

FIEC Working Group BIM
Main conclusions of the meeting held on 24/1/2017
Present

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1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes are approved with some minor corrections in items 3f and 3g (clarification of the name of the speaker).

2. National initiatives

A presentation by the Dutch colleagues will be made at the next meeting.

3. Work Programme – update

SA provides the following update on the various items of the work programme :

1. Forum/working area on FIEC extranet:

Still under examination.

2. Map national BIM initiatives

Some data has already been collected and will eventually be stored in the above Forum.

3. Co-operate with EU BIM Task Group :

SA explains the structure of the EU BIM Task Group, which is a public task force, and indicates that she has had contacts with Adam Matthews.

AW indicates that according to contacts in the Netherlands cooperation with FIEC seems possible.

WvW says that further contacts will be made through ENCORD.

4. Seek support (including funding) from DG GROW :

SA reports on a meeting with DG GROW held on 22/11/2016 in which the official stated that the Commission would be interested in providing financial support to a private initiative and invited FIEC to present a proposal. However, such a proposal should take into account also SMEs and should cover all the stakeholders of the sector and not just FIEC.

A possibility to be checked would be to launch such an initiative through the European Construction Forum (ECF).

5. Ensure that BIM is on the Construction 2020 agenda:

SA reports to the participants about the Clean Energy package.

PI indicates that the Council of Ministers asked explicitly that “digitalisation” be included in Construction 2020.

DC adds that the “sectoral Blueprint” initiative in the “New Skills Agenda” also provides a link to Construction 2020.

6. FIEC position paper/manifesto :

Very little feedback received so far.

7. FIEC position/ open letter :

No developments yet.

8. FIEC participation in CEN/TC 442 on BIM :

Nothing particular to report.

9. Ensure that FIEC is visible in relevant BIM events :

KT contributed as a speaker in the GEO BIM event in Amsterdam and will contribute during another event in May 2017 in Barcelona.

Participants are requested to inform FIEC about similar national initiatives.

10. Short film/animation for You Tube/other :

Nothing particular to report.

4. European Commission Work Programme – elements to follow in BIM WG

a. Work Programme 2017 (published on 25/10/2016)

3 main issues have a link with BIM :

- Youth initiative
- Digital market
- Implementation of the Single Market

2 other issues (Data protection and EU space strategy) could also have a link, but only to a lesser extent.

b. Clean Energy Package (published on 30/11/2016)

The relevant documents have been circulated together with a preliminary assessment by the FIEC Secretariat, highlighting amongst other things the main links with BIM.

Some issues (eg. “Smartness indicator” or “Sustainable design of buildings”) are still unclear. For CD the “smartness indicator” could be of interest because BIM is not just about construction, but also about operating a building.

As regards the link between BIM and “public procurement”, ECO has been consulted for a reaction but the WG is also invited to submit comments on the table, presented during the meeting (points relevant for the BIM WG highlighted in pink) by Friday 10 February.

Following a question by MS regarding the “collaborative nature” of BIM SA explains that the issue has not been addressed by the European Commission, but it will be mentioned in FIEC’s positions on the “Clean Energy Package” and on the “Energy Performance in Buildings Directive”.

5. FIEC BIM Manifesto

SA summarises the comments received from 4 countries (BE, DE, DK and ES).

For HS having 10 issues bears the risk of watering down the real priorities, as some issues have a very close link with BIM, whilst others less. It would be better to focus on a smaller number of issues.

For CD it would not be a problem having 10 general issues, as long as the focus is kept on only 2-3 items every year.

HT presents 2 documents highlighting a list of priorities by order of importance (list in annex).

KT summarises the discussions by highlighting the following elements :

- reminding the participants about the importance of receiving feedback on time when asked;
- the aim is to have final document available for the next General Assembly meeting in June 2017, which would require a final draft version available by the end of April;
- a selection or priority issues will be discussed and decided at the next meeting;
- a small Working Group will be set up for elaborating a draft Manifesto (the following participants volunteered : AW, CD, HT, RS and UP)

6. BIM Working Group and TEC-2

CD presents the presentation on BIM made during the last TEC-2 meeting (available on website).

KT reminds the WG of the importance of cooperation between the BIM WG and TEC-2, in order to avoid duplicating the initiatives, at the same time making sure all the various aspects are covered.

7. Co-operation with Construction Products Europe

SA explains that the TEC Commission and CPE are already cooperating on various issues and adds that CPE has also launched its own WG on BIM. Their intention is to map BIM national initiatives and they envisage a possible joint position paper with FIEC. EFFCA and BIPE also expressed an interest in collaborating with FIEC.

The participants consider positively the cooperation with other concerned stakeholders.

8. Date of next meeting

The participants agree to hold the next meeting on 27/4 from 12h00 until 16h00.

9. Any other business

SA provides a report about the forthcoming event in Barcelona and the preparatory meetings.

Annex

Prioritized list of BIM themes (Presented by Henriette Thuen, Dansk Byggeri)

1. Very important
 - a. Common European BIM framework to reduce difference on national level
 - i. Exchange of data, sharing, data delivery
 1. Data/Model structure
 2. Classification system
 3. Object type library (OTL)
 4. BIM requirements
 - b. *Having a more uniform BIM and information exchange framework will make it easier to operate in multiple countries, and will open the market. Currently each country is working on the national level and there is little collaboration. There is high risk of adoption of incompatible BIM strategies between countries. It would be beneficial if we lobby for a more homogenous BIM environment.*
2. Important
 - a. R&D funding
 - b. IPR
 - c. H&S
 - d. Education
 - e. (LOD, consult contract) Maybe drop this?
3. Less important
 - a. Contract conditions
 - b. Data protections
4. Borderline relevanti
 - a. OPR Chemicals
 - b. Waste
 - c. Recycling
 - d. Design for deconstruct
 - e. Scenario modelling
 - f. Input to smart cities/buildings
 - g. *Note: BIM will in my opinion only have a limited effect on these areas in that it will most likely not be more than a tool for helping with some of these issues. The way BIM affects these themes is in my mind superficial, compared to the other issues.*