



# Institut Bauen und Umwelt Newsletter

## February 2016

Dear Ladies and Gentleman, dear IBU-members,

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter in 2016. And already IBU has some news and information for you.

So far our main subject has been “communication“ this year. At our communication workshop in Cologne, IBU introduced its new communication manual, which is now available to all IBU members on request and will definitely be a great help, offering many ideas on how to present and work with EPDs.

At the trade fairs Domotex and Dach+Holz International in Hanover and Stuttgart we also focused on talking face to face with longstanding, but also with new IBU members. Furthermore, several EPDs for numerous products were awarded on the fairs, as well as awarding membership certificates to our new IBU members.

We would like to draw your attention to our forthcoming Annual General Meeting for all IBU members. For the first time there will be a members' day prior to the AGM. And looming on the horizon, there is the BAU 2017, which means that now is the right time to tackle new EPD projects.

I hope you will enjoy reading our Newsletter and all the news on related subjects.

Yours

Dr.-Ing. Burkhard Lehmann



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## Towards more sustainability in the building industry: The flooring industry is betting on EPDs



In January 2016 in Hanover, Germany, DOMOTEX hosted one of the most successful events in its history. DOMOTEX, the most important trade fair for carpets and flooring worldwide, with 1,441 exhibitors from 59 countries and 45,000 professional visitors from more than 100 nations, gave the international flooring industry a new boost. Along with trends and innovations, environmental friendliness and sustainability were also on the agendas of many exhibiting manufacturers. In particular, members of the Institut Bauen und Umwelt (IBU) made use of the trade fair to demonstrate their commitment to the responsible use of resources and to the environmental friendliness of their products...[more](#)

## Dach & Holz 2016: EPDs for building products remain popular



DACH+HOLZ International, the leading trade fair for the roof and wood construction industry, enjoyed a rousing success in Stuttgart this year, with 550 exhibitors and nearly 50,000 visitors. Numerous exhibiting manufacturing firms took advantage of the great public interest in the trade fair to make their commitment to transparency and sustainability in the building industry clearly visible through their membership in IBU and the EPDs for their products...[more](#)

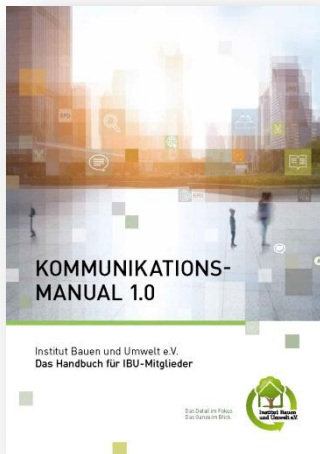
## 'Sustainability is not a Beauty Contest'

IBU Communications Workshop on Environmental Product Declarations in Cologne...[more](#)



## IBU presents Communications Handbook

As of February 2016, a new handbook has become available to members of the IBU (in German), which will support them in their communications and public relations work.



### Content:

- text modules
- statements from experts
- glossary
- explanatory subjects
- list of abbreviations
- Style Guide
- tips and checklist

...more



## Next Update for ÖKOBAUDAT

By beginning of March the next transfer of EPD dataset from IBU to ÖKOBAUDAT (BBSR) will be done...more



## New PCRs at IBU



At IBU the following PCRs Part B have been approved by the SVR (Advisory Board) and are now published:

- Heat generators
- Air conditioners
- Building hardware Products (substitutes former PCR Locks and fittings)

You have access to all PCR Part B documents via the IBU database system <https://epd-online.com>.



### Verifier meeting 2016

On 18.02.2016 the 5th IBU verifier meeting took place. This annual meeting is mandatory for all verifiers and counts as verifier training. Aim of the meeting is to clarify questions which occur during verifications and to equalize the verification procedure of the verifiers.



### BAU 2017: Create EPDs now!

As a prominent, cross-industry building product manufacturer initiative, the IBU will again have its own booth at BAU 2017 in order to provide information about the role of building products in sustainable building.

Use BAU 2017 to present your products with new EPDs, and work on creating them now! In order to receive and present the new EPDs at the trade fair, submission for verification is required by the second half of 2016!



### Order now: The IBU Trade Fair Package

BAU 2017 offers an outstanding opportunity for IBU members to communicate their commitment to sustainability in the building industry. In addition, starting immediately, the IBU is once again offering the opportunity to order the IBU Trade Fair Package as a regular member. To order, please use the [order form](#).

