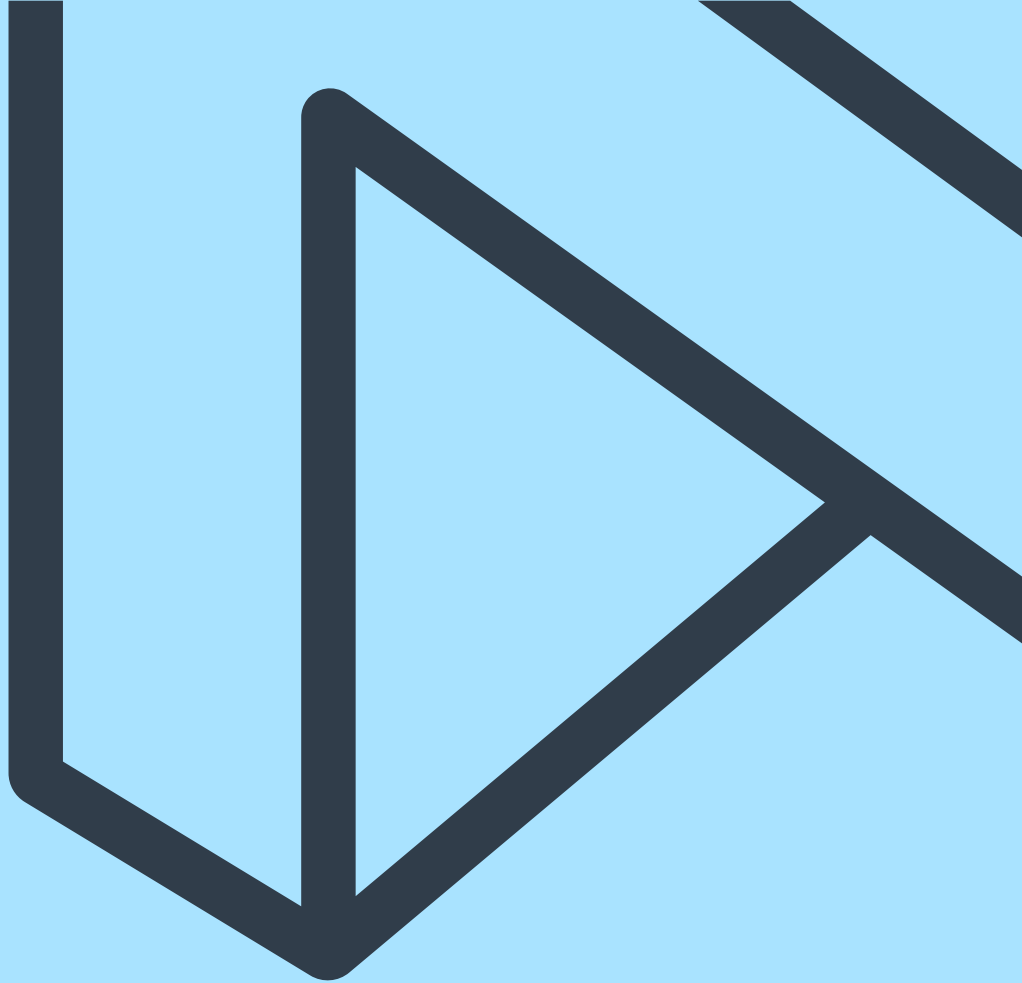


Experiences from  
decided climate  
regulation from the  
industry



# Nordic Sustainable built

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Sept 2024



# Agenda

- Intro to NREP
- Ambitions and Targets on decarbonisation
- Status – decarbonisation
- LCA – what’s the problem?
- Methodology landscape – varies across countries

## Variables:

- Market decarbonization
  - Area definitions
  - Methodologies
  - Building parts
  - Biogen CO2
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- Solutions
  - Reflections



Nrep is part of Urban Partners, a platform of vision-aligned, differentiated, investment strategies shaped around urban problem solving.

Urban Partners invests to help cities win the battles for our future. We do this via a family of strategies, sharing the same vision and values. In addition to Nrep, the remaining two are:

- **2150** is a venture capital firm investing in the sustainable reshaping of the broad urban environment.
- **Velo Capital** provides flexible real estate credit solutions, helping its customers focus on sustainable assets.

# Investing to reimagine – and decarbonize – real estate.

**+400**

multi-disciplinary  
professionals

**+500**

real estate  
investments

**€19bn**

AuM

## Multi-disciplinary team

Nrep has a diverse team of approximately 400 professionals and a long-standing deep local presence in our key target markets.

## Experience

In total we have made more than 500 real estate investments, of which approximately half have been exited. Nrep currently has approx. €19bn in AuM.








## Gradual growth

Since inception, Nrep has methodically grown its team capabilities and network of close collaboration with external partners, while expanding and deepening our sectoral and geographic footprint.

■ Primary markets  
■ Secondary markets



# Our concepts address structural challenges

Residential				Care	Office	Logistics
<p><b>Affordable student community-living</b> Students face an extreme lack of affordable well-located student housing in all the Nordic capitals and main university cities.</p>	<p><b>Flexible affordable serviced living</b> Young people in the Nordic capital cities are struggling to find affordable and decent living conditions.</p>	<p><b>Multi-family rental</b> The lack of suitable affordable rentals in the main cities is at the core of many pressing life challenges for people.</p>	<p><b>Mixed-generation community living</b> Loneliness and isolation are major contributors to poor health and mortality for senior people in the Nordics.</p>	<p><b>Homelike care homes</b> With a growing elderly population, the lack of assisted living communities is causing physical and mental health problems for the elderly in need.</p>	<p><b>Serviced, flexible office spaces</b> Future offices must cater for companies in change, offer services and work environments that are healthy and modern and support team collaboration.</p>	<p><b>Modern efficient logistics facilities</b> As the demand for logistics continues to rise, it is essential to ensure that it is managed sustainably.</p>
						
<p>UMEUS provides modern community-based student living at affordable prices in the Nordic capitals and university cities</p>	<p>Noli Studios services the growing need for flexible, socially connected yet affordable studios in central locations</p>	<p>Nrep's largest business is activity focused on providing rental apartments and row-houses</p>	<p>Multigenerational community-based living housing solution for active seniors and young families</p>	<p>Altura partners with local municipalities to address the growing yet underserved need for quality care homes</p>	<p>Our offices in central locations have been designed with users' needs in mind. They offer places where people feel good.</p>	<p>Modern efficient centers, pioneering sustainability and focusing on locations that minimize driving distances</p>

# On an ambitious decarbonization journey – engaging with SBTi to pioneer framework for decarbonizing the built environment

We seek to decarbonize at scale to move our industry from contributing to the largest challenge of our generation, to be part of the solution.

With years of experience from pioneering projects, exploring ways to eliminate CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions, we are extending our impact through commercial scale of decarbonizing solutions to accelerate change in the wider industry.

Our commitment is urgent, long-term and for real.

## **Piloting industry-wide SBTi guidance**

We are selected among only 15 firms globally to pilot Science Based Targets initiative's new SBTi's Buildings Guidance and Target-Setting Tool.

## **Targets based on SBTi's framework**

As a continuation of the pilot, continuing our industry-leading decarbonization journey, we will align our current decarbonization roadmap to the upcoming SBTi Buildings Guidance.



