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LCBI and Asociación Ecometro unite their strengths to accelerate real estate decarbonization in Spain

The LCBI (Low Carbon Building Initiative), a European non-profit coalition of real estate leaders working to accelerate real estate decarbonization and Asociación Ecometro, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainability and decarbonization in the construction sector in Spain, are joining forces!

In an event hosted by COAM (Colegio Oficial de Arquitectos de Madrid) on Thursday, October 23rd with María Eugenia del Río, Secretary General of COAM, LCBI and Ecometro have detailed the common work ahead.

Major key objectives are set, all with the shared goal of accelerating the decarbonization of the Spanish real estate sector, among which: harmonize carbon accounting for real estate in Europe, accelerate adoption of the LCBI certification scheme in Spain and strengthen the presence of Spanish companies within the LCBI community.

On the European real estate decarbonization journey, one of the major difficulties actually being the counting methods' diversity and fragmentation, making it impossible to compare building carbon footprints from one country to another, it is essential for LCBI to partner with local strong players as Asociación Ecometro. By joining forces, LCBI and Asociación Ecometro are strongly acting towards harmonization at the European level but also contributing very effectively to carbon data robustness and transparency, in the European real estate market.

“As we are aiming at doubling the number of certified buildings in the coming year, while harmonizing carbon accounting methods in Europe, it is essential to partner with key local players as Asociación EcoMetro. This partnership will allow LCBI to connect with the Spanish real estate market and practices, while establishing a shared, science-based standard for whole life carbon, to bring clarity, comparability, effectiveness and ambition to the building sector across Europe.”

Cécile DAP
Director, LCBI



“We at Asociación Ecometro have been identifying and accompanying local low carbon pioneers for many years. We are happy to be joining the great Low Carbon Building Initiative network, bringing our knowledge of local stakeholders and decarbonization initiatives, to contribute in decarbonizing European real estate.”

Iñaki ALONSO
President, Asociación Ecometro



About LCBI

The Low Carbon Building Initiative was launched in 2022 by BBKA (the Association for the Development of Low-Carbon Buildings) and major players in the real estate sector (Generali Real Estate, Covivio, BPI Real Estate, BNP Paribas Real Estate, Bouygues Immobilier, WO2, Icamap, NSI, Ivanhoe Cambridge). Its aim is to develop the low-carbon certification of real estate projects in Europe in order to hasten the decarbonisation of the sector. Based on key European standards and benchmarks, the LCBI methodology serves to standardise the practice of life-cycle analysis (LCA) throughout Europe. The LCBI label, audited by Bureau Veritas and CERTIVEA, takes account of the complete life cycle of buildings, and measures the carbon footprint as well as the comprehensiveness of the LCA on three levels: embodied carbon (emissions associated with construction) measured in kgCO₂e/sq.m over 50 years, carbon from use (linked to consumption and energy sources) measured in kgCO₂e/sq.m/year, and the measurement of biogenic carbon storage contained in the building measured in kgCO₂e/sq.m. The label has three performance levels: Standard, Performance and Excellence.

About Asociación Ecometro

Asociación Ecometro, founded in 2010, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainability and decarbonization in the construction sector in Spain. Its mission is to support professionals, companies, and public administrations in the transition toward low-carbon buildings and projects through the calculation, reduction, and offsetting of carbon footprints. Asociación Ecometro combines specialized training, environmental certifications adapted to the existing building stock (20 projects hold our certifications), carbon offset programs (over 2,000 tons of carbon offset), Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)-based tools, and collaboration with sector stakeholders to promote more responsible and efficient construction practices.