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Tailored Improvement of
Brownfield Regeneration
in Europe

Comments and recommendations of the International Advisory Board

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Feedback on 2012 comments



- The IAB is pleased to note that the team has taken on board most of the comments and recommendations
- We are also very pleased to note the considerable progress that has been made over the last 12 months
- The responses to our recommendations were valued and, where appropriate, we have clarified or provided further comments
- The IAB members are happy to act as sounding boards for individual key deliverables in each work package

IAB lead responsibilities

👉 The IAB considers that close liaison is critical for the project, especially in relation to the following:

👉 Work Package	Key deliverable	Responsibility
👉 WP1	D1.2 and D1.3	PS/DD
👉 WP2	D2.2	AV/DG
👉 WP3	D3.2	PS/DD
👉 WP4	D4.2	DM/AG/HvdS
👉 WP5	D5.2	AG/HvdS
👉 WP6	D6.1	AV/DG
👉 WP7	D7.5	All

General comments/suggestions

👉 Are the WP outcomes sufficiently attractive to users and having impact? For example:

- Are they saving money?
- Are they speeding up regeneration?
- Are they assisting decision making?
- Are they resolving conflicts?
- Are they imparting confidence to end users?

If not, the IAB suggests that you ***start now*** to achieve these objectives

The research process

- 📦 Feedback to stakeholders such as workshop participants and interviewees, for example:
 - Is this being done?
 - Is it being done in an integrated way, i.e. not on an ad hoc basis but instead across all relevant work packages?
 - It could be regarded as beta testing, i.e. before going live to the public
 - Important to keep the stakeholders engaged, so as to ensure future co-operation and champions of the tools

Target groups



Are you trying to do too much?

The IAB suggests that target groups be re-defined as follows:

- Primary target groups – Consultants, Scientific Community, Local Planning and ***Environmental*** authorities
- Secondary target groups – Site owners, Local Community Groups, Technology Providers

Regulation



- 👉 Given that regulators have been identified as ‘veto holding’ stakeholders, there is a need to consider the place and role of the regulators – they are key players in the decision making process.
- 👉 This applies especially to WP1, WP2, WP4, WP5 and WP6
- 👉 *There is a need to engage with regulators early in the decision making process, so as to minimise the risk of veto*

Ownership of data and other Intellectual Property



Given that the outputs from the project are to be published and tools made publicly available, there is a need to ensure that TIMBRE is the owner of all relevant data, or has all requisite consents. This includes:

- Form of use in publications
- Copyright consents
- Confidentiality issues
- Information held on databases, etc.
- Succession

Work Package 1

- 📁 Lack of completeness of documents in the expert system database
- 📁 Differing skills levels/disciplines of ‘experts’
- 📁 Future maintenance of the database
- 📁 Star allocations and ranking
- 📁 Functionality review by stakeholders

Work Package 2

- 👉 Potential for webinars and e-training, improving capacity building
- 👉 Implications for partners using future structural funds – putting theories into practice
- 👉 Outputs from social science side need to be captured as products
- 👉 Capitalise on stakeholder expertise held in WP2 for the benefit of the project as a whole

Work Package 3



- 📦 Is the prioritization tool sufficiently attractive for users
- 📦 Information availability for comparison of criteria on sites
- 📦 Eurostat and Inspire etc.
- 📦 Four classes – not 3 or 5

Work Package 4



- 👉 Synthesizing all measurements is a major challenge – Using normal linear statistics does not work- log normal distribution of data may work much better.
- 👉 Stabilisation technologies can not be assessed on the basis of composition, leaching before and after would be more suitable – more directly linked with impact to soil and groundwater
- 👉 Simultaneous presence of sulfidic mining waste and Cr VI needs further evaluation
- 👉 Role of DOC in mobility of inorganic and organics crucial

Work Package 5



- 👉 Need to take latest developments in EU (CPD and CPR) and CEN (TC351) that focus on impact to soil and groundwater on board in relation to environment and health aspects of construction products including recycled concrete use in roadbase or possibly higher value application as aggregate in concrete
- 👉 In communications be clear on the environmental compartments that targeted
- 👉 Number of example cases limited
- 👉 As much as possible use existing information as reference base or actual info in future sites

Work Package 6



- 📌 The scope of the webtool needs to be specified more clearly to avoid unjustified expectations
- 📌 The objectives to be reached with the Decision support tool need to be defined more clearly – for now residential and agricultural use
- 📌 The dissemination and applications in the post TIMBRE period needs to be addressed now not at the end of the project.

Final thoughts



*Keep doing what you are
already doing very well*