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EFCA launches guidelines to help project managers optimise the use of ISO 19650

Using 3D modelling software, layering it with data, and working very closely with all partners in construction and engineering projects is critical if European companies are to survive in the challenging and rapidly changing market.

Building information modelling (BIM) is a digital information management approach. It means a more efficient use of resources, more effective communications and therefore collaboration within the partnership, greater flexibility and improved long-term planning.

The recent publication of ISO 19650¹, an international quality standard governing the organisation and digitisation of information about buildings and civil engineering works helps the client, project manager and contractor to agree on things, develop a shared understanding and exchange data more easily. The standard will help roll out BIM across the industry and bring stakeholders together within a project. Besides making the construction sector more competitive, BIM is driving innovation and sustainable growth and is a tool to deliver improved infrastructure quality.

It is therefore timely for the European Federation of Engineering Consultancy Associations (EFCA) to provide guidance to its members for introducing the ISO 19650 standard and highlighting its far-reaching benefits.

For engineers, BIM under the ISO 19650 concepts represents unprecedented opportunities for improving their added value during the construction process.

EFCA believes it is of value to get a better grasp on the new ways of working together and adopt a more digital approach, thereby speaking the same language.

The EFCA booklet will help all stakeholders optimise their use of the ISO 19650 standard.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The EFCA Booklet is available from the website: www.efcanet.org.

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¹ *Organization and digitization of information about buildings and civil engineering works, including building information modelling (BIM) -- Information management using building information modelling*