# Long-term focus on decarbonization has positioned us as a frontrunner in addressing the climate crisis in a commercially attractive way

**Design-stage LCAs** implemented on all projects, drives better commercial decisions

**Underwriting model** with decarbonization integrated (quota, tax, uplift) provides action incentives

**Digital integration** in our real estate portfolio is step-changed, allowing us to track, trace and optimise

**Building by building** intervention, based on tried and tested set of green asset management levers

99%  
embodied GHG

...upfront embodied emissions are aligned with the Paris 1.5° agreement<sup>1</sup>

84%  
operational GHG

...of operational emissions aligned are aligned with the Paris 1.5° agreement<sup>2</sup>

~2/3  
of our assets

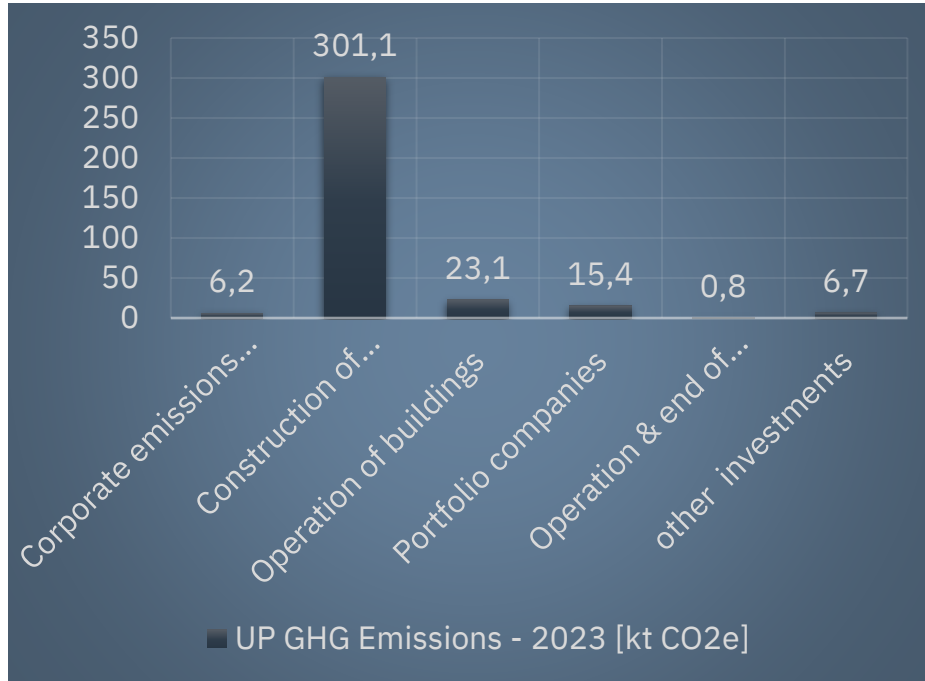
...are onboarded to real time data coverage, monitoring energy consumption

92%  
assets with  
Climate Action  
Template

... tangible, asset-level decarbonization plans, incl. costs, savings and value uplift



## URBAN PARTNERS/NREP - Status on decarbonization



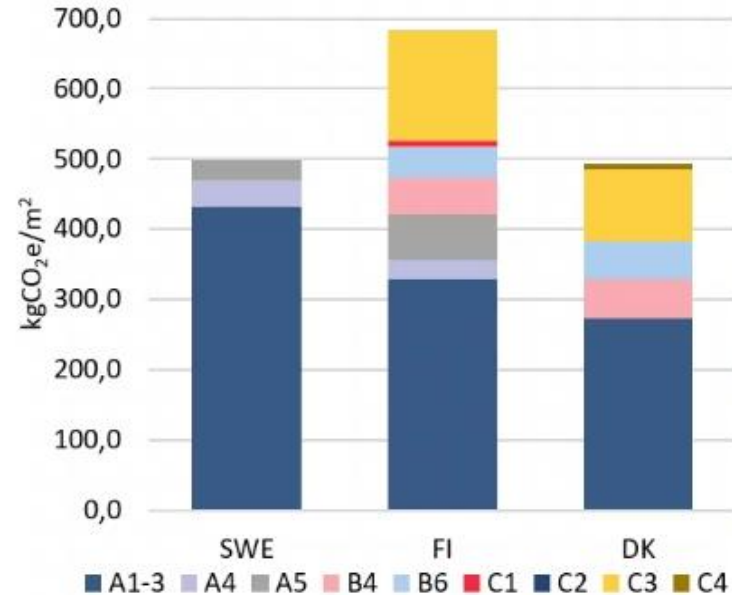
- Majority of emission are from NREP activities
- More than 80% of emissions are from new construction activities

# Challenges

# Methodology landscape – varies across countries

## Challenges

- We cannot compare results cross borders
- Solutions and conclusions might be drawn on false assumptions?
- We are forced to use a local consultant, understanding the local methodology
- Loss of transparency
- Higher cost
- Loss of efficiency



**National scope/ Typical SFH case**  
(adj.: same reference unit)



LCA simulation data from Sweco study

# Variables

- Area definitions
- Building parts included
- Biogen CO2
- EPD type – generic vs specific
- Constant EPD improvements

# Area definitions

Area definitions vary, ie

- GFA – Gross floor area
- GIA – Gross internal area (CREEM)
- “net heated area“

In all countries we need LCA consultant to report LCA result variations:

- National standard
- SBTi

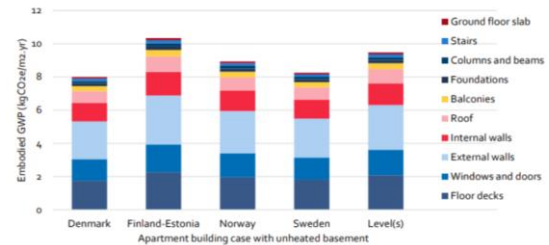
And remember that numbers may not compare

Country/Region	(in place or proposed) Regulation	RSP	Floor area definition	External wall thickness	Within the building enclosure					
					Primary functions (e.g. circulation, storage)	Internal walls and columns	Basement/cellar	Stairs	Common areas (in multiple stories, voids)	
Denmark	Danish Building regulation (BR18) embodied part	50	GFA	✓	✓	✓	✓	if ceiling height > 1.25 m	✓	count for a floor
	Danish Building regulation (BR18) - operational part	50	HFA	✓	✓?	✓?	✓	if ceiling height > 1.25 m	-	count for a floor
Estonia	Proposed method for climate declaration (2023)	50	HFA	-	✓?	✓?	✓	✓?	✓	✓
Finland	Proposed method for climate declaration (2023)	50	HFA	-	✓?	✓?	✓	✓?	✓	✓
Iceland	Method under development (2023)	50	HFA (GFA) & GFA (additional)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Norway	TEK17	50	GFA	✓	✓	✓	✓	Included if > 1.9m high for a width of a 0.6m	-	-
Sweden	Climate Declaration 2022	N/A	GFA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Europe	Level(s) - Office	50	IPMS 3 UFA	-	✓	✓	✓	if in exclusive use	-	-
	Level(s) - Residential	50	IPMS 3B UFA	-	✓	✓	✓	✓ separate item	✓	only on ground floor

## Method Reference area unit



- Big differences, implications for basements, balconies, etc.
- normalizing results per resident or building user could help account for how efficiently the space is used



LCA results normalized (scope, data) using different reference area units; Nordic countries & LEVEL(s)



# Biogenic CO2 – how to calculate uptake and end of life emissions

## Upfront (A-modules)

SBTi and Swedish klimatdeklarationen sets biogenic uptake to zero.

