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Delivering **better outcomes** for Irish Construction



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What role will BIM and digitization play in supporting the sector within a circular economy?













Buildings in the EU are responsible for:

50% of all energy use 40% of all greenhouse gas emissions 50% of all raw material extraction 33% of all water use

When the full lifecycle (extraction, manufacture, transport, construction and end-of-life) is considered.

EU, 2018





The construction sector produced 923 million tonnes of waste in 2016, which in terms of volume is the largest waste stream in the EU, representing 30% of all waste generated.

(EU, 2019)

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION WASTE STATISTICS FOR IRELAND

Latest 2014 EPA estimates

3.3 mt

2007 EPA estimates

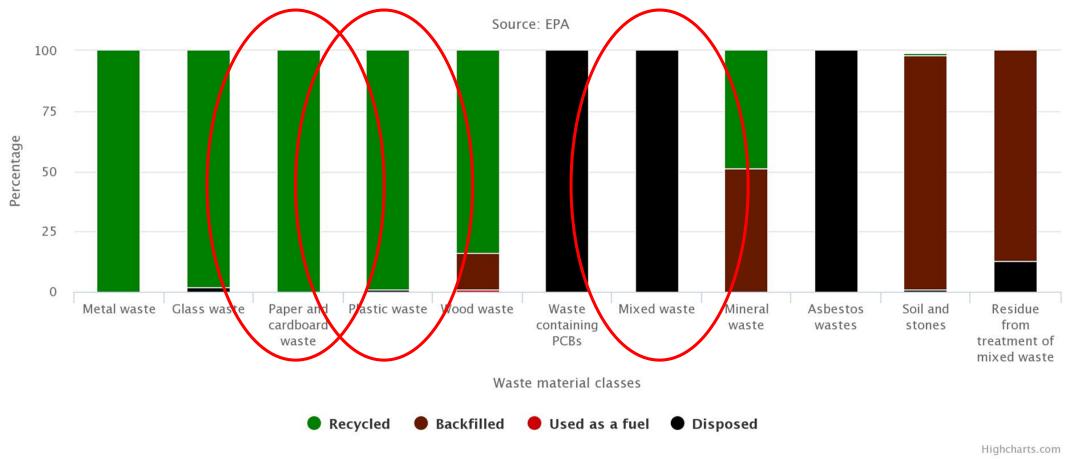
17 mt

Data collected from licensed and managed facilities <u>NOT</u> construction and demolition projects.











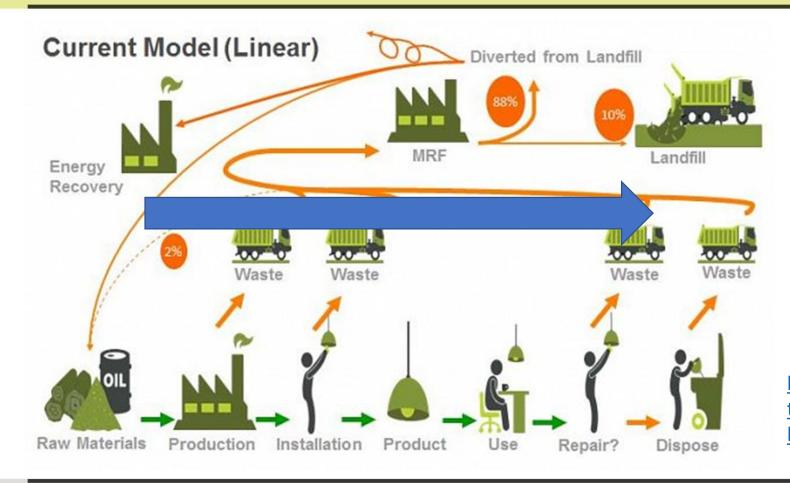








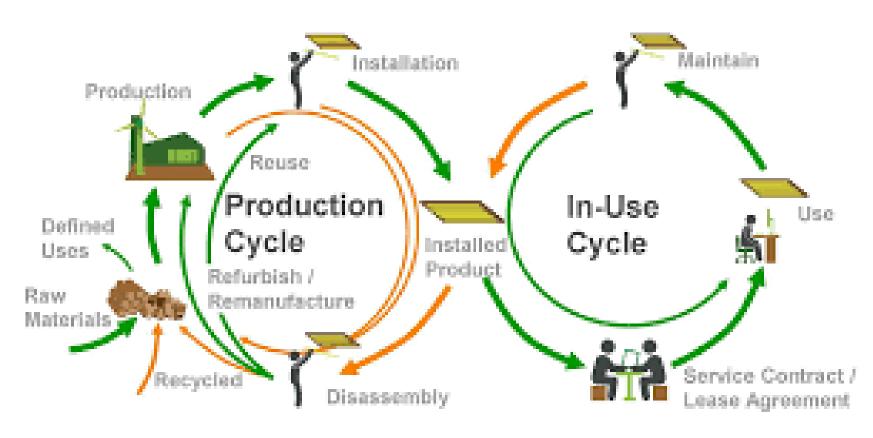




https://sustainability.bam.co.uk/insights/2014-09-18-the-circular-economy-a-new-resource-model-for-the-built-environment







