

# Building the Future

## Sustainable Building Strategies

# Welcome

## to the German Pavilion of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI)

Sustainable building has been an integral part of planning and construction processes in Federal building projects for many years. It is a core element of the German Sustainable Development Strategy, which was updated in 2017 and will be updated again in 2021.

This is important in part due to the Federal State's duty to serve as a role model in its function as the largest public builder in Germany, but also because it is an essential component of current policy objectives. Key factors here are environmentally sound and climate-sensitive construction, energy and resource efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and the need to adapt to demographic change.

The methods set out in the Guideline for Sustainable Building have been mandatory for civilian construction projects carried out by the Federal Government since 2001. The comprehensive revision of the Guideline in 2013 introduced far-reaching changes to quality requirements for Federal Government building projects and specified the practical application of these.

The quality requirements have to evolve constantly to keep pace with the standards for modern Federal Government building projects. Building measures are to be documented and evaluated in a transparent way based on the criteria and assessment standards set out in the Assessment System for Sustainable Building. Certification obtained

by the Federal Government up to now shows that a high level of sustainability can be achieved economically. The Federal Government remains committed to these high sustainability standards.

There is also growing awareness and appreciation of the approach set out in the Guideline for Sustainable Building even beyond its application in Federal Government construction projects. Some federal states have implemented the Assessment System for Sustainable Building in their areas of responsibility, while others are looking into its application or are already gathering experience with the help of pilot projects.

The growing acceptance of the approach among decision-makers and project heads at local authority level is also a very positive development. A range of very interesting examples, such as schools, childcare centres and administrative buildings, can be held up as very persuasive precedents at this level.

The Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community very much welcomes these developments. We are committed to continuing to be a reliable partner for all stakeholders in our shared efforts to create and maintain a built environment that is a pleasure to live in.

Sustainable building is and will remain a priority.



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