## End-of-life (C-modules)

Most countries includes C-modules where all biogenic carbon is released to the atmosphere again. SBTi and Sweden doesn't include C-modules, no impact on biogenic carbon since it's not included in the A-modules

## Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary (D-modules)

No country has limit values for D-modules.

Germany: An LCA for a wood product might assume a 60-70% recycling rate based on national data.

Netherlands: An LCA might assume a 75-80% recycling rate for wood due to strong national policies on recycling.

## Conclusions

Here is a big need for a harmonized stand point. Is it reasonable to assume all biogenic carbon uptake to be released again within 50 years?

What is the approach going forward in the Nordic countries?

Has no effect, D-modules not being included in national LCA-scopes

# EPD type - example

Concrete hollow core slab  
**34% lower**

CLT (Cross laminated timber)  
**49% lower**



**Generic Danish EPD**

51,06 kg  
CO2/m2

**Kynningsrud EPD**

33,4 kg  
CO2/m2

**Generic Danish EPD**

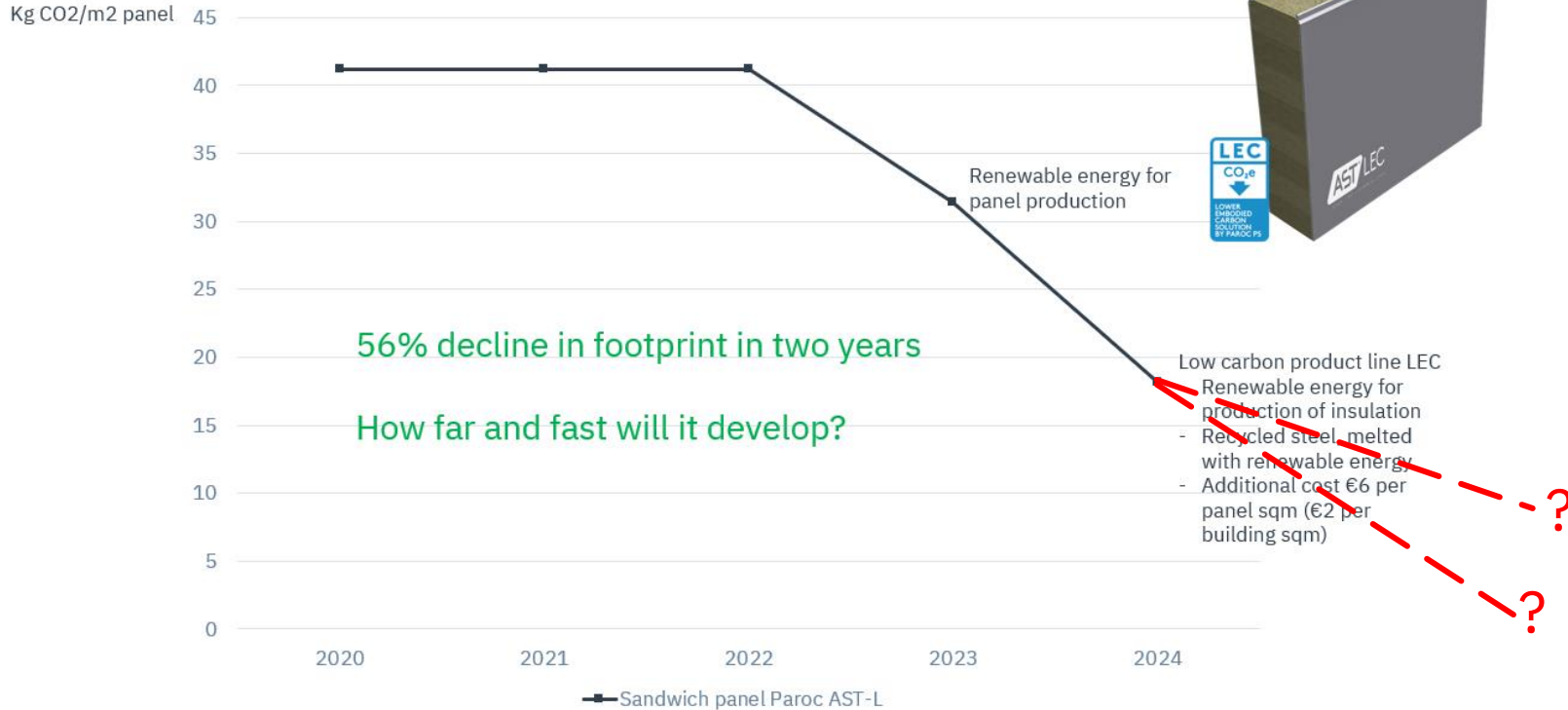
67 kg CO2/m3

**Södra EPD**

34 kg CO2/m3

# Constant EPD improvements - example

Market decarbonisation cases – Exterior walls for logistic buildings as an example



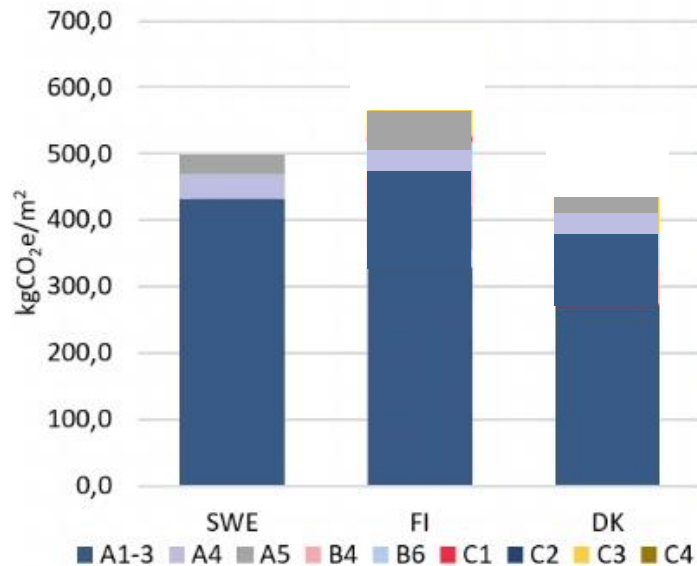


# Solutions

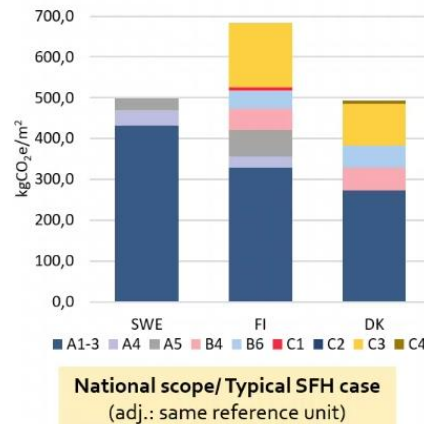
# Methodology landscape – varies across countries

## Solution

- Implementation of the SBTi methodology and target setting
- One methodology used for all markets – non- dependent on national regulations
- Many upsides, but some downsides in form of the need to do both national and SBTi calculations in each market. And the reduced scope, only covering A1-A5