(UK Green Building Council)





The circular economy is one that is <u>restorative by</u> <u>design</u>, and which aims to keep products, components and materials at their highest <u>value</u> and <u>utility</u> at all times.

(Ellen McArthur Foundation, 2015)









True cost of construction waste



e.g. For 8 cu yd skip:

Skip hire	£85			
Labour to fill skip	£163			
Cost of materials put in skip	£1095			

TOTAL TRUE COST £1343

(Source: AMEC)

We need to rethink what 'value' means and our definition of 'waste'...it is not a 'waste', it is a resource.

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Cost of breeze blocks = €1.43 each.

Lost revenue from metal waste being in the wrong skip.

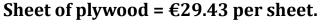




Timber waste in wrong skip (it costs less to dispose of segregated timber).



Fire-barriers = €3 each.





Returnable pallets = €5 each.



Insulation = €5.30 per sheet.



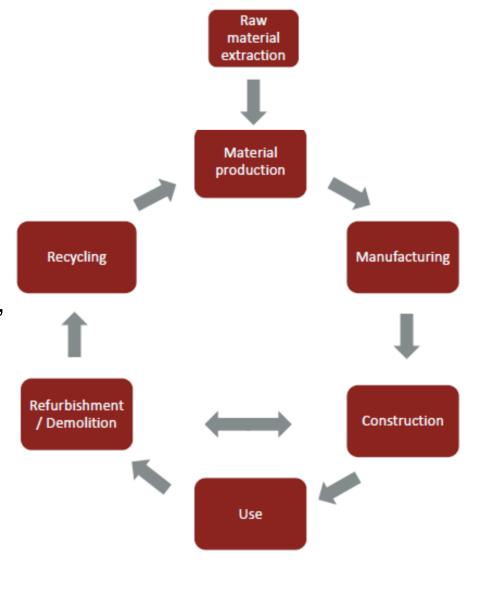


What is a circular building?

A building that is developed, used and reused without unnecessary resource depletion, environmental pollution and ecosystem degradation. It is constructed in an economically responsible way and contributes to the wellbeing of people and other inhabitants of this earth. Here and there, now and later. Technical elements are demountable and reusable, and biological elements can also be brought back into the biological cycle. (Circle Economy, 2018) Circular construction: minimum use, maximum reuse
Circular construction involves the entire construction supply
chain. In other words, it is not only working out how the
materials can best be reused when a building is demolished.
In circular construction, architects, engineers and contractors
take minimising the use and maximizing the reuse of entire
buildings and/or building materials into account at the very
start of the construction process.

(Van Sante, 2018)

- ✓ Minimise raw material extraction
- ✓ More resource efficient material production phase utilising secondary materials
- ✓ More resource efficient manufacturing phase utilising by-products
- ✓ Macro-scale preventative design i.e. existing building use, brownfield sites etc.
- ✓ Project-scale preventative design i.e. cut and fill, reuse of excavation materials, materials optimisation, off-site construction, material durability, reusability or recyclability etc.
- ✓ Recurring resource use during building's lifecycle i.e. adaptability/flexibility, refurbishment waste etc.
- ✓ Demolition V reuse of building(s) and site decisions
- ✓ Pre-demolition auditing and deconstruction
- ✓ Waste management processing resource use and by-products influenced by market conditions
- ✓ Quality standards

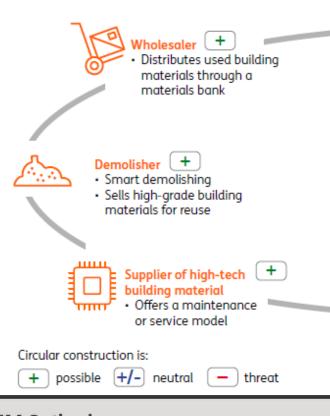


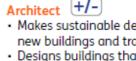




Activities of supply chain partners in circular construction

Circular construction has consequences for all supply chain partners





- · Makes sustainable decisions between new buildings and transformation
- Designs buildings that can be dismantled





