Assessment System BNB

Interaction between Guideline and Assessment System

With the Guideline for Sustainable
Building Germany introduced the
Assessment System for Sustainable
Building (BNB) mandatory for federal
buildings in 2011. The Guideline
serves as a set of binding rules for the
use of the BNB.

The BNB is a "second-generation", i.e. a holistic, assessment system providing a more far-reaching assessment of the building that covers its entire life cycle including all sustainability dimensions.



The previous three columns of sustainability were extended to five quantifiable sustainability qualities, which represent the five main criteria groups of the BNB. Besides ecological, economic, sociocultural and functional qualities, the BNB considers also technical and process quality.

The degree of fulfilment in the respective main criteria group is calculated from the individual results of the criteria. By means of fixed relevance factors, the degree of fulfilment of the five main criteria groups are allocated to the final level of fulfilment and the final score. According to the final degree of fulfilment respectively, the quality standards will result in Gold, Silver or Bronze. The location profiles are evaluated separately without impact on the score.

The BNB is also a quality assurance system for building design, construction, use and operation. It can be used as a checklist, decision support, planning tool and structure for a description of major building components and features.

Objectives

- Protection of common property such as environment, resources, health, culture and capital
- Quality management system for building design, construction, use and operation
- Practical aid for the total life cycle
- Quality assurance and evaluation
- Assessment of ecological, economic, sociocultural qualities, technical and process related issues
- Separate note for location profile
- Transparent rules and objectives, essentially quantitative methods
- Adjustment for specific requirements of different kinds of building categories









