

## The Austrian Platform for Sustainable Building!

The ÖGNB acts as an umbrella organization for companies, institutions and individuals interested in higher qualification for Austria's building industry, in accordance with sustainable construction.



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# ÖGNB

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## **ÖGNB is an official platform for sustainable building in Austria.**

Together we want to be even better. The Austrian Sustainable Building Council is a non-profit association which addresses everyone interested in promoting sustainable building in Austria. ÖGNB decision-making bodies include businesses, science and the public sector equally; attention is paid to ensure that there is no absolute majority in the body of one stakeholder group

## **The ÖGNB quality label makes sustainability visible through the TQB assessment system.**

The ÖGNB quality label is based on the TQB assessment system. TQB (Total Quality Building) is a planning, assessment and quality control tool for the building sector tailored to Austrian construction practice. It includes a criteria and goal catalogue, which defines requirements for sustainable buildings, and the procedure for assessing and receiving an energy performance certificate ("building passport"). TQB is suitable for both building awards and building optimization in the planning stage.



## ÖGNB stands for Open-Source Development and freely available knowledge.

The TQB tool is freely accessible for interested people, businesses and institutions and can be used as planning and quality tool without final evaluation, as well as for teaching purposes. Knowledge, methods and tools for quality improvement in the building sector are provided (if possible, for free) to everyone who wants to participate in skills upgrading of building activities.

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Construction. Energy.Environment.Cluster Lower Austria, House of the Future, IG life-cycle building construction, klimaaktiv, nextroom, National Award for architecture and sustainability, ... ÖGNB fosters the exchange of information and variable forms of cooperation, e.g. participation in working groups or joint development of content. It provides its building assessment system as well as technical support, e.g. for the scientific council of the Environment and Building Initiative.

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„Ever since it was founded in 1985, the Austrian Institute for Ecology has been strongly committed to finding sophisticated solutions for a sustainable future. This applies specifically to the construction and real estate industry. Transparency and independence of economic interests as well as our expertise form the solid basis for the credibility of the results. The Austrian Sustainable Building Council stands for the same: those who wish to have sustainable buildings have to build them, we are happy to provide support and our commitment. Marketing? Gladly, provided it is built reality.“

*Robert Lechner, Head of the Austrian Institute for Ecology*



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„The Austrian Sustainable Building Council is the most important platform for IBO in terms of sustainable building in Austria. Together with its members and founding institutes, The Austrian Sustainable Building Council allows for the development, implementation and efficient distribution of sustainable concepts, technologies and buildings. The online platform and its tools help enhance visibility of this great development internationally.“ *DI Dr Bernhard Lipp, CEO of IBO*



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„One of ÖGUT's key areas is innovative and sustainable construction. The Austrian Sustainable Building Council and ÖGUT thus share the same goal: to develop knowledge, methods and tools for sustainable quality enhancement in the building sector and to make these accessible for widespread applications.“

*Monika Auer, Secretary-General of ÖGUT*



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“Energy efficiency and ecology are often undifferentiatedly regarded as cost driver. Like The Austrian Sustainable Building Council, one of the key areas of the Energy Institute Vorarlberg is to initiate innovative projects, to accompany them and process the results for follow-up projects.“ *DI Arch Martin Ploß, Head of the Department for energy-efficient and ecological construction at the Energy Institute Vorarlberg*