



CONSORTIUM
OF EUROPEAN
BUILDING CONTROL

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Dear CEBC Members and Partners,

As we reflect on the achievements of 2024, I am proud to present this annual report, showcasing the Consortium of European Building Control's (CEBC) commitment to the building control community across Europe. This year has been marked by significant research, strategic partnerships, and meaningful discussions. Our collective efforts have played a crucial role in promoting building control practices, fostering international collaboration, and promoting professional competence within our industry.

One of CEBC's most impactful contributions this year was the **Building Control Systems Report**, published in March 2024. This comprehensive analysis of building control systems across Europe highlights best practices and areas for improvement. Later, in October 2024, CEBC published **Measuring Competence Across European Building Control Systems**, furthering our mission to uphold high professional standards. This study provides valuable insights into the competencies required for building control professionals, offering a comparative perspective to help align qualifications and expertise across different jurisdictions.

Our Business Meetings in Edinburgh and Paphos provided valuable opportunities for members to connect, share knowledge, and discuss the latest developments in building control. I am also delighted that in 2024, the CEBC community welcomed three new members (**Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG)**, **Escuela Técnica Superior de Edificación (ETSEM)** and the **Welsh Government**), further enriching our network.

A significant milestone was reached in May 2024 when CEBC signed a **Memorandum of Understanding with the International Building Quality Centre (IBQC)**. This collaboration will facilitate the exchange of knowledge and best practices with organizations worldwide, extending CEBC's influence beyond its direct membership.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all CEBC members, Policy Committee and partners for their dedication and engagement throughout 2024. Your contributions drive the success of our organisation, ensuring that together, we continue to build better-built environments.

Sergio Vazquez

Consortium of European Building Control (CEBC) - President



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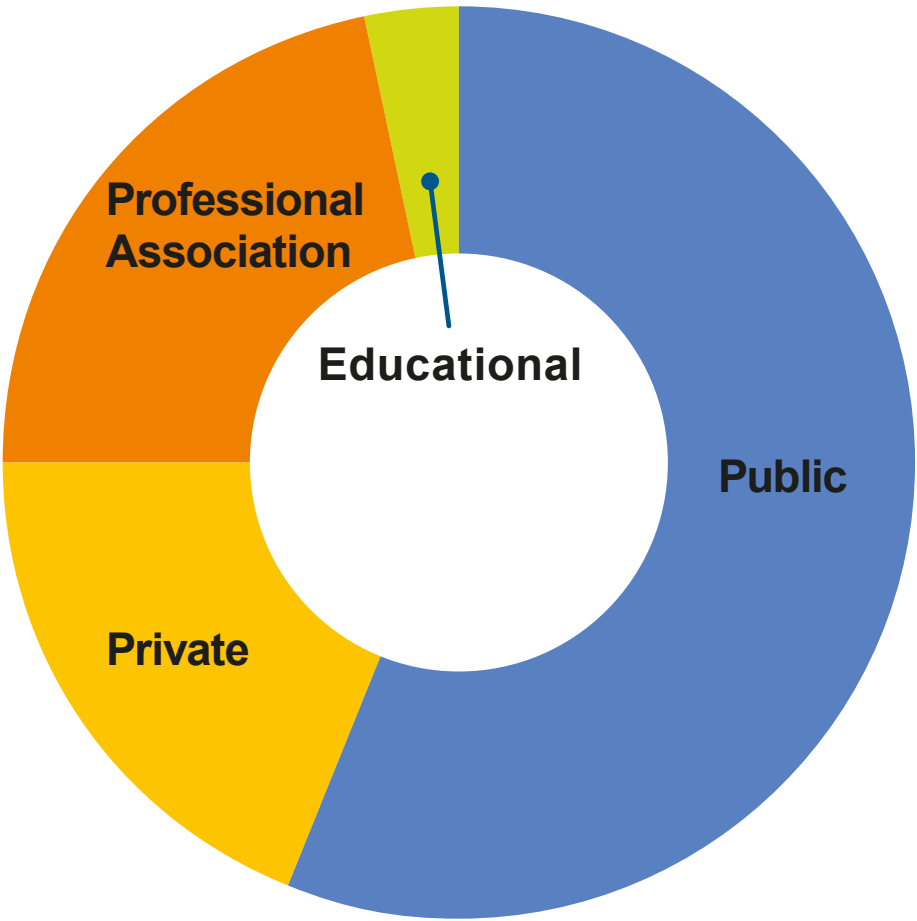
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Main areas of activities