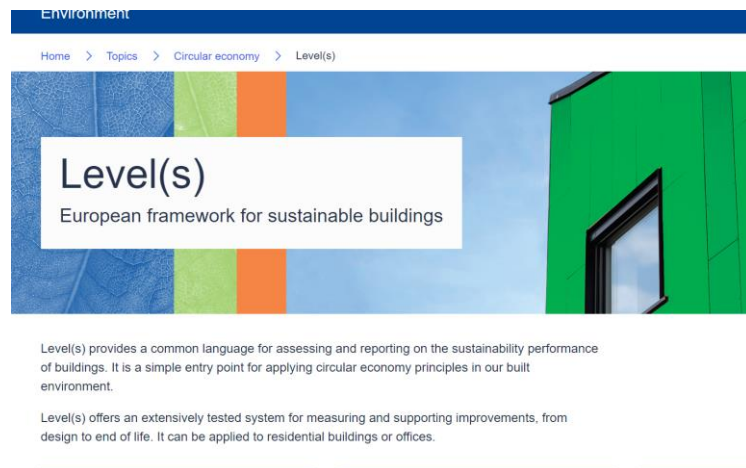
SBTi scope A1-A5 excl biogenic carbon



National scope/Typical SFH case (adj.: same reference unit)

# Reflections

- Need for an European harmonization of LCA methodology?
  - Loss of transparency – many numbers circulate...
- LCA's are based on variables with many assumptions and many results
- Are significant emissions missing, ie from existing building stock being renovated/retrofitted?
  - 60-70 % of all new materials are for renovation/retrofitting building (Source: Boverket)



# Experiences with climate regulation

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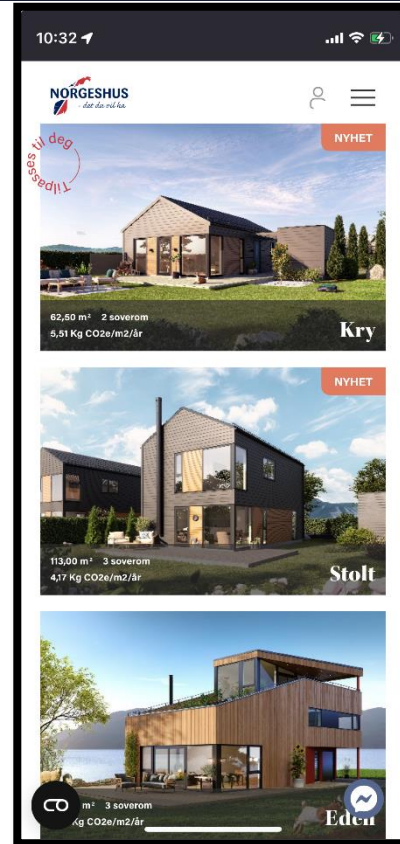


## About Norgeshus AS

- **Franchise concept** which consists of over 150 **independent** contractors/developers across the entirety of Norway + Faroe Islands + Iceland
- **Norgeshus AS** develops a concept which consists of architecture, engineering, tools, services, marketing, IT infrastructure and housing catalogues (++)
- Engineering office with 40+ **engineers & architects**
- Our contractors have built over 25,000 housing units over the past 35 years
- Our contractors build everything from kindergartens to single family homes (SFH) – ca. **1.000 housings units per year**
- First among our competitors to calculate climate declarations for all the SFH and cabins in **our catalogues**

# Our experience with voluntary climate declarations based upon Norwegian building code (TEK17)

- Used in marketing communications
- Based on TEK17/NS3720
- Not required for SFH in Norway (yet)
- Desire to be in front of change
- Desire to build up competence of our 40+ engineers & architects
- Greenhouse gas accountings (A1-A3, A4, A5, B2, B4) for 85 housing models



# Example declaration – reports for use by us and interested customers...

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1. Velg husmodell

Dråpen

Klimagassregnskap til kataloghusene (2023)

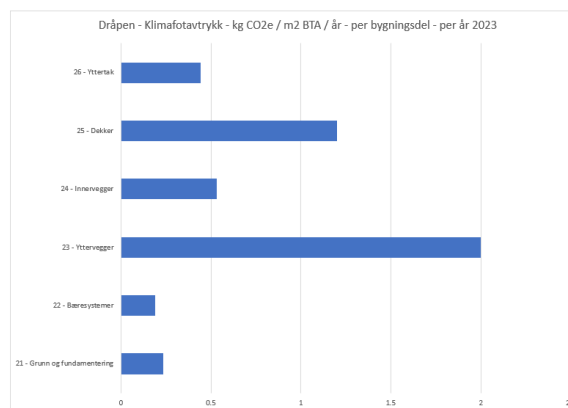
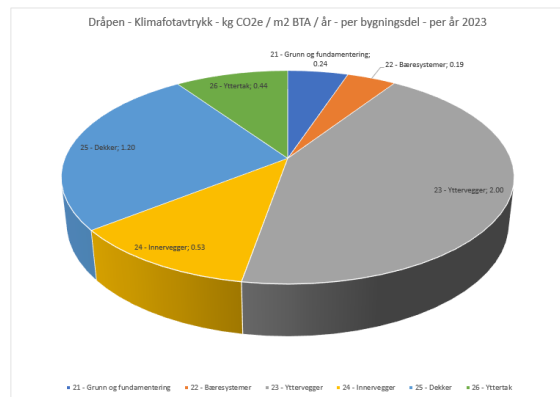
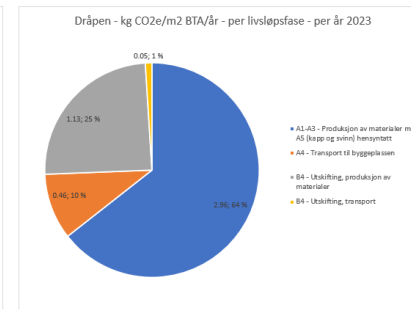
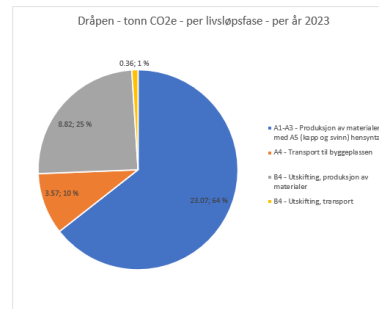
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som de er prosjekterte.

2. Velg diagram

Klimafotavtrykk - kg CO2e / m2 BTA / år - per bygningssdel

Dråpen - Klimafotavtrykk - per år 2023					
		Ansl			
		m2 BTA	m2 BRA	m2 H-BRA	
		155.65	141.5	139.8	
	% av Klimafotavtrykket	kg CO2e over 50 år	tonn CO2e over 50 år	kg CO2e/m2 BTA/år	kg CO2e/m2 BRA/år
21 - Grunn og fundamentering	5.11 %	1831	1.83	0.24	0.26
22 - Bæresystemer	4.15 %	1488	1.49	0.19	0.21
23 - Yttervegger	48.47 %	15572	15.57	2.00	2.20
24 - Innervegger	11.60 %	4155	4.15	0.55	0.59
25 - Dekker	26.08 %	9943	9.94	1.20	1.32
26 - Yttertak	9.58 %	3430	3.43	0.44	0.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	<b>35819</b>	<b>35.82</b>	<b>4.60</b>	<b>5.06</b>



Dråpen - tonn CO2e - per livsløpsfase - per år 2023	
on av materialer med AS (kapp og svinn) hensyntatt	23.07
A4 - Transport til byggeplassen	3.57
B4 - Utskifting, produksjon av materialer	8.82
B4 - Utskifting, transport	0.36
Dråpen - kg CO2e/m2 BTA/år - per livsløpsfase - per år 2023	
on av materialer med AS (kapp og svinn) hensyntatt	2.96
A4 - Transport til byggeplassen	0.46
B4 - Utskifting, produksjon av materialer	1.13
B4 - Utskifting, transport	0.05

## Our experiences & findings

- Calculated according to current regulations in Norway
- LCA tool (Reduzer) & their default assumptions for transport
- Manually extracting data from EPDs takes time & can lead to errors (expiration dates, scientific notation, product variants, etc)
- Average carbon footprint for our 45 houses: **4.16 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / m<sup>2</sup> / year**, cabins: **3.83 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / m<sup>2</sup> / year** according to TEK17 guidelines
  - *Gross floor area, 50 year lifetime, A1-A3, A4, A5 (waste), B2, B4*
- Some specific findings...



