
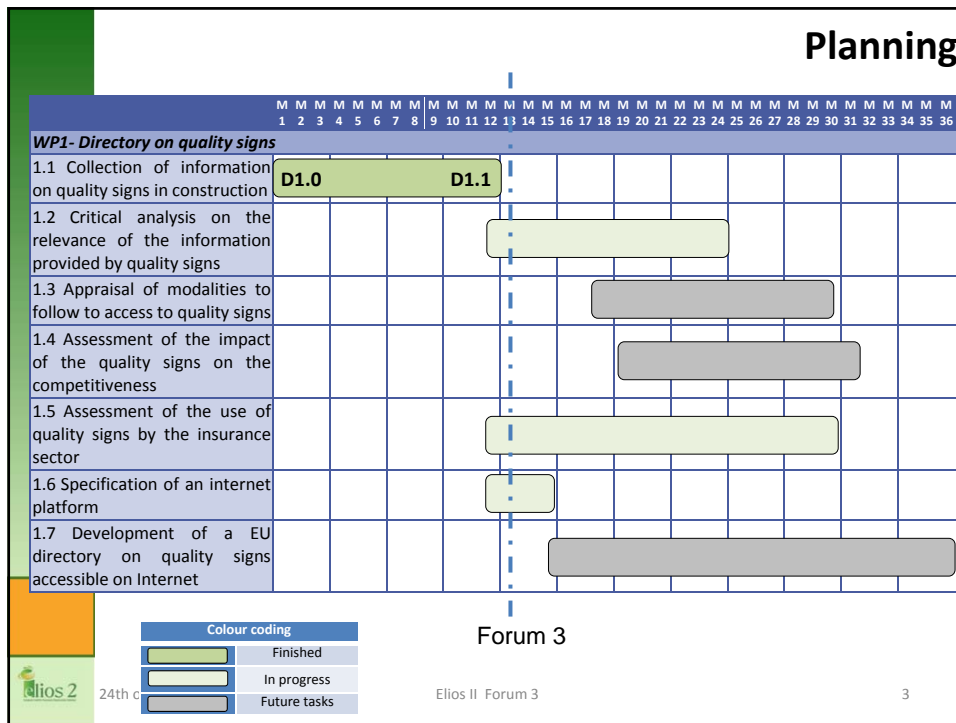


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|   | <p>Forum meeting 3, DG ENTR, Brussels</p> <hr/> <p>24th of January 2013</p>                                |

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## Objectives of the directory

**Collect data** on quality signs and **make them available** to create favourable conditions to analyse specific questions raised in the call for tender:

- *relevance of the information (including the compatibility and complementary issues with the CE marking);*
- **access to the quality signs;**
- *possible impact of the quality signs on the competitiveness;*
- **use of quality signs by the insurance sector.**

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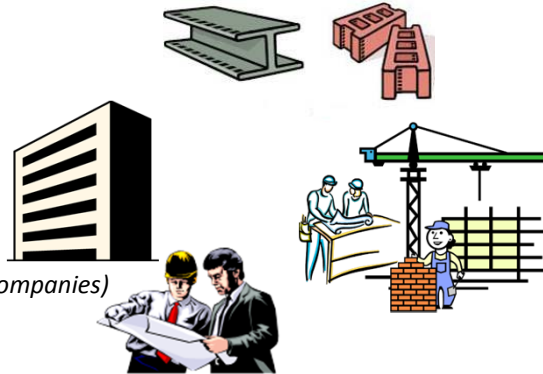
## Quality signs

### Definition (forum 1-2):

*any kind of sign on the basis of which (construction) stakeholders (including insurers) rely on or give credit to when decisions or choices have to be made*

### Subjects:

- *construction product*
- *construction work*
- *construction system*
- *competence (persons, companies)*



## Quality signs

### ID card (valid for any quality sign):

- **identification** (name, type of subject, concerned characteristics )
- **who is "behind" the quality sign** : the legislator, a private stakeholder, private/public, ...
- **who elaborates and maintains specifications** (i.e. specified requirements): a producer, a college representing involved stakeholders, ...
- **who establishes the conformity** of the subject characteristics to specifications : the producer, a third party, an independent third party, ...
- if relevant, how, where and by whom subject **samples** are selected,
- by which means is **conformity to specifications checked** (audit, inspections, tests in internal or external labs, ...)
- how **frequently** the conformity to specifications is checked: never, every x months, ...