Supplier of low-tech building materials

 Offers sustainable building materials with a Materials Passport



Real estate investor

 Opts for circular buildings because of the added value



Project developer [+/-]

 Tender on performances standards



· Focuses on reuse and sustainable building methods and materials

(Van Sante, 2018)

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Buildings as Material Banks

- ✓ Policy and Standards
- ✓ Business Models
- ✓ Circular Building Assessment
- ✓ Reversible Building Design
- ✓ Materials Passports



https://www.bamb2020.eu/





Information Management

"...reliable and standardised information on material flows and material composition of building products and buildings is needed."

(Henrich and Lang, 2019)













Material passports are...

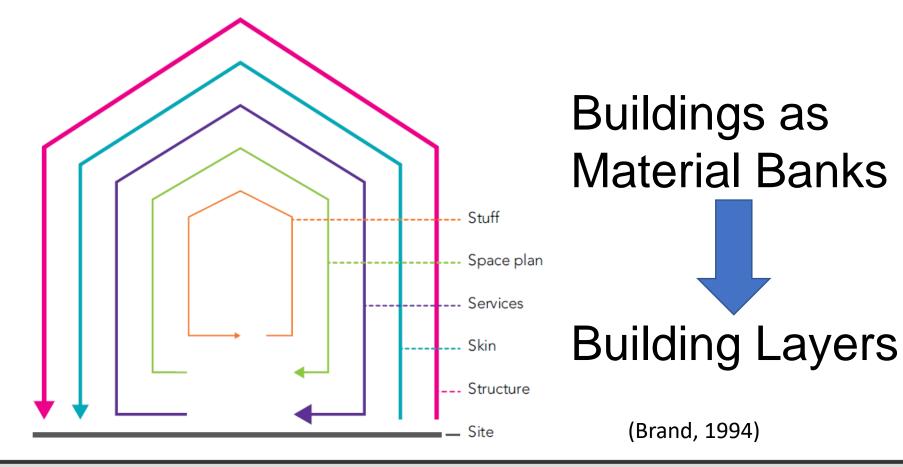
'electronic and interoperable data sets that collect characteristics of materials and assemblies, enabling suppliers, designers and users to give them the richest possible value and utility.'

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(Brand, 1994)







What information and data requirements does a material passport need to make it useful for circular construction?





Material Passports aim to:

- ✓ Keep or increase the value of materials, products and components over time.
- ✓ Create incentives for suppliers to produce healthy, sustainable and circular materials and building components.
- ✓ Enable circular product design, material recovery and chain of possession partnerships.
- ✓ Support material choices in reversible building design projects.
- ✓ Reduce the eco-footprint.
- ✓ Make is easier to choose and specify healthy, sustainable and circular building materials.
- ✓ Facilitate reverse logistics to reclaim products, materials and components.
- ✓ Assess future material flows.
- ✓ Eliminate waste and reduce the use of virgin resources.
- ✓ Reduce the costs by managing resources rather than managing waste.









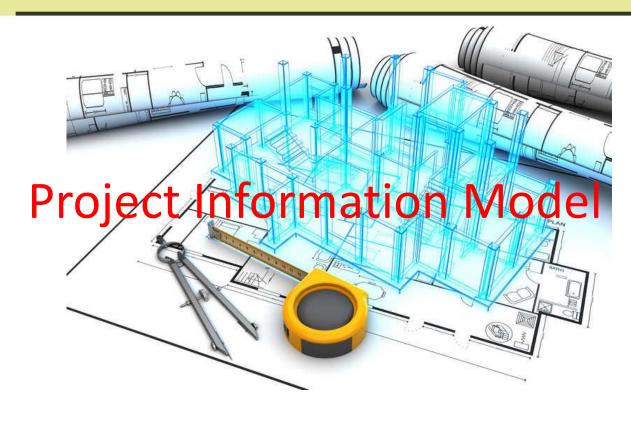
BIM Object Data



EPD Data









https://www.constructionglobal.com/facilitiesmanagement/how-bim-continually-transforming-construction

http://scan2bim.info/bim4rail-crossrail-stations/







EPD Data

Environmental Product Declarations (EPD) are a standardised way of providing data about the environmental impacts of a product through the product lifecycle (EN 15804).