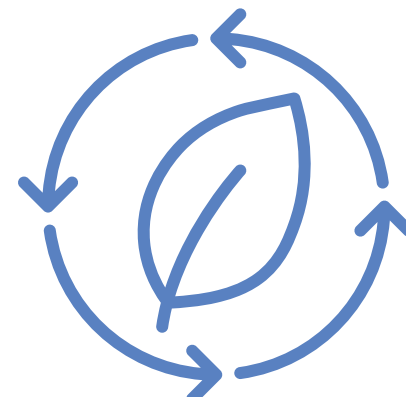
Building permits



Digitalisation of
building procedures



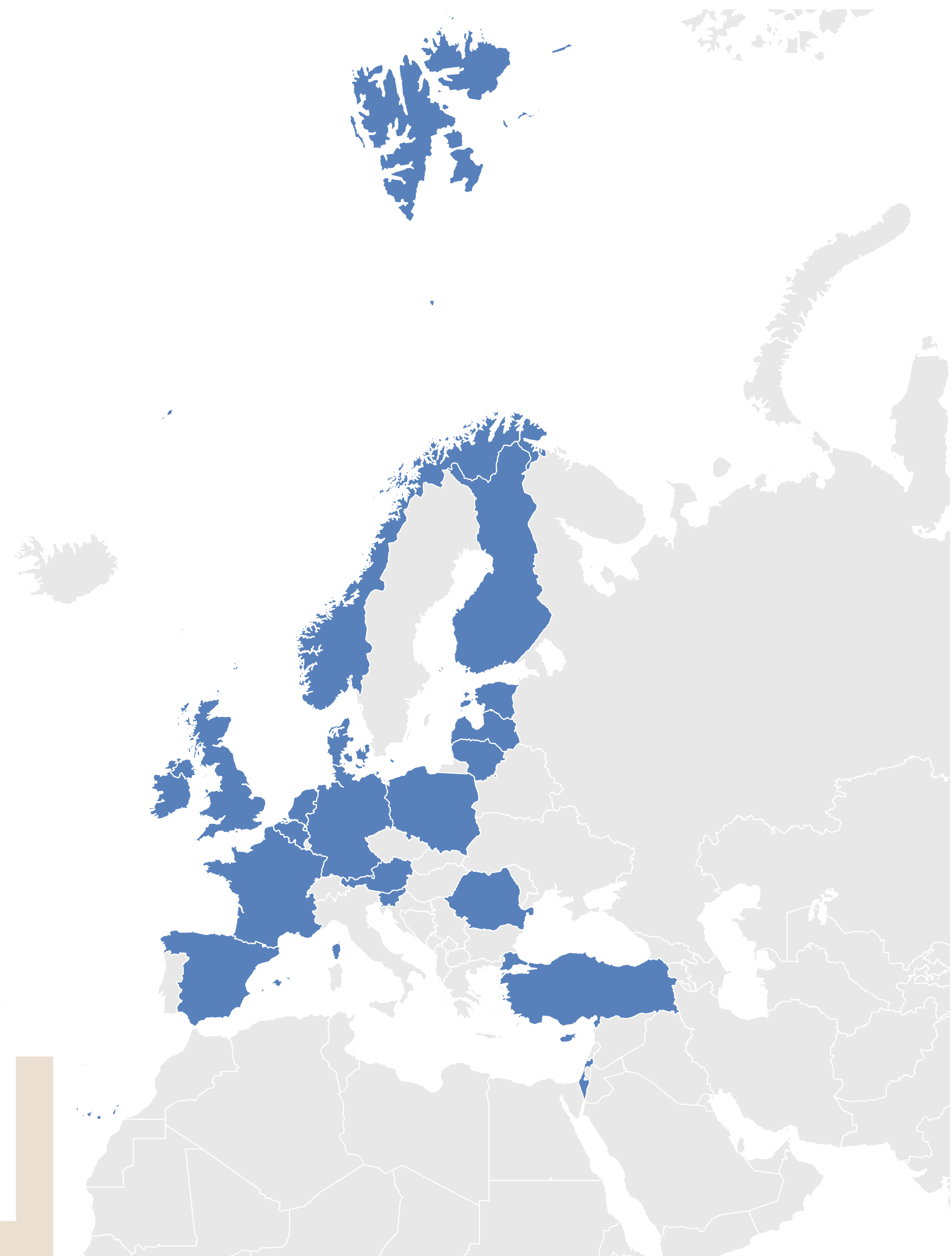
Competences of
building inspectors



Sustainability in
relation to processes,
technical standards,
and building codes



Liability in
construction sector



2024 REPORTS

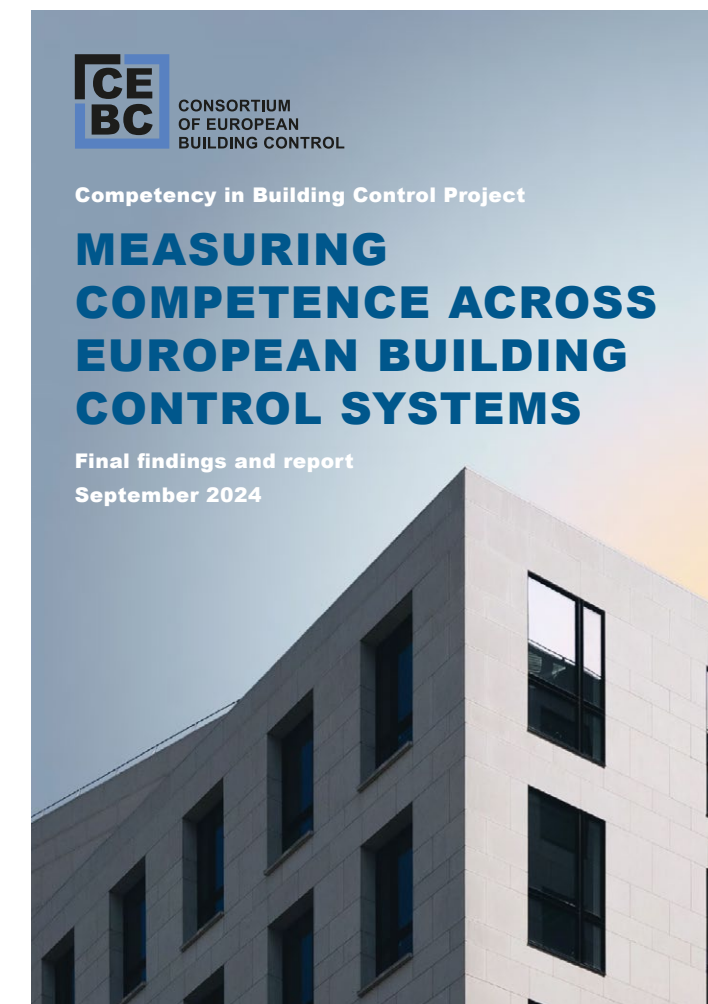


CEBC Building Control Systems Report 2024

This report offers a detailed analysis of the current state of building control systems across Europe, examining every stage of the construction process—from planning and permitting to construction, commissioning, use, maintenance, and the critical aspects of insurance and liability.

Through extensive research, it identifies key trends, challenges, and opportunities, providing valuable insights for policymakers, industry leaders, and practitioners striving to drive innovation and sustainability in building control. The findings underscore the importance of harmonizing regulations to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of national building control systems.

[Get the report here](#)



CEBC Measuring Competence Across European Building Control Systems 2024

This report explores building control competency frameworks across Europe, analysing how competencies are monitored, assessed, and standardised within CEBC member countries.

Key areas of focus include legal frameworks, competency monitoring, accreditation systems, and the role of continuous professional development. By providing a clear overview of current practices, the report equips inspectors, designers, contractors, and policymakers with the insights needed to uphold safety and sustainability in the built environment across Europe.