# Building upwards can reduce kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / m<sup>2</sup> (usable area)



## **Lund Moderne:**

Usable area: 105 m<sup>2</sup>

Built-up area: 118 m<sup>2</sup>

**4.92 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / m<sup>2</sup> usable area / year**

28.29 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e over 50 years



## **Lundås Moderne:**

Usable area: 168 m<sup>2</sup>

Built-up area: 120 m<sup>2</sup>

**3.12 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / m<sup>2</sup> usable area / year**

28.81 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e over 50 years

# Foundations, cement, and carbon footprint...



## **Fauna:**

Usable area: 69.9 m<sup>2</sup>

Built-up area: 76.9 m<sup>2</sup>

**6.15 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / m<sup>2</sup> GFA/ year**

*(higher CO<sub>2</sub>e / m<sup>2</sup> than 98% of other houses)*

23.64 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e over 50 years

*(lower total CO<sub>2</sub>e than 95% of other houses)*

## **Fauna with steel pier foundations:**

Usable area: 69.9 m<sup>2</sup>

Built-up area: 76.9 m<sup>2</sup>

**4.51 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e / m<sup>2</sup> GFA/ year**

17.32 tons CO<sub>2</sub>e over 50 years

**Are we concerned about kg / m<sup>2</sup>, or total carbon footprint?**

So, what are the implications?

# Obstacles

- **Inexperience** with carbon numbers and what they mean
- Cost/benefit of a declaration– **little perceived value** unless the building owner wants to reduce carbon footprint...
- Not currently a requirement for **all buildings**
- Instantaneous oxidation of biogenic carbon (as required in Norway) leads to **confusion** about the environmental benefits of tree-based products
  - End of life (C) is excluded in TEK17...

# What can make it easier for developers and others?

- Clear, nonpartisan signals and commitments about upcoming regulatory **requirements**
  - *Future delegated acts under articles 7.3 & 7.5 in EPBD will be helpful to illustrate significance of limit values*
- Threshold levels based upon **bottom-up** building stock monitoring (see *Decarbonisation of the Building Stock* report)
- National database to submit climate declarations in machine readable format (i.e. Sweden & Iceland)
- Once limit values are in place, reporting requirements **early in project planning (building permit phase?)** to avoid unwanted surprises
- Standardized, **machine-readable** EPDs

# Harmonization for increased digitalization?

- Mandatory EPDs (before CPR in 2030?)
- Mandatory publication of **machine-readable** environmental data in a database
- Requirement to submit declaration in machine-readable format (XML?) to a central database

# What should be the focus of harmonization?

- **Biogenic carbon** and its treatment influence results
- **GWP indicator** should be harmonised (but this depends upon treatment of biogenic carbon and inclusion av C-modules) –
- **Uniform** conservative methodology (e.g. +25%) for generic data
- **System boundaries** & subsequent impact on limit values (B6)
- Separate threshold values for **scenario based modules** (B6) (see *Decarbonisation of the Building Stock*)
- If not agreement on threshold values, then agreement on **template for machine readable declarations** (normalisation units, building elements, modules etc)
- Kg m2 / **usable area**? Or **built up area**? Or **total kg**?
- Standardized assumptions for transport (A4), waste (A5), emissions factors for energy carriers, etc
- Facilitation of «Apple to apple» comparisons (building elements, modules)

# Thank you for your time

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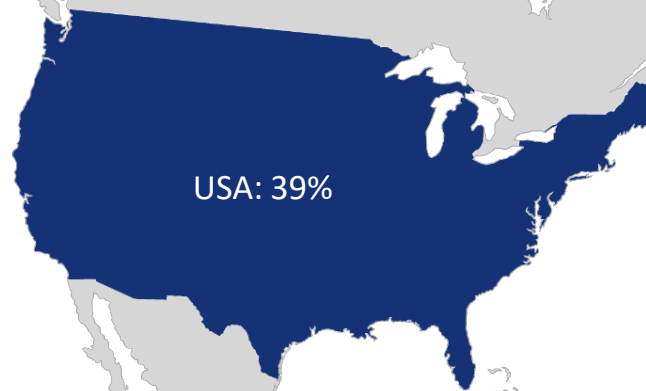
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# Climate declaration – Possibilities and challenges

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# Skanska in brief



Nordic: 43%

Europe: 18%

- One of the world's leading project development and construction groups
- 2022 revenue of SEK 162 bn
- 28,000 employees

Average revenue (2018-2022)



Building/civil



Project development



# Climate declaration

Challenges



320 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>

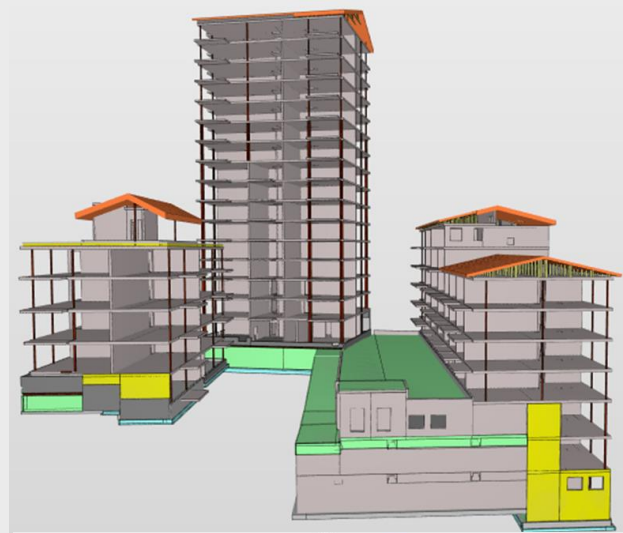
Good or bad?

“I have found the best  
tool on the market!

It gives the lowest  
CO<sub>2</sub>“

# What is included in the declaration?

- What is 100 % of a building?
- What is 100% load-bearing structural parts?

