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## Spanish Asociación Ecómetro Adopts LCBI Certification Scheme as a Unified European Standard

**Eight months after joining forces with the Low Carbon Building Initiative (LCBI), Asociación Ecómetro takes a decisive step and retires its own certification in favor of the LCBI label.**

Less than a year after announcing their partnership to accelerate real estate decarbonization in Spain, Asociación Ecómetro, one of Spain's leading sustainability association, announces that LCBI certification will become its new standard for measuring carbon emissions in the Spanish real estate sector.

This transition comes as LCBI continues its expansion across Europe. The organization, currently finishing its work to address logistics projects, recently announced initiating an extension of its low-carbon performance label to renovation projects. This new methodology is designed to adapt to national regulations while maintaining consistency at the European level.

The adoption of the LCBI label in Spain marks a turning point in the effort to standardize carbon measurement across European real estate markets. By combining LCBI's methodological rigor with Asociación Ecómetro's strong presence in Spain, including its network of industry professionals, companies, and public institutions, the partnership aims to accelerate the transition toward low-carbon buildings.

The move also positions the Spanish market, along with all countries covered by LCBI, ahead of a major regulatory shift, as the European Union prepares to introduce new requirements for carbon assessment and certification in the built environment.

### Upcoming major European regulations

#### Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)

- **2027:** All EU Member States publish a roadmap for the introduction of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) limit values.
- **2028:** LCA becomes mandatory for all new buildings larger than 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> across Europe.

#### Carbon Removal Certification Framework (CRCF)

- **End of 2026:** European Commission adopts the methodology for accounting for carbon stored in buildings.
- **2028:** a single, centralized EU registry becomes mandatory to register, monitor, and track all certified units to prevent the double counting of carbon credits.

*"This decision reflects our conviction that decarbonization cannot be achieved at a national scale. By adopting the LCBI certification scheme, we are giving the Spanish market a common language to measure and improve building carbon performance, fully aligned with European standards."*

**Inaki ALONSO, Asociación Ecómetro**

*"Asociación Ecómetro's decision sends a clear signal to the European real estate market: the LCBI certification is ready to serve as a common guideline. When an established national association chooses to adopt a shared European standard, it demonstrates the relevance of our methodology."*

**Cécile DAP, LCBI Director**

### About LCBI

The Low Carbon Building Initiative was launched in 2022 by major players in the real estate sector (Generali Real Estate, Covivio, BPI Real Estate, BNP Paribas Real Estate, Bouygues Immobilier, WO2, Icamap, NSI, Ivanhoé Cambridge and AXA IM Alts) and BBKA (the Association for the Development of Low-Carbon Buildings). 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 Assessment (LCA) throughout Europe. The LCBI certification, 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: grey carbon (emissions associated with construction) measured in kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/sq.m over 50 ans, carbon from use (linked to consumption and energy sources) measured in kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/sq.m./year, and the measurement of biogenic carbon storage contained in the building measured in kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/sq.m. The certification has three performance levels: Standard, Performance and Excellence.

### About Asociación Ecómetro

The Ecómetro Association, founded in 2013, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainability and decarbonization in the construction sector in Spain. Its mission is to support professionals, companies and public authorities in the transition towards low-carbon buildings and projects by calculating, reducing and offsetting carbon footprints. The Ecómetro Association combines specialist training in the EPBD and LCA, its own tool for measuring, certifying and offsetting the carbon footprint of buildings, and collaboration with sector stakeholders to promote more responsible and efficient construction practices. Press contact: [carlos.fernandez@satt.es](mailto:carlos.fernandez@satt.es)