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COLLABORATIONS



MoU with International Building Quality Centre (IBQC)

On the 27th May the **International Building Quality Centre (IBQC)** and the **Consortium of European Building Control (CEBC)** ratified a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in the development of good practice, thought-leadership with regards to the design of building control.

IBQC and CEBC share a common mission: to improve the building regulatory ecology, establish best practice models, monitor industry trends, and gather relevant experiences, all with the implicit vision of enhancing the safety of the built environment for all citizens.



Digital Building Permit conference 18-19 April 2024, Barcelona

CEBC was partner of this conference and our delegate deliver presentation **E-Delivery report by CEBC**

The two-day event included research and practice parts and aimed to share knowledge and advancements in digital building permit processes globally.



Cooperation with OECD

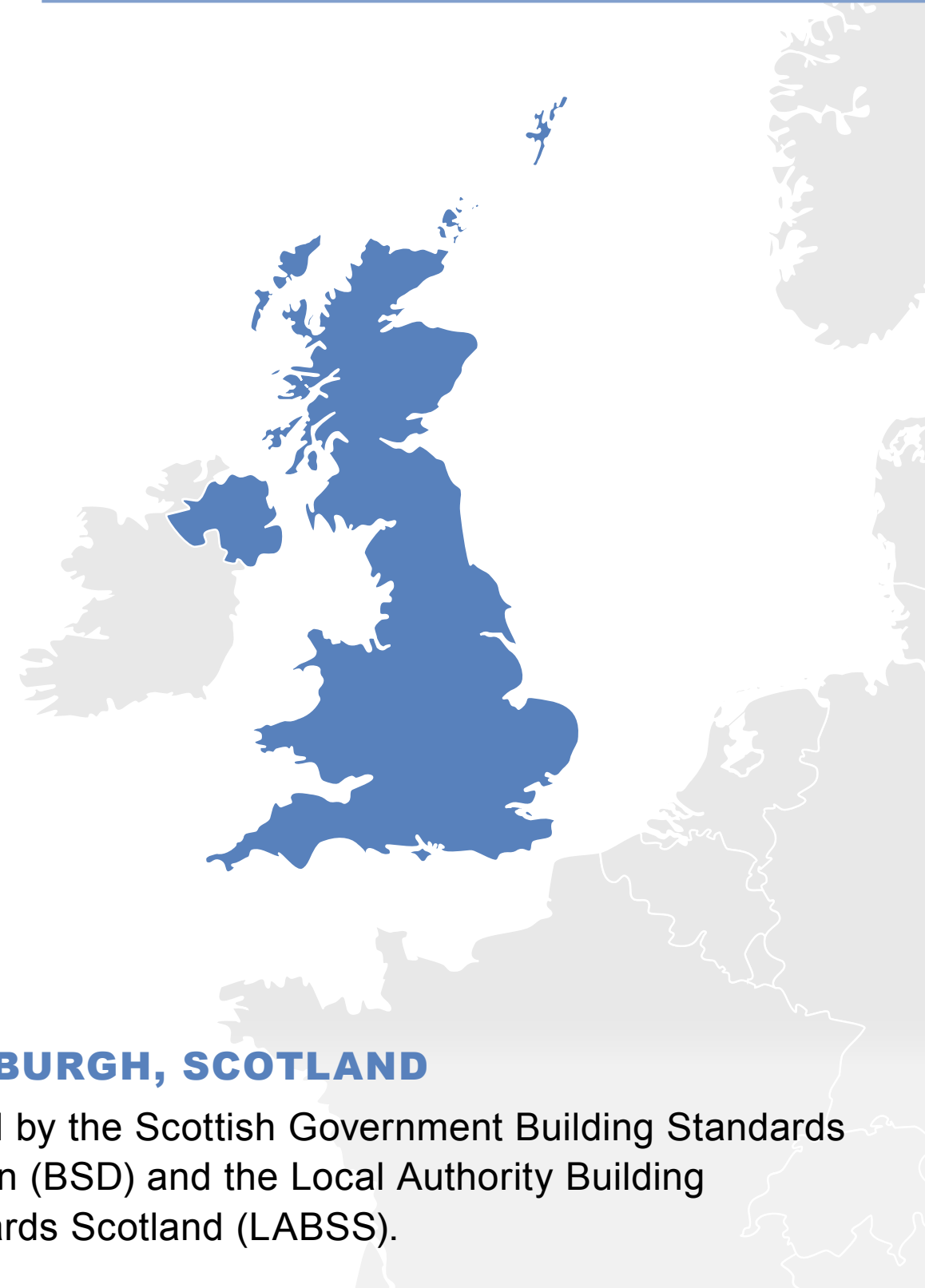
The OECD in partnership with the Lithuanian government, and the EC Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support launched an advisory project aiming at improving Lithuania's renewable energy permitting process. The focus of the project was three-fold: streamlining the permitting process, enhancing risk-based considerations, and leveraging digital tools for faster decision-making and better information exchange among all stakeholders involved. The OECD asked CEBC for assistance in obtaining the desired information from CEBC member countries.



