



Regulatory Analysis for the built environment and construction sector

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Introduction

Are you transforming places to make them more sustainable, inclusive and beautiful?

Which barriers or enablers have you encountered?

Architects, engineers, urban planners, designers, public servants, companies and citizens are invited to **share their experience with regulations related to the built environment and construction sector**.

The survey's purpose is to map the **challenges and opportunities practitioners face with local, regional, national and EU legislation** in the built environment. The insights generated with your input will inform future regulatory actions in order to foster the creation of beautiful, sustainable and inclusive transformation in the built environment in line with the objectives of the New European Bauhaus and European Green Deal.

This Regulatory Analysis and experimentation NEB Lab project analyses how the regulatory framework on European, national, regional or local level can support the development of New European Bauhaus projects

We invite you to fill out the survey in English or in your local language.

Publication of contributions

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I have read and understood the purpose of this study and accept the terms of participation. I have read and accept your terms of confidentiality

* I consent that my contribution to this survey can be published, stored and distributed (as described above):

- under the condition that I remain anonymous
- with my name and any other personal identifiers, that I have entered in the survey, publicly visible

Experience

In this section we invite you to share an experience where you interacted with legislation that either hindered or helped you implement an activity to develop or transform places to become more beautiful, sustainable and inclusive.

In the following sections you will answer questions that further define the activity related to your experience as well as the type of regulatory issue you describe.

In order to see the questions for the following sections you can download the survey questions as pdf. We

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- * **Share an experience (activity, initiative or project) which aim is to develop or transform a place or places to become more sustainable, beautiful and inclusive and the interaction with legislation either hindered or helped you to implement that activity.**

1500 character(s) maximum

Since we are an umbrella organisation representing 100 Million persons with disabilities in Europe, we cannot limit our contribution to a single experience but we would rather contribute with an overview how national and EU legislation and policies on the built environment impact accessibility and inclusiveness for persons with disabilities.

Please fill out the survey with only one experience in mind. If you want to submit several experiences or you have experienced different regulatory problems and solutions in relation to one activity , then you have the opportunity to submit the survey several times.

Activity

In this section, please define further what type of activity you describe in the experience section.

- * **In what sector is your activity?**

- Architecture
- Cultural Heritage
- Building Materials
- Urban and Spatial Planning
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Government
- Building development
- Other

If other, please specify:

Non-Governmental Organisation in the area of disability rights

- * **At what scale is your activity?**

Local = one or several towns, municipalities, neighbourhoods

Regional = one region

City = one large town or metropolitan

Cross-City = two or more cities

Cross- Regional = two or more regions

National = one EU Member State

Cross-National = two or more EU Member States

EU= the majority or all of Member States

International = EU and non EU- countries

- Local
- Regional
- Cross-Regional
- City
- Cross-City
- National
- Cross-National
- EU
- International

* Please specify where your activity is located and operated (which region, city, municipality, member state etc.)

Brussels, Belgium

* **What dimension are you trying to contribute to with your activity?**

Please select the combination of keywords that are relevant to your activity

e.g. nature-based materials, affordable housing, renewable energy

at least 2 choice(s)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affordable | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Source/Performance |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> Materials |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable | <input type="checkbox"/> Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nature-based | <input type="checkbox"/> Process |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circular | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Places |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neighbourhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organic | <input type="checkbox"/> Product |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local | <input type="checkbox"/> Solutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate-resilient | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate-neutral | <input type="checkbox"/> Heating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low carbon | <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety |

If other, please specify:

disability inclusive

* **Please describe the type of activity**

Select key words that are relevant to the activity

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Procurement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standardization | <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Business Models | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Greening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certification | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste management | <input type="checkbox"/> Farming |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Renovation | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-border activity |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban planning | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Skills and Training | <input type="checkbox"/> GHG emission reduction |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adoption of New Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> CO2 storage/removal |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dissemination of New Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Real- estate development |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Heating | <input type="checkbox"/> Production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research and Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooling | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If other, please specify:

Advocacy

*** What is your professional role in the activity?**

- Planning
- Project development
- Legal Affairs
- Project Implementation
- Financial Affairs
- Conceptualisation/ Design
- Production Management
- Other

If other, please specify:

Policy coordination

Regulation

In this section, please define the type of regulation you describe in the experience section and why it was an obstacle or enabling.