The packets are expected to be delivered in November 2016.



## IBU Special Edition “greenBUILDING” for BAU 2017

Together with the publishing house Schiele & Schön IBU is working on a special edition of the magazine greenBUILDING about EPDs & Sustainable Construction that should be ready for BAU 2017.

IBU Members and Associations, Life Cycle Assessment experts, building certification systems and other persons involved in sustainable construction will have the opportunity to present their products and services through EPDs. In the near future we will publish details on precise drafts and how to participate. Your contact persons are [Anita Kietzmann](#) (IBU) and [Viola Heinrich](#) (greenBUILDING).

## Registration of EPDs on the ECO Platform

Just eighteen months after the publication of the first EPDs with the ECO Trademark, the list of ‘ECO EPDs’ registered as declarations on the website of the ECO Platform ([eco-platform.org](http://eco-platform.org)) has grown to approximately 280. Among them, approximately 80 EPDs have now been published through the IBU. The IBU is working to further increase these numbers, and, on a long-term basis, through the acknowledgement of IBU membership, to strengthen the European controlling body, ECO Platform. You'll have the chance to present your ECO EPDs on a European level: On 6th of October 2016 in Brussel...[more](#)



## ECO Platform position paper on PEF



Taking into account the latest developments of the pilot projects for the European Commission Product Environmental Footprint the experts of ECO Platform have developed a [position paper](#).



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## New members



**Fachverlag Schiele & Schön is the newest supporting member of IBU**

In January 2016, with the addition of the publishing house, Fachverlag Schiele & Schön, the IBU was able to welcome a second supporting member into the association...[more](#)

**New to the Association: The Studiengesellschaft für Stahlschutzplanken e.V. (Research Association for Steel Road Safety Barriers) joins the IBU**

At the beginning of 2016, IBU welcomed an additional organisation from the metal industry as an associate member of the Institut, the Studiengesellschaft für Stahlschutzplanken e.V...[more](#)



**STEICO SE joins IBU**

In January 2016 STEICO joined IBU, (Institut Bauen und Umwelt). IBU is well pleased that another company from the construction sectors shows its commitment to sustainability and welcomes the new member from the insulation material sector...[more](#)

## Announcements

**SBE 16 Hamburg - International Conference on Sustainable Built Environment**

on 8.-11. March 2016 in Hamburg.

including Special Session:

„An open International Data Network? – Harmonization of LCA databases for Sustainable Building” with contribution of IBU.

For further information please click [here](#).



## Upcoming Webinar: Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) – be prepared for BAU 2017

- on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2016, 2-2.30pm
- by thinkstep and IBU
- Webinar language is German!  
further information



## Save the Date: 2016 Member Day and membership meeting



With the slogan: ‘Sustainability You Can Touch’, this year’s regular IBU membership meeting will, for the first time, be held over two days, with a ‘Member Day’ held on the day before the meeting. The focus of the Member Day on 6 June will be the real-life

example of a certified building, with a tour, lectures, and the opportunity for professional and personal exchange. On the following day, 7 June, the general meeting will take place, with a general programme in the morning and the actual general meeting in the afternoon. The location for the event is Berlin/Scandic Hotel Potsdamer Platz.

More details about the program will be announced shortly. Before the deadline, members will also receive an official invitation with a registration form.

Hotel recommendations for overnight accommodations in Berlin near the venue:

### 1.) Scandic Hotel Potsdamer Platz

Special association rate: EUR 109,00 for single room incl. breakfast - booking according to availability.

For booking please state „Mitgliederversammlung IBU e.V.- Verbandsrate“.

### 2.) Ramada Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz

Special association rate: EUR 96,00 for a single room incl. breakfast – room contingent of 25 rooms until 09.05.2016, after that booking according to availability. For booking please state: „IBU e.V.“. **Reservation form** (in German).

### 3.) Motel One Berlin Hackescher Markt

Price confirmation: EUR 78,50 for a single room incl. breakfast - booking according to availability.

For booking please state: „Institut Bauen und Umwelt e.V.“





## **Fifth International Symposium on Life-cycle Civil Engineering**

on 16.-19. October 2016 in Delft/The Netherlands...[more](#)

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