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Innovation in construction

Innovative

- materials/products
- design/execution of works
 - innovative uses of materials/products
 - innovative construction methods

Standards or generally recognised technical rules

- not available
- not applicable
- not applied

Difficulties in implementing innovation (1)

1. How to

- identify
- evaluate
- declare
- ensure

the essential characteristics / performances of

- innovative materials/products
- innovative uses of products
- innovative construction methods

in the context of regulations and prevailing rules for design and execution of works

Difficulties in implementing innovation (2)

2. How to

- explain the technical meaning of
- allow comparability of
- give confidence in

the essential characteristics / declared performances of

- innovative materials/products
- innovative uses of products / construction methods

towards customers and building authorities?

Technical assessment by competent body = technical approval

- Assessment / evaluation of product characteristics relevant to fulfil requirements which apply to works (with NPD option)
 - identifying, evaluating, declaring, ensuring the essential characteristics / declared performances of innovative product
 - issuing technical specification of product
 - national approval or + European Technical Approval
 - basis for national conformity marking or CE marking
- 2. Assessment of usability in context with national regulations / rules
 - specifying use conditions / application rules in context with national regulations and rules for design and execution of works
 - issuing application rules / use conditions for assessed product
 - as part of national approval or
 - as separate "application document" for CE-marked products (ETA or hEN)

Deutsches Institut Technical approval = tool for implementing innovation in construction practice

- Specifies innovative
 - construction products
 - constructions systems (kits)
 - construction methods (uses of products)
- Expresses product (system) characteristics and performance levels in technical language understood by the different actors
 - users (designers, contractors)
 - building authorities
 - market surveillance authorities
- Gives information needed by users in context with prevailing design and execution rules
 - reliable / comparable declarations of performance
 - compatible with prevailing regulations and rules for design and execution of works