## Quality signs

Subject's characteristics addressed by a quality sign

**SUBJECT (product, work, system, competence)**


Inherent characteristics :  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon, \dots$

Other characteristics : a, b, c, d, e, ...

**Example**

**Inherent:** size/dimensions, composition, total surface mass, thickness of wear layer, resistance to abrasion ...

**Other:** water resistance (e.g. specific use in bathroom), chemicals resistance, furniture print resistance ...


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## Structure

Generic and adapted to subjects

- Reflects the variety of quality signs

| Identification   | Scope  | Organisation of the scheme   | Additional information  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Name</li> <li>•Logo</li> <li>•Scheme owner</li> <li>•Scheme operator(s)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Subject</li> <li>•Description</li> <li>•Concerned characteristics</li> </ul> | <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 5px;"> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Element 1: origin of specifications</div> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Element 2: person in charge of the comparison</div> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Element 3: initial comparison and follow up surveillance</div> <div style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; border-radius: 5px;">Element 4: initial and surveillance audit/control</div> </div> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Use of quality signs by insurers</li> <li>•Other uses of quality signs</li> <li>•Availability of information</li> <li>•Accreditation of the certification body</li> <li>•Indicators of use, value, number, ...</li> </ul> |

(Case of a certification scheme)




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## Concrete results

| ID                              |       | Scope                  |                              | Scheme Organisation  |   | Additional information      |  |
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| <b>Competence certification</b> |       |                        |                              |  |   |                             |  |
| Identification                  | Scope | Specific activities    | International qualifications | Qualifications: specific activities and international qualifications | Organisation of the certification scheme      | Availability of information | Recognition of the scheme and indicators |
| <b>Product certification</b>    |       |                        |                              |  |   |                             |  |
| Identification                  | Scope | International products | International standards      | Specific activities  | Organisation of the certification scheme      | Availability of information | Recognition of the scheme and indicators |
| <b>Technical approval</b>       |       |                        |                              |  |   |                             |  |
| Identification                  | Scope | Technical approval     | Technical approval           | Technical approval   | Organisation of the technical approval scheme | Availability of information | Recognition of the scheme and indicators |
| <b>Works certification</b>      |       |                        |                              |  |   |                             |  |
| Identification                  | Scope | International works    | International standards      | Specific activities  | Organisation of the certification scheme      | Availability of information | Recognition of the scheme and indicators |


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## Links with insurance

| ID                         |   | Additional information  |   |
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| Scheme name                | Logo  | Use of quality signs by insurers  | Other uses  |
| Works<br>HQE certification |  | premium rebate by some insurance companies<br><br>More information on <a href="http://www.certivea.fr">www.certivea.fr</a> "Offres partenaires" | - possibility to benefit from a 30% increase of the authorized floor surface<br><br>- banks (favored conditions for loans)  |
| Compe-tence<br>OPQIBI      |  | premium rebate by some insurance companies  | The OPQIBI's mission is officially recognised by the Public Authorities through protocols with the Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Town and Country Planning and with the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Employment, which are represented in the body's various decision-making instances. |


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| <b>Next steps</b>                       |                |
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| Action                                  | Date           |
| Feedback from the Commission/forum      | February 2013  |
| Specifications of the web platform      | March 2013     |
| Validation by the Commission            |                |
| Development                             | April 2013     |
| Test period                             | May 2013       |
| Dissemination through European networks | June 2013      |
| Promotion and extended dissemination    | September 2013 |

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*Thank you for your attention*

*Time for questions*

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