

COST C23
Strategies for a Low Carbon Urban Built Environment

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Minutes of the WG2 Meetings (Urban Infrastructure)

WG2 members present

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
 2. Introductions and agree agenda
 3. Nature and scope of the tasks allocated to WG2
 4. WG2 members' motivations and expectations
 5. Internal organisation of the WG2
 6. Next steps / preliminary allocation of tasks
 7. Any other business
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1. After the initial introductions and the approval of the proposed agenda a discussion was carried out of the nature and scope of the tasks allocated to the WG2. It was emphasized the vital role of urban infrastructures to reduce the energy bill of cities and the wide scope of the examination of the indirect energy impacts of infrastructure developments.
 2. The need to focus the objectives of the WG2 was generally felt, through a disciplinary perspective that is bound to touch on urban planning, urban design and urban engineering, and through a subject matter perspective touching transport and land-use, water and sewage, wastes and blue / green structures.
 3. There was agreement in preserving the comparative character of the COST actions, giving particular attention to the development of illustrative case studies in different country contexts.
 4. All members of the WG2 agreed to look for interesting case studies, in their respective countries, and, if possible, to collect the necessary information to make a very brief presentation of at least one case per country in the next meeting. The possibility to invite external experts to present relevant case studies was also considered.

5. It was recognized the need to adapt a common structure to organize the information of each case study. A proposal was made including the following headings:
 - a. Short description of the case study
 - b. Context of the case study
 - c. Aims of the project – benchmarking
 - d. Decision-making processes
 - e. Funding schemes
 - f. Overall assessment from a low carbon perspective
 - g. Lessons learnt

6. Finally, WG2 members agreed to start to collect urban planning regulations, in each country, related to the general theme of the action – strategies for a low carbon urban built environment.

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