



Study for the development of European Ecolabel criteria for buildings

Second background report

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WP Ecolabel for buildings	Deadline
Set up of internal team	December 2007
Set up of AHWG e-mailing list	
Regulatory, economic and technical analysis: market, legislation, environmental analysis, existing initiatives and LCA studies	End of February 2008
Preliminary report	End of March 2008
First AHWG meeting on product group definition	15-apr-08
Finalised product group definition	August 2008
1st background document	October 2008
Second AHWG meeting on 1st background document	28 October 2008
First draft proposal criteria	End of February 2009
Third AHWG meeting on 1st draft criteria	March 2009
Second draft proposal criteria	June 2009
EUEB presentation and discussion	September 2009
Final draft proposal criteria	November 2009
EUEB presentation and discussion	December 2009



Product group definition

Product group definition for “buildings” shall comprise: “buildings considered in their entirety, as well as small houses, new or existing, public or private, used for residential purpose and for use as offices”.

From the definition part of the building such as dwellings are excluded.

New buildings include also major refurbishments.

Existing buildings include also renovations.

Residential purpose is meant as for dwelling purpose.

Use as offices is meant to be the use of the building for administrative, bureaucratic and educational activities of a public or private nature.



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Criteria structure of the product group - Buildings

- New buildings/major refurbishments (Sub-product group)
 - Residential
 - Offices
 - Schools
- Existing buildings/renovations (Sub-product group)
 - Residential
 - Offices
 - Schools



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Criteria structure of the product group - Buildings

- Transversal:
Residential versus Offices and Schools
- Two Sections:
Mandatory and Optional



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Validity of criteria - Use of the logo

Validity of criteria + transitional period = use of the logo

- Different approaches in existing initiatives
- Different hypothesis analyzed



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Validity of criteria - Use of the logo

□ New buildings/major refurbishments

- Validity of criteria: 5 years
- Transitional period: 2 years
- Use of the logo: 5 years + 2 transitional periods + 2 times renewal (total 19 years)

Respecting new criteria only for the Use phase to be renewed

After two renewals the building shall comply with all new criteria



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Validity of criteria - Use of the logo

□ Existing buildings/renovations

- Validity of criteria: 5 years
- Transitional period: 2 years
- Use of the logo: 5 years + transitional period

Respecting new criteria for existing buildings



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