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ARGE EPD Project
Roll out plans – Why EPD?





Developers Look for Green Buildings



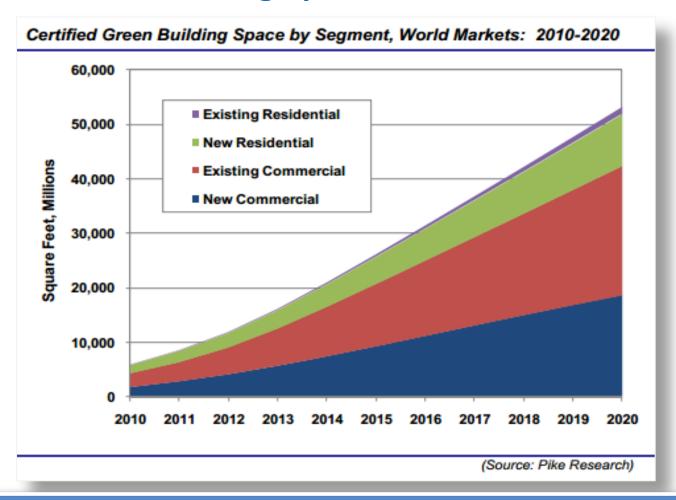
71% of interviewed decision makers:

"In future green certification is pre-requisite for profitable marketing of buildings."

Drees & Sommer, Interviews with investors



Certified Green Building Space



Fast growth rates in certified building space



New Legal Requirements

2010 Energy Performance of Buildings Directive

- All new buildings must be nearly zero energy by 2020
- EU countries must set minimum energy performance requirements
- National **financial**

European Commis

EPD's will become mandatory...

Harmonised product

Construction Products Regulation was make adoption of harmonised standards mandatory

Environmental Product Declarations will be the measure

ency of buildings

European Directives drive national legislation



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Roll out plans – Project overview and processes



Participating national associations: 12

- Austria
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Italy

- Netherlands
- Poland
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom



Financial overview on project

EPD 'production', varification and registration	EUR	
	gross	net
Licence Fee income from National Associations	123.301	103.614
CETIM consultancy agreement for 8 EPD's		84.550
CETIM consultancy agreement for additional 6 EPD's		7.592
CETIM consultancy total		92.142
IBU fees for varification and trade mark registration for 14 EPD's		7.500
Registration fee for 'ECO' label for 14 EPD's		770
IBU fees total		8.270
Expenses CETIM and IBU total		100.412
Balance		3.202

19% VAT

reduced from EUR 17.500 'list price'



VAT requirements for ARGE

- ARGE has not been VAT taxable so far
- Invoicing licence fees is VAT taxable under German law
- ARGE has to charge 19% VAT on the license fees
- ARGE has applied for an EU 'UID' which allows ARGE to receive invoices at net value
- According to present income/ expense ratio, ARGE will be able to 'absorb' the VAT (no higher licence fees to be charged)
- Invoices issued might have to be credited and reissued (information to follow)



What did ARGE promise at the Conference 2014? What will ARGE deliver?

Number of EPD's:

Promise: 8

To be delivered: 14

Delivery date:

Promise: Q4 2015

To be delivered: Q4 2015

Cost:

Promise: EUR 110,000

To be delivered: EUR 104,000



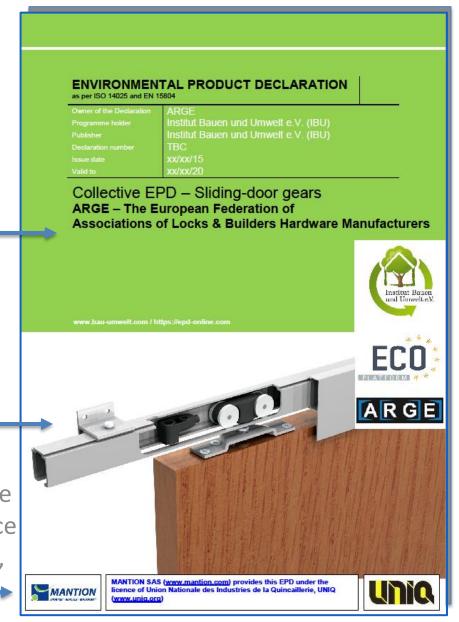
Roll-out process: General concept

- National requirements: ARGE will take responsibility and will be managing additional national requirements for EPD's ('Core EPD's' will be the platform)
- Languages: Original language is English; translations need to be certified (cost to be born by respective National Association)
- Individualised EPD's: ARGE will provide 'general' EPD's which can be individualised by National Associations (see next slide)



Individualisation on the front page only

- The upper part of the page is given by IBU as programme holder and cannot be adapted
- The lower part (photo or drawing) can/ will be individualised for the specific country by the respective National Association (including logo of National Association)
- The only company-specific reference will be made in relation to the licence on the bottom (name, logo, website, address)





Roll-out process: Details

Reference to a specific product of a company:

A 'Letter of confirmation' issued by the National Association will list all products of a specific company covered by the EPD

• Sub-license agreements:

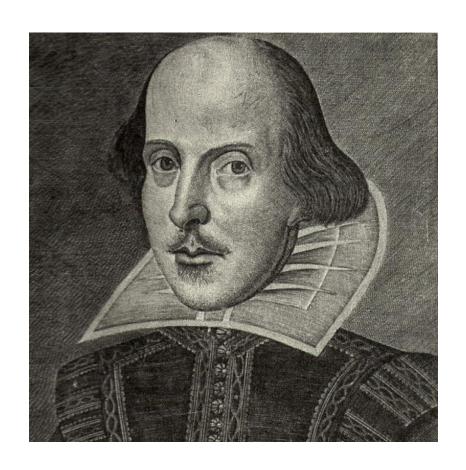
They are extremely important for legally controlling the use of EPD's by individual member companies of National Associations

- Managing EPD's: ARGE will issue a guideline addressed to National Associations and their member companies
- Annual licence fees: Will be charged as of 2016



ARGE EPD project:

To be or not to be ...





ARGE EPD project:

To be or not to be able to live up to our commitment towards the ARGE members

that was never a question!