



Eracobuild – Strategic Networking of RDI Programmes in Construction and Operation of Buildings

Eracobuild is one component of a European innovation system for research and innovation in construction and operation of buildings.



Eracobuild aims at strengthening and enlarging the strategic networking of RDI programmes in the field of “construction and operation of buildings” initiated in the previous ERABUILD coordination action. Eracobuild gathers 33 programme owners or managers coming from 16 EU Members States, 4 Associated Countries, 1 European Region and Western Balkan Country.

The new countries will benefit from the experience and results of the 15 programmes owners/managers (10 countries) which already launched 5 joint calls in ERABUILD and agreed on two future trans-national programmes on “Sustainable renovation of buildings” and “Value driven construction process” to be implemented in Eracobuild.

New topics for joint activities will also be developed in Eracobuild, such as the identification of other RTD priorities especially, but not only, in relation to industry needs, pre/co-normative research and the optimal use of existing research facilities and the development of new ones. Joint activities (studies, clustering and calls for proposals ...) will be implemented in these new fields in parallel to the trans-national programmes.

The overall aim of Eracobuild is to develop deeper, more durable co-operation and co-ordination between national funding bodies across Europe, to increase the quality and impact of research in the construction sector and so its performance, and that of the assets it creates.

Eracobuild will focus on **strengthening and deepening the co-operation** in the consortium on five levels:

1. The **development of integral strategies** on construction and operation of buildings, integrating economic, environmental and research policies that are often

covered by different ministries and DGs, leading to sub-optimal approaches for the building sector.

2. **Creating a structured dialogue** between regional and national policymakers, the European Commission and sector representatives, through ECTP and associated national technology platforms, in order to match research priorities defined by the sector with research priorities following national and European policies. Furthermore, a global approach will be adopted to find relevant networks in non-European research programmes.

3. **Enhancing and launching joint activities** between on-going programmes (e.g. in trans-national programmes) on relevant topics. For example, involving SMEs more actively in European RDI could be a topic for a transnational programme.

4. **Advising national governments and the European Commission** on how to further incorporate tools and improve boundary conditions for trans-national co-operation.

5. Bridging the gap between R&D and practice by linking **implementation strategies** to research programmes.

Additional information on the project activities and results

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