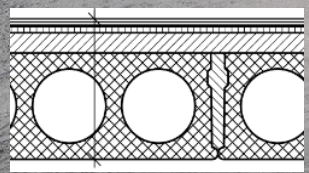


# Included or not?

1 m<sup>2</sup> HDF  
120/27




HDF element  
Concrete  
Concrete pump  
Screed



Benämning	Anmärkning	Förän kod	Å-mgd/m2	Enhe
Bjälklag av betongelement HDF 120/27		0	1,000	m2
85mm pågjutningsbetong SKB special	SKB enl. VSA...	0	1,000	m2
Betongpump M42	inkl. etableri...	0	0,085	m3
7mm avjämningsmassa TM Express K		0	1,000	m2

# As built

- Changes during the building process
- Amount of material, in each building
- Waste
- Verifications

Indatavblad Klimatdeklaration Hovås Tak											
Datum	2024-03-25										
Leverantör	Skanska Industrial Solutions AB										
Underskrift											
Namn/förtydligande	Abdulrahman Akram										
Konstruktionsdel	Klimatförbättrad	Betongkvalitet	Exponeringsklass	Nettomängd för projekt	Densitet om mängd i m <sup>3</sup>	A1-A3 GWP-GHG	Klimatpåverkan A1-A3	Transportavstånd från fabrik till arbetsplats	Typ av bränsle	EPD	
	ja/nej	Till exempel: C35/45, C32/40 XF3, tork 40 C45/55	Till exempel: XC4, XS2, XD2, XF1, XA1	Enhet (m <sup>3</sup> )	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/ton	kg CO <sub>2</sub> e	kilometer	Till exempel: HVD100, FAME100, Diesel, et	Registreringsnummer EPD	ID Dotter-EPD (EPD bilaga som PDF)
Bottenplatta/grundkonstruktion	nej	C30/37 S4 18 Luft	XC4, XD2, XS2, XF2, XA2	40	2390	289 13	27293,872	17,5	Diesel	NEPD-4430-3694-SE	5000000986
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# Competence

## Environmental Product Declaration

In accordance with ISO 14025 and EN 15804 for:

**ThermoWood®**  
by  
**Stora Enso**

Programme: The International EPD® System, [www.environdec.com](http://www.environdec.com)  
 Programme operator: EPD International AB  
 EPD registration number: S-P-02155  
 ECO Platform registration number: 00001286  
 Publication date: 2020-08-03  
 Revision date: 2021-02-10  
 Valid until: 2026-02-11



## Potential environmental impact – 1m<sup>3</sup> ThermoWood®

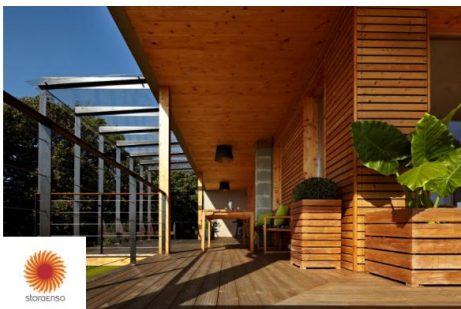
INDICATOR	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL A1-A3	
Global warming potential (GWP)	Fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	8,42E+00	1,30E+01	5,67E+01	7,81E+01
	Biogenic *	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	-7,44E+02*	5,31E-03	1,10E-01	-7,44E+02*
	Land use and land transformation	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	2,18E-01	3,54E-03	3,24E-02	2,54E-01
	<b>TOTAL *</b>	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	-7,35E+02*	1,30E+01	5,68E+01	<b>-6,66E+02*</b>

## Additional required impact indicator acc. PCR 2019:14

This indicator includes all greenhouse gases included in GWP-total but excludes biogenic carbon dioxide emissions and uptake and biogenic carbon stored in the product. This indicator support comparability with EPDs based on the previous version of EN 15804 (EN 15804:2012+A1:2013).

## Environmental performance – product / construction stage

INDICATOR	UNIT	A1	A2	A3	TOTAL A1-A3
GWP-GHG (acc. IPCC 2013)	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	8,41E+00	1,28E+01	5,66E+01	7,77E+01





# Climate declaration

Opportunities

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- Digitalization
- Standardisation
- Win-Win!



## Nya krav på digital rapportering av klimatdata

Byggbranschens krav på digital rapportering av klimatdata ökar; både från myndigheter, kunder och andra intressenter. Med anledning av detta ställer sig nu branschens aktörer bakom branschstandarderna för digitala följesedlar (BEAst Supply 4.0).

Publicerad: 2023-10-30

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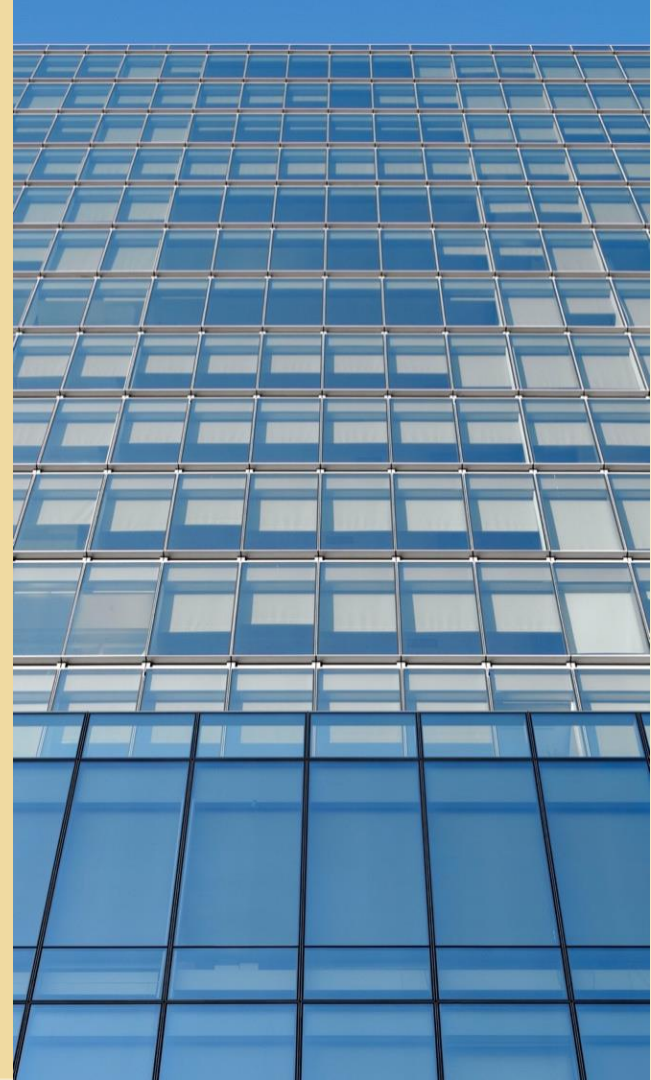
Lars Redtzer, chef för branschutveckling på Byggföretagen, uppmanar byggtreprenörer att tillämpa branschstandarderna BEAst Supply 4.0 för digitala följesedlar i sin klimatrapportering.

# Climate declaration

Needs

# Harmonization/clarification

- Supervision
- Building parts
- Verified data, quality indicator
- Result for each module (GWP-GHG) Transparency/common scenarios
- The quality of EPDs
- Predictable



# Thank you

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More on upcoming  
regulation



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# Climate declaration and limit values

- **Status:** Climate declaration under notification 28.6.2024-1.10.2024, TRIS: [2024/0348/FI](#)  
Construction act amendment under notification 11.6.2024-12.9.2024, TRIS: [2024/0310/FI](#)
- **Enters into force** on 1 January 2026 (degree on climate declaration and degree on limit values)
- **As-built phase:** climate declaration to be prepared for the final inspection
- **Scope:** terraced houses; apartment blocks; office buildings and health centres; commercial buildings, department stores, shopping centres, wholesale and retail trade buildings, market halls, theatres, opera, concert and conference buildings, cinemas, libraries, archives, museums, art galleries and exhibition venues; tourist accommodation buildings, hotels, residential homes, senior housing, residential care homes and medical care institutions; educational buildings and kinder gardens; sports halls; hospitals; storage buildings, transport buildings, swimming pools and ice rinks with a net heated area of more than 1 000 square metres.