Gathering Insights through Questionnaires

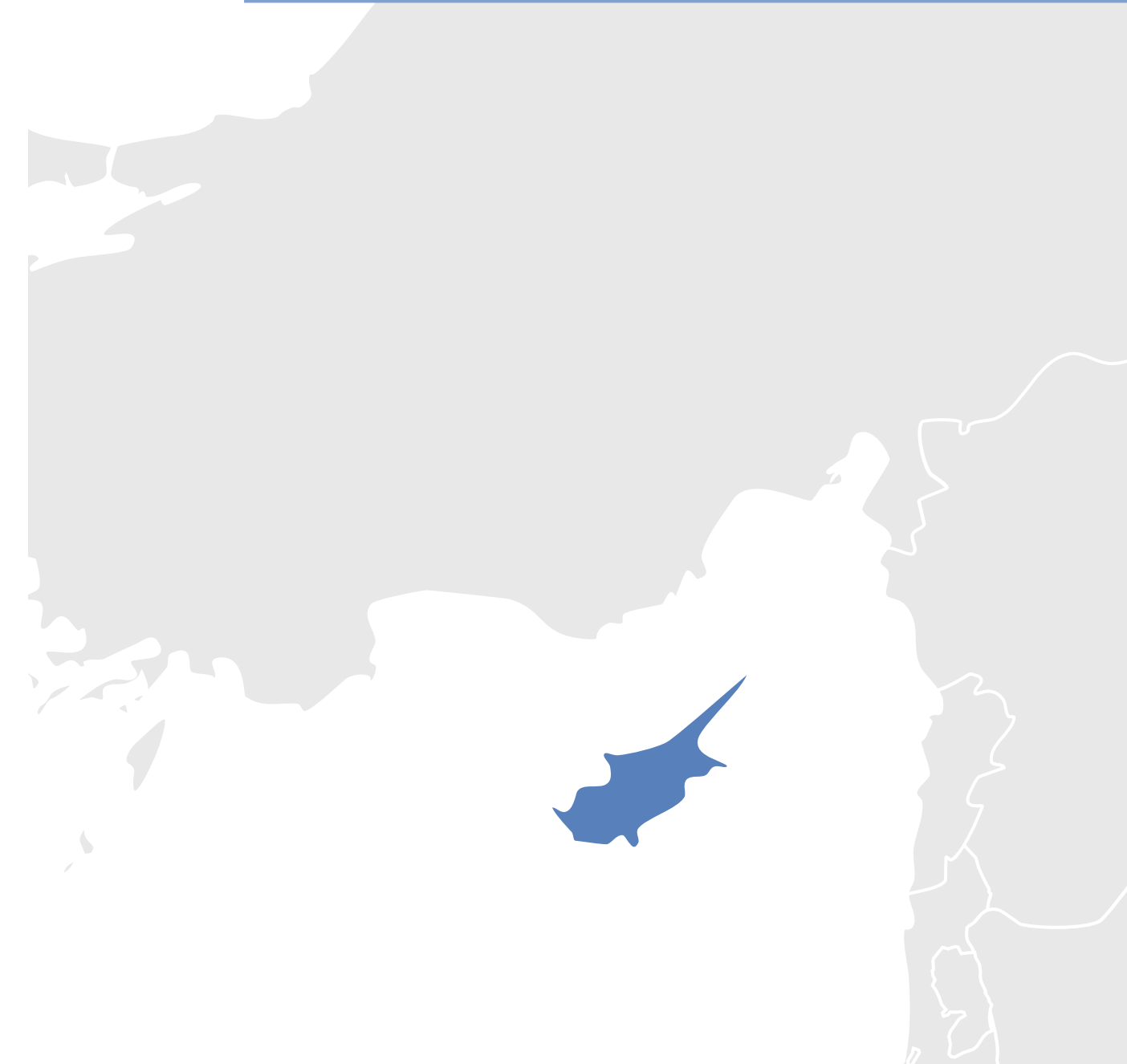
CEBC members collected data through questionnaires for organisations from Slovenia, Belgium and Ireland.

