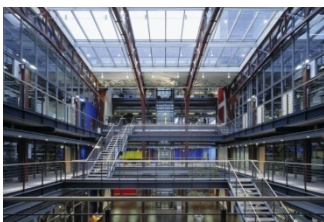


# Becoming a GreenBuilding Partner

## The EU GreenBuilding Programme.

In the face of constantly rising oil prices, reduced amounts of fossil fuels and serious impacts of the climate change all over the world, the European Member States are determined to substantially raise the energy efficiency and to promote the use renewable energy sources.



The voluntary GreenBuilding Programme is the EU Commission's action aimed at private and public non-residential buildings. The programme promotes and communicates forward looking organizations for their efforts to cut the energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> – emissions of their building stock.

*If your enterprise, company or organization is willing to improve the efficiency and to introduce renewable energy sources in its building stock, it will be rewarded for its efforts and actions with the **GreenBuilding Partner Status**. The GreenBuilding Partner Status – **granted by the EU Commission** – certifies that your organization is taking care of its future in one of the most sustainable ways – by improving the energy performance of its building stock.*



## What characterizes a GreenBuilding Partner?

First of all: Any private or public organization which owns, occupies on long-term lease or is building a non-residential building can become **GreenBuilding Partner**.

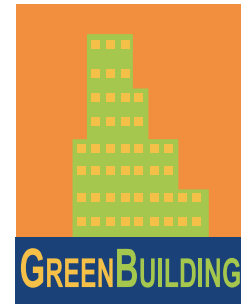
A GreenBuilding Partner has proved according to **GreenBuilding Partner Guidelines** that its organization takes substantial efforts to raise the energy efficiency of one or more of its buildings. This means that the minimum requirements of a **reduction of the total primary energy demand by at least 25 percent** were fulfilled for:

- new buildings: compared to the legal regulations in force
- refurbishment: compared to the demand before and after the refurbishment
- refurbishment already accomplished: compared to the demand before and after the refurbishment or 25 percent below legal regulations in force
- new building already built: 25 percent below legal regulations in force

This has been verified carrying out:

- an Energy Audit
- an Action Plan
- the Execution of the Action Plan
- the commitment to report the energy consumption on a regular basis

*There are no fees attached to the certification process!*



## Being a GreenBuilding Partner!



As soon as the GreenBuilding Partner Status is granted by the EU Commission the GreenBuilding Partner is allowed to use the GreenBuilding logo proving to the public that its **organization is taking care of the future**. The partner and its Good-Practice-Examples will be communicated on the international and the national GreenBuilding website, in brochures and other publications. If desired, a GreenBuilding Partner will be strongly involved in public relations as well as in workshops and presentations.

Other highlights will be the national and the European **GreenBuilding Awards**. This is a chance for all GreenBuilding Partner to showcase their efforts achievements in the field of energy efficiency.

*Being a GreenBuilding Partner gives you the chance of presenting your actions for your organization's and the world's sustainable future the broad public. You will be an important multiplier as your Good-Practice-Example will also encourage other organization to follow suit.*

### Your Benefits

- *Recognition and approval of your action for enhancing the energy efficiency of your building stock by the European Commission*
- *Competitive advantage as organization being certified for its responsibility in the field of energy efficiency*
- *Presentation and communication of your organization and your Good-Practice-Example within the public relations of the GB Programme*

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