Yours sincerely

Dr.-Ing. Burkhard Lehmann



IBU News

An offer for our members: The IBU exhibition package

We would like to point out to our regular members that we offer an IBU trade fair package that can be ordered by the end of September. Please note that the registration forms sent by regular post unfortunately included incorrect contact details. We kindly ask you to use [this order form](#) when ordering the trade fair package.



DGNB refers to EPDs as pioneering tools for assessing construction products

Recently, the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB) in an official statement explained their use of construction products in the course of their Sustainability Certification Programme for



DGNB

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen
German Sustainable Building Council

buildings and pointed out that building products are always considered within the context of the complete building. Only when applying a product correctly, its intended result can be achieved. Therefore, no construction products are certified by DGNB or are compliant with DGNB guidelines since DGNB always looks at the overall performance of a building when considering the specific utilisation of the applied construction products. DGNB explicitly refers to Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) according to standards ISO 14025 and EN 15804, as a tool to provide comprehensive, non-evaluating data for construction products that should be used to certify buildings. DGNB's complete statement can be accessed [here](#).

IWM-Workshop: "From Generic EPD to Product EPD"

On 16 July 2014 the IWM Industrieverband WerkMörtel (IWM Mortar Industry Association) held an internal workshop in Duisburg for its members, explaining the procedure of creating their own Product EPD when a Generic Model EPD has already been issued...[more](#)



New members

DW Systembau creates EPD for hollow core slabs

Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU) welcomes DW Systembau GmbH as a new member. The specialist for ceilings has created an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for hollow core slabs...[more](#)



CONSOLIS

DW SYSTEMBAU

EPD for concrete flooring elements now issued in IBU programme

Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU) welcomes a new member. Rinn Beton- und Naturstein GmbH & Co. KG designs urban facilities and domestic gardens...[more](#)

RINN

Den Anfang
macht ein guter Stein.

A New International Member Joined IBU

 **CEMEX**

CEMEX Latvia, a business unit of global building materials company CEMEX, has become a new member at Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU). Company's Brocēni cement plant has created its first Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) for cement Type CEM I 52.5 N, produced for its markets in the Baltics, Scandinavia and Russia...[more](#)

Announcements

Advanced notice: Workshop "Generating added value with EPDs in communication"

IBU members are cordially invited to participate in the workshop "Generating added value with EPDs in communication" on 23rd October 2014 in Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

During this one-day event, exclusively offered to our members, we will illustrate the various options for your company on how to use EPDs in marketing and sales, and how to deal professionally and easily with enquiries regarding information on Building Certification Systems.

Date: 23. October 2014

Time: 10.00 -16.30

Place: MesseTurm Frankfurt am Main
Friedrich Ebert Anlage 49
60308 Frankfurt am Main

Room Kappa1 & Emporio, 10th floor

Costs: 120 € + VAT (Beverages & Business Lunch inclusive)



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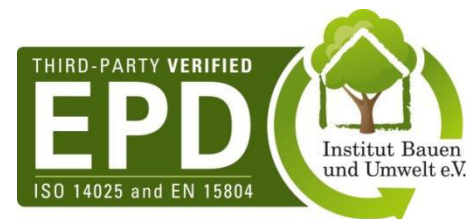
The workshop will be held in German. Please find details about the workshop in the [invitation and agenda](#). If you are interested, please send the completed [registration form](#) by 13th October 2014 to info@bau-umwelt.com or by fax to 030-30 87 74 829. We advise you to register as soon as possible, since the number of participants is limited.

Advanced notice for the "Webinar": "Introductory Webinar explaining the IBU-Ökobau.dat interface"

At the moment the interface from the IBU database system <https://epd-online.com> to Ökobau.dat of BMUB is in the process of being implemented and will probably be available as of the fourth quarter of 2014.

This interface enables declaration owners to prepare and process their data and with a few clicks submit their data to Ökobau.dat. IBU Head office then forwards the data to BBSR and it is published in Ökobau.dat.

Once the interface will be finished IBU is offering an Introductory Webinar in order to explain to the data base system users, how this interface works. Detailed information on the Webinar will follow in due time by newsletter and on the IBU homepage.



IBU on BAU 2015

IBU, as a leading initiative of construction product manufacturers, again has its own stand on BAU 2015, informing about the role of construction products in sustainable building.



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Use the possibility to present your products with new EPDs and work now on the creation of the EPDs. In order to receive new published EPDs at the BAU 2015 it is necessary to submit it for verification until October 2014

Three key issues are “Intelligent Urbanization“, “Humans and Buildings“ and “Energy- and Resource Efficiency“ and from 19th to 24th January 2015 around 2,000 exhibitors from all over the world are presenting architecture, materials and systems at the fair premises in Munich.