Excluded: e.g. small family buildings, renovation projects, extensions

# Climate declaration and life cycle assessment

- The low-carbon assessment shall include both a **carbon footprint** and a **carbon handprint** assessment.

- This assessment shall cover:

A

- manufacture of construction products (A1-3)
- transport of construction products (A4)
- site operations (A5)

B

- replacements of construction products during use of the building (B4)
- the energy use of the building (B6)
- demolition of the building (C1)

C

- transport of demolition waste (C2)
- treatment of demolition waste (C3)
- final disposal of demolition waste (C4)
- the potential climate benefits of the construction project



# Scope of the low-carbon assessment

**Carbon footprint of a building**  
kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup>/a

Load –bearing frame

Complementary parts

Building services

**Limit values**



**Carbon footprint of the building site**  
kgCO<sub>2</sub>e/m<sup>2</sup>/a

Structures of the area

Underground structures

# Carbon handprint

- Includes avoided and eliminated greenhouse gas emissions.
- The components of the carbon handprint are not aggregated and are not deducted from the carbon footprint
- Components of carbon handprint
  - Re-use
  - Recycling
  - Surplus renewable energy
  - Carbon storage
  - Carbonation



# Limit values for carbon footprint

- Limit values will be set for each category of intended use of buildings
- Limit values could take into account specific situations in which achieving a value below the limit value would be particularly difficult



# Thank you!



# Carbon footprint regulation in Estonia

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# Estonian approach



**01.07.2025**

**Carbon footprint  
calculation**

new buildings  
>1000 m<sup>2</sup>



**01.01.2030**

**Carbon footprint  
calculation**

all new buildings



**01.01.2030**

**Limit values**

all new buildings





# Tools and education

- **Material emission factor database**
  - Developed by TalTech in co-operation with members of Association of Construction Material Producers of Estonia
  - Published in Sept 2024
- **Calculation tool**
  - Carbon footprint calculator is being developed by TalTech
  - Published in Sept-Oct 2024
- **Educational courses coming up**



# Next steps

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# Carbon footprint of buildings

- 2024: Regulation of carbon footprint calculation methodology (*in preparation*)
- 2024: An ongoing project to work out initial limit values
  
- 2025: Updating material CO<sub>2</sub>e database
- 2025: New delegated act by COM (EPBD)
- 2026: Readiness to update methodology
  
- 2027: Publication of a roadmap detailing the introduction of limit values on the total cumulative LC GWP of all new buildings
- 2030: Limit values in force for new buildings



# Carbon footprint of infrastructure\*

2025: Development of infrastructure carbon footprint calculation methodology

2025: Updates of material emission factor database

2026: Development of regulations

2030: Carbon footprint calculation for road construction projects



## Useful sources

- <https://kliimaministeerium.ee/elukeskkond-ringmajandus/energiatohusus-ja-keskkonnasaast/hoone-susinikujalajalg>
- <https://livekluster.ehr.ee/ui/ehr/v1/document/susinikujalajalg>
- [www.ghg.ee](http://www.ghg.ee)
- [www.kasvuhoonegaasid.ee](http://www.kasvuhoonegaasid.ee)
- <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024L1275&qid=1715256617895>



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Nordic Climate Forum for Construction

# Iceland's pathways to sustainable construction

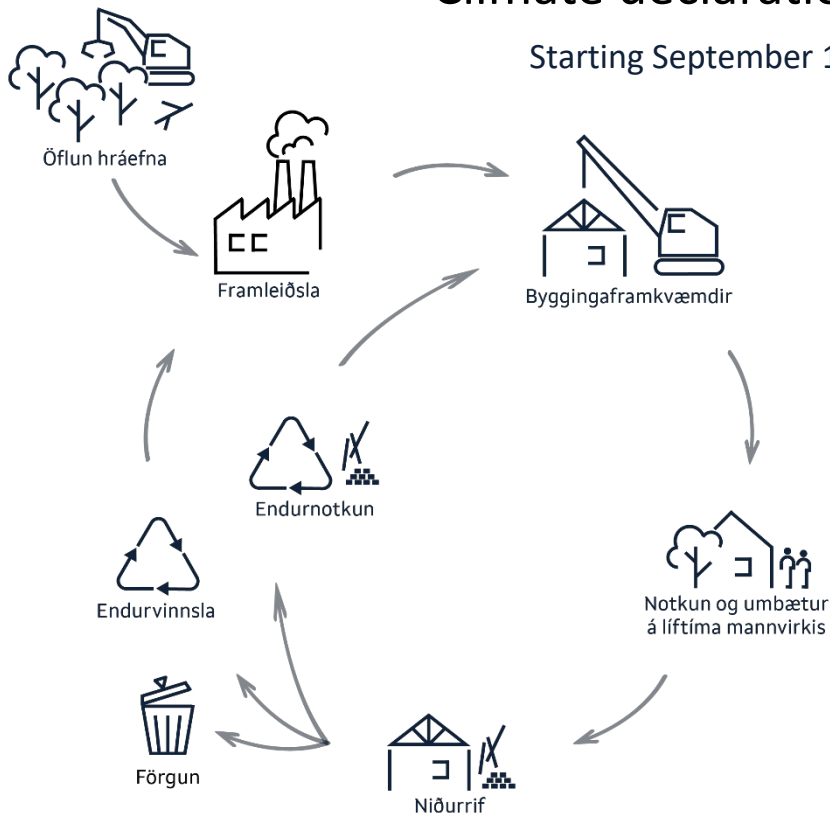
Elín Þórólfsdóttir



A1-A3	Product Stage
A4	Transport
A5	Construction installation process
B1	
B2	
B3	
B4	Refurbishment
B5	
B6	Operational energy use
B7	
C1	End of life stages
C2	
C3	
C4	
D	Beyond the system boundary

## Climate declaration - LCA

Starting September 1st, 2025







LCA skilag  
Leiðbeiningar  
lífsferilsgreini

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## Niðurstöður LCA greiningar

# Results of LCA analysis

Skjal sem inniheldur niðurstöður lífsferilsgreininga er hlaðið upp í lokaskrefi umsóknar.

Hér fyrir neðan skal skrá helstu niðurstöður úr lífsferilgreiningu byggingarinnar. Niðurstöður skulu sundurliðaðar eftir fasa þar sem við á. Eining losunar skal gefin upp á fermetra á ári [kg CO<sub>2</sub>-ígilda á m<sup>2</sup> á ári], það skal miða fermetra fjölda við brúttó fermetra.

