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LCBI extends its pan-European low-carbon certification scheme to logistics assets across ten European countries

LCBI, the first pan-European standard for whole life-cycle carbon measurement of buildings, announces the launch of its dedicated certification for logistics assets in ten European countries: **France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Italy, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic** and **Poland**.

As one of the most dynamic real estate segments and a significant contributor to global carbon emissions, logistics assets had, until now, been without a dedicated European carbon-focused certification scheme, resulting in a proliferation of low-carbon claims with no verifiable basis. LCBI Logistics addresses this gap by providing a unified European framework, including limit values, to measure and recognize low-carbon logistics assets, in line with 1.5°C decarbonization trajectories.

Since March 2025, LCBI has brought together a consortium of major real estate stakeholders to collaborate on the definition of a shared low-carbon standard across Europe: **AEW, APRC Group, BNP Paribas Asset Management Alts, Baytree, GSE, Lidl, Virtuo Industrial Property**, and more recently **Groupe IDEC and STEF**. Throughout the entire work, LCBI ensured continuous connection with the broader logistics industry through its strategic partnership with **AFILOG.**

Coordinated by the Technical Commission, led by **ELAN, Artelia** and **Elioth, by Egis**, LCBI Logistics is the culmination of a one-year collaborative work that achieved consensus on a unified approach. The methodology builds directly on the pioneering expertise of the BBCA Association, which brings over 10 years of experience in building-related carbon emissions.

The process was built on three pillars:

- **Identifying** best low-carbon practices for logistics assets, based on pilot project results and expert input
- **Adapting** the existing LCBI Framework to logistics assets, taking into account the specificities of this market
- **Building** a collective approach through stakeholder consultations, pilot project findings and data analysis.

The methodology and the limit values were tested on eighteen case studies across Europe, allowing the LCBI team to collect concrete feedback from the teams implementing the certification scheme on the ground. Furthermore, **One Click LCA** contributed by providing a dedicated dataset that served as a key basis for establishing carbon performance thresholds.

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To ensure data robustness and independence of the certification process, projects will be certified by **Certivea** and **Bureau Veritas**, two recognized third-party certification bodies.

In line with LCBI's mission to accelerate decarbonization, the complete LCBI methodology and certification tools are publicly available on the LCBI website.

This harmonized, pan-European methodology will provide a robust and reliable benchmark for low-carbon assets across Europe. For investors, it will facilitate low-carbon investment decisions; for project owners, it will accelerate the shift toward more sustainable practices.

To apply for the standard, stakeholders can contact LCBI directly or reach out to the certifying bodies

WEBINAR — Discover LCBI Logistics

24th September 2026 – 10:00 AM

This webinar will be the opportunity to get to know the LCBI Standard, its methodology and limit values, as well as the technical work carried out over more than a year across Europe

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"With the upcoming European regulations set to make carbon accounting increasingly mandatory, this standard is being launched at a strategic moment for the logistics sector. Under the revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), life cycle assessment will become mandatory for all new buildings from 2030. By setting clear, measurable carbon performance criteria today, LCBI Logistics gives the sector a head start, so the actors are ready for increasingly demanding carbon standards before it becomes mandatory."

Cécile Dap, LCBI Director

"As an asset manager with a significant logistics portfolio across Europe, we need tools that allow us to assess, compare and report on the carbon performance of our assets constantly. LCBI Logistics provides a common language for the whole European industry, and a clear signal to the market that low-carbon logistics assets deserve to be valued differently".

Thierry Laquitaine, Head of SRI Europe, AEW

"At IDEC, reducing the carbon footprint of our developments is central to how we build. What LCBI Logistics brings is something we have been waiting for, which is an objective, third-party framework that makes our efforts visible and objectively comparable across Europe. For our clients and tenants, this certification scheme will serve as a driver for decision making."

Tony MORAIS, Managing Director, GROUPE IDEC INGENIERIE

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 BBCA (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 kgCO2e/sq.m over 50 ans, 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 certification has three performance levels: Standard, Performance and Excellence.