2024 GENERAL MEETINGS



EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

Hosted by the Scottish Government Building Standards Division (BSD) and the Local Authority Building Standards Scotland (LABSS).



PEYIA, PAPHOS, CYPRUS

Hosted by the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Cyprus

CEBC BUSINESS MEETING NO. 68

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND



Set against the historic backdrop of Edinburgh in May 2024, this event was hosted by the Scottish Government Building Standards Division (BSD) and the Local Authority Building Standards Scotland (LABSS). Our conference centred on the theme **Compliance and Competence – Current Work in Scotland**.

Over two dynamic days, attendees were immersed in thought-provoking discussions led by esteemed speakers, covering a range of topics. Beyond the engaging presentations, participants explored both cultural and technical aspects of construction through exclusive site visits, including a tour of the Edinburgh Homes Demonstrator Project and a guided walk through Edinburgh’s Old Town.

A key milestone of the event was the formal admission of a new member to the CEBC – the **UK Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities** – reinforcing our commitment to collaboration and excellence across the sector.

Topics covered



The Compliance Plan Approach



Enforcement, Work Force Strategy and Competence



Network and Modern Apprenticeship Scheme



The Construction Quality Improvement Collaborative



Building Standards Ambassadors



The Scottish Building Standards Hub



Members Update Session
Including key issues that have arisen in member states

220
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Attendees



Tour of the Edinburgh Homes Demonstrator Project



Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Welcomed our new organisation

CEBC BUSINESS MEETING NO. 69

PEYIA, PAPHOS, CYPRUS

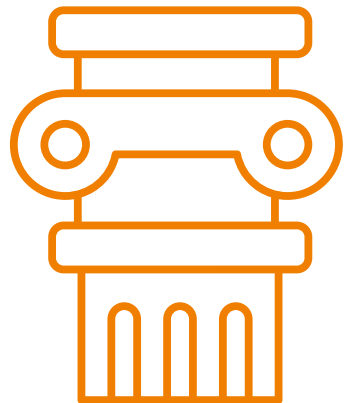


Held in the picturesque town of Peyia, Paphos, Cyprus, in October 2024, this event was hosted by the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Cyprus under the theme “Cyprus is Changing – The New Era for Building Permitting Procedures.”

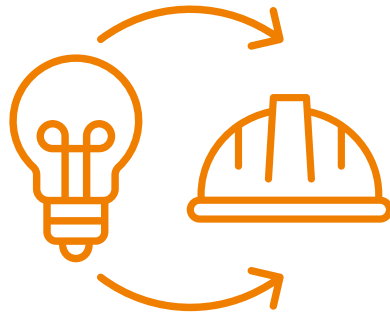
Over two engaging days, attendees participated in insightful presentations, discussions, and interactive workshops, addressing key challenges and emerging trends within CEBC member states.

A pivotal moment of the event was the election of a **new Vice President**, with the General Assembly officially appointing Mr. Steven Scott to the role. We are also delighted to welcome two new members to the CEBC community: **the Welsh Government** and the **Escuela Técnica Superior de Edificación** from Spain.

Topics covered



Cyprus Architecture
By Irene Hadjisavva



Reform of Building Regulations
By Kyriacos Kouros



Introduction of e-Delivery for building permits
By Andriana Patsalosavvi and Lygia Lambrianou



Liability in the construction sector
Joint initiative between IBQC and CEBC



OECD projects in Italy and Lithuania
By Margarita Escobar and Johannes Klein



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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Welcomed two new organisations



Escuela Técnica Superior de Edificación