A1-A3 \*

A1-A3

A4 \*

A4

A5 \*

A5

B4 \*

B4

B6 \*

B6

C1-C4 \*

C1-C4

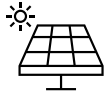
Samtals kg CO<sub>2</sub>-íg v/ fasa A-C \*

In total kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/square meters/year

D \*

D

# Icelandic Average Values for LCA Phases

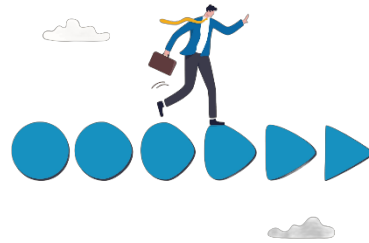


Average data available for use when specific data isn't accessible

Includes values for:

- A1-A3: Technical systems like elevators, renewable energy, ventilation
- A4: Transport to site (19.79 kgCO<sub>2</sub>-eq/m<sup>2</sup>)
- A5: Construction process (42.5 kgCO<sub>2</sub>-eq/m<sup>2</sup>)
- C1-C4: End of life (43.75 kgCO<sub>2</sub>-eq/m<sup>2</sup>, with breakdowns)
- Emission factors for energy use provided for B6 phase





**1.september 2025**

## Adjustment Period

**Education:** Information page at HMS.is Courses by educational institutions

**Experience:** Meetings with professionals Presentations to stakeholders

**Incentives:** Role models Encouragement through collaboration



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# Circular economy

## Review of building regulation

- Implementing circular economy principles in all aspects of construction
- Comprehensive review of building regulations with a focus on circular economy
- Establishing material standards and promoting the use of recyclable and reusable building materials

# Roadmap for Shaping the Research Environment in Construction



Released in March 2024, this roadmap outlines the key actions needed to enhance the research environment in construction, with a focus on sustainability

## Overview of 16 Actions in Three Key Areas

### 1. Research environment

- Analysis of what we need to study?
- Analysis of which equipment we have and what we need to have
- Analysis of what it costs to perform these studies and where could the money come from?
- Analysis and proposals presented of what the ideal setup for a research environment when all parameters above are considered?

### 2. Dissemination of research results and experiences from the market

- Establish efficient publication of technical instructions
- Establish a system for harmonized technical specifications (NS 3420)

### 3. Testing of construction products

- The public sector supports the implementation of accredited testing by establish a cooperation with notified bodies in neighboring countries
- Development of the regulatory framework to encourage reuse of construction products

<b>1. Building materials</b>	1.1. Chapter on concrete in building regulation reviewed	1.2. Research of eco-friendly building materials	1.3. Initiative on correct storing and handling of building materials	1.4. Databank for ecological and climatic effects of building materials	1.5. Development of process of wood products	1.6. Development in eco-friendly concrete		
<b>2. Construction stage</b>	2.1. Composition analysis of industrial machinery fleet for constructions	2.2. Further information gathered on industrial machinery fleet	2.3. Discussions about energy transition in industrial machinery	2.4. Reward system in Reykjavik for eco-friendly energy sources on construction sites	2.5. Concepts about environmental impact at construction sites defined	2.6. Conversation on secure energy infrastructure from the beg. of constructions	2.7. Show-case: Zero-emission construction site	2.8. Check new registration of industrial machinery fuelled by oil
<b>3. Use stage</b>	3.1. Information on actual consumption of heat, electricity and water	3.2. Coordinated energy calculations published and classification of energy efficiency	3.3. Requirement of energy calculations	3.4. Education on energy savings in buildings	3.5. Requirement of atmospheric density tests activated	3.6. Instructions on the design of heating, cooling and air conditioning systems	3.7. Research of energy utilisation of older buildings	
	3.8. Coordinated calculations of heat- and moisture fluctuation published	3.9. Check requirements* for controlled ventilation systems with heat recycling	3.10. Requirement of energy efficiency of new buildings	3.11. Policy on eco-friendly maintenance of public buildings	3.12. Activate the "House Manual" in the Building registry	3.13. Instructions for eco-friendly maintenance		
<b>4. End of lifetime / Circular economy</b>	4.1. Marketplace for soil and mineral products (Mólundur)	4.2. Research and instruction on utilisation of building waste	4.3. Promotional effort for new recycling requirements for building waste	4.4. Accessible areas for used building materials	4.5. Report of designers on maximum utilisation of building materials	4.6. Permits for demolition registered in the Building registry		
	4.7. Actual figures on building waste returned	4.8. Regulatory framework for construction reviewed with regards to circular economy	4.9. Instructions for recycling and reusing building materials	4.10. Instructions for responsible demolition	4.11. Emphasis on construction in the project Together against waste			
<b>5.1. Life-cycle assessment</b>	5.1.1. Emissions of The Icelandic Road Administration constructions evaluated with source analysis	5.1.2. LCA on BREEAM-certified new buildings of Reykjavik Municipality	5.1.3. Coordinated LCA-methodology of buildings published	5.1.4. Educational materials on LCA for buildings	5.1.5. Requirements for carbon footprint calculations (LCA) in public projects	5.1.6. Baseline criteria for carbon footprint of different building categories defined		
	5.1.7. Carbon neutral building for Icelandic conditions defined	5.1.8. Baseline criteria for carbon footprint of different building categories updated	5.1.9. Requirements for carbon footprint calculations (LCA) in general market	5.1.10. Requirement that the carbon footprint of public projects is 30% lower than the baseline (limit value)	5.1.11. Requirement that the carbon footprint of general projects is 30% lower than the baseline (limit value).	5.1.12. Baseline criteria for carbon footprint of all projects updated and lowered		
<b>5.2. Environmental certifications</b>	5.2.1. Financial and environmental benefits of environmental certifications	5.2.2. Instructions on Nordic Swan Ecolabel criteria	5.2.3. Environmentally certified buildings in the Building registry	5.2.4. More environmentally certified buildings in Reykjavik	5.2.5. Professional courses on certification systems	5.2.6. Education for municipalities about certifications	5.2.7. Education for suppliers about certifications	5.2.8. Adjust certification systems to Icelandic conditions
<b>5.3. Eco-friendly urban areas</b>	5.3.1. Existing infrastructure in Reykjavik used together	5.3.2. Instructions on planning of 20 minute towns and neighbourhoods	5.3.3. Manual on organisation and design around the circular economy	5.3.4. National Planning Strategy 2015–2026 reviewed	5.3.5. Legislation on planning revised with respect to climate issues	5.3.6. Instructions and databank about climate-focused planning		
<b>6. Incentives for transition</b>	6.1. Proposal for the Ministry of Finance on public incentives for eco-friendly construction	6.2. Discussion within municipalities and others about green financial incentives	6.3. The green housing of the future in the City of Reykjavik	6.4. Instructions and samples of environmental criteria for public tenders	6.5. Environmentally friendly requirements and selection criteria for tenders conducted by the Government Property Agency			
	6.6. Loan supply of public financial institutions for eco-friendly building	6.7. Check coordinated criteria for green financing	6.8. Competition fund for construction industry (Askur)	6.9. Awards for eco-friendly construction (Græna skóflán)	6.10. Initiatives for eco-friendly steps within the construction industry			

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Thank you

End of morning  
session

The recording can  
be found at [Nordic  
Sustainable  
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# Lunch break 12.30-13.30



# Program afternoon

**13.30 Introduction to round table discussions**

**13.40 Round table discussion 1**

What to focus on in our continued work for Nordic harmonisation of regulation?

14.40 Coffee break

**14.50 Round table discussion 2**

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15.50 **Sum up** and next Nordic Climate Forum for Construction 2025

16.00 **End**

17.00 Dinner at Studio

# Purpose of today's roundtable discussions

## Your task:

- Share your knowledge
- Show on key factors
- Make suggestions

## Our task:

- Collect information for Nordic harmonization.
- Engage with the industry, researchers and government.
- Create a network for continued work.

# Structure of today's roundtable discussions

- 45 min: Discussions
- 15 min: The participants writes down their answers

# Practical steps

- You must have a computer / tablet with you.
- Connect to network
- Log in to the webpage with the questionnaire –
- Every table has an moderator - Start the discussion!
- The moderator will announce when 10 min is left.
- Time for writing down your answers.
- **IMPORTANT!** Send your answers after the **second** session.

# Start the discussion

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