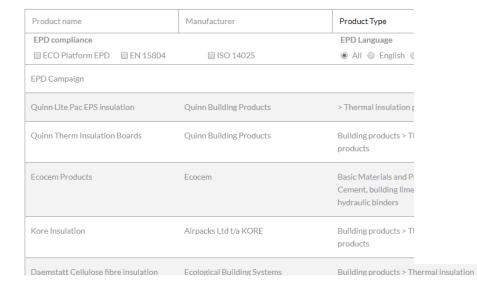
Global Warming Potential (GWP)
Eutrophication Potential
Petrochemical Ozone Creation Potential
Stratospheric Ozone Depletion Potential
Acidification Potential
Abiotic Depletion









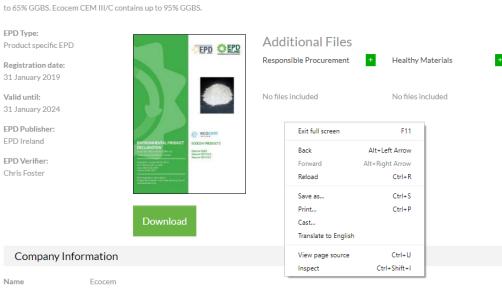


Ecocem Products

Susan McGarry

Ecocem is a (latent) hydraulic binder produced by grinding granulated blast furnace slag (GBS). After grinding it becomes GGBS that conforms with the EN 15167 standard. This product is called "Ecocem". Ecocem is an "intermediate" product, i.e. a constituent for the production of concrete, as well as mortar, masonry mortar, and other cementitous-bound materials. Concrete producers determine the proportions of binders used (ordinary cement and Ecocem), so they are able to apply the optimal mix. This means that the use of Ecocem will vary with the intended application and requirements of the final concrete product.

Besides producing Ecocem (GGBS), Ecocem Ireland also produses two different mixes of Ecocem and Portland cement. Ecocem CEM III/A contains up







BUILDING ASSESSMENT INFORMATION																	
BUILDING LIFE CYCLE INFORMATION																	
PRODUCT STAGE CONSTRU ON PRO			OCESS	USE STAGE							END OF LIFE STAGE				SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BEYOND THE BUILDING LIFE CYCLE		
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Ray material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurrbishment	Operational water use	Operstional water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Benefits and loads beyond the system boundary Reuse-recovery-recycling potential	
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	В2	B3	В4	B5	В6	В7	C 1	C2	C3	C4	D	





Other information requirements for circularity may include:

- ✓ Installation and connection requirements
- ✓ Embodied impacts
- ✓ Embedded recycled content
- ✓ Flexibility and adaptability potential
- ✓ Deconstruction and disassembly potential
- ✓ Durability and lifespan
- ✓ Embedded toxicity
- ✓ Reuse potential
- ✓ Recycling potential
- ✓ Prevention rating







Materials Passport Platfor	m Prototype		Products	Buildings	Instances	? Logout
	Products			Searc	ch	٩
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Why is this important?

New London Plan Circular Planning Statement

Waste Prevention
Net Zero Waste
Circular Economy



THE SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR GREATER LONDON DRAFT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

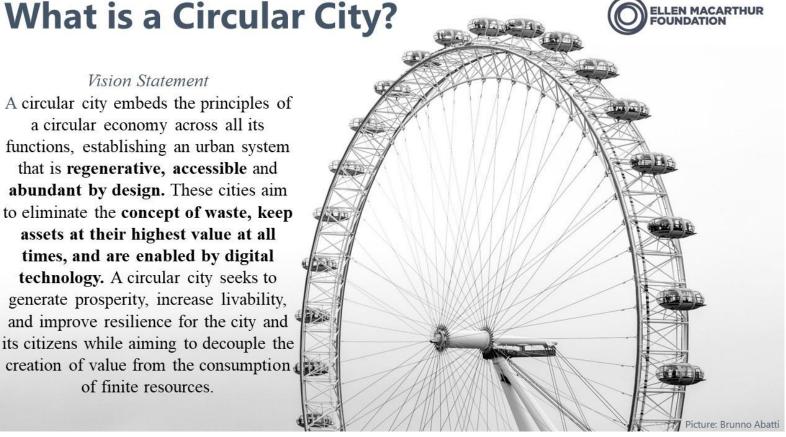
DECEMBER 2017







Vision Statement A circular city embeds the principles of a circular economy across all its functions, establishing an urban system that is regenerative, accessible and abundant by design. These cities aim to eliminate the concept of waste, keep assets at their highest value at all times, and are enabled by digital technology. A circular city seeks to generate prosperity, increase livability, and improve resilience for the city and its citizens while aiming to decouple the creation of value from the consumption of finite resources.





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Thank you

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