*** What is/are the regulation(s) that you are referring to in your experience?**

Please add a reference or name to the regulation(s)

National and EU legislation on accessibility of the built environment, or the lack thereof

Short description of regulation(s)

In our experience of representing the European disability movement, there is a huge variation and real "patchwork" of local, regional, and national building regulations and construction codes that vary in the degree in which they address accessibility and inclusiveness for persons with disabilities. In some cases, there are specific rules to improve accessibility, but often it is still lacking completely, it is not sufficiently strict, or not implemented and enforced properly. Furthermore, there is a striking absence of EU-level rules on making buildings and the urban environment accessible and inclusive for persons with disabilities. One exception being the European Standard EN 17210 on accessibility and usability of the built environment which we will mention in a separate contribution. However, this is a voluntary Standard and not binding legislation, which means that it will still not lead to sufficient change of the status quo but merely support the implementation of existing rules.

*** Is your experience related to the interaction or incoherence between two or more regulations?**

- Yes
 No

Please describe why the interaction of regulations creates an obstacle or enabling conditions for your activity.

**If yes, answer the following questions with the interacting legislation in mind (e.g. several scale of interaction legislation)*

As mentioned above, currently building regulations are mainly legislated at local, regional, or national level. However, accessibility and inclusiveness are a basic human right issue that is valid everywhere - legislating on EU level would therefore be beneficial and hopefully eradicate the many regional differences in the levels of accessibility. Harmonizing the rules on accessibility and inclusiveness of for the built environment and the urban environment only has benefits: It would improve the minimum levels of accessibility, facilitate the public procurement processes on EU level for contractors who want to offer their services on the EU internal market, and provide for economies of scale when designing new developments. What you need to make a building accessible in Poland or in Sweden is not different, the requirements should be the same! A wheelchair user will still need a lift, a person with intellectual disability will still need clear signage, a person who is visually impaired will still need a tactile guidance system and we do not have to re-invent the wheel every time!

*** Is your experience related to the lack of regulation?**

- Yes
 No

Please describe what the lacking regulation should regulate/achieve.

Again, as mentioned above, it is not the lack of regulation per se but the lack of harmonization on EU level and the lack of implementation and enforcement of what is already there on national level. Of course there are different starting points because at the moment sometimes every municipality has different requirements and some are more advanced than others, but everyone would benefit from more clarity and simplification of the rules, and especially of higher levels of accessibility for persons with disabilities.

*** At what scale is the regulation enacted?**

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- EU
- International

* Please specify where the regulation is enacted (which country, region, city, municipality, member state, etc)

It should be regulated on EU level, with binding legislation and minimum standards applicable throughout the EU.

* **What is the nature of the regulation?**

- Law
- Standard
- Regulation of products
- Regulation of processes
- Regulation of components
- Guideline
- Label/Certificate
- Building Code
- Other

If other, please specify:

* **Was the regulation an obstacle or enabler for your activity?**

- Obstacle
- Enabler

Why was the regulation an obstacle for your activity?

(answer if you clicked obstacle)

Was the regulation...?

(answer if you clicked obstacle)

- Unclear or arbitrary to apply
- Not applicable in local context
- Not applicable in regional context
- Not applicable in national context
- Too strict
- Lacking harmonisation across borders
- Not updated to current and new technologies, services
- Resulting in higher costs for the activity
- Increasing risk and uncertainty
- Hindering market access
- Increasing cumbersome bureaucratic and administrative processes
- Non-existent
- Other

If other, please specify

If other, please specify

Link to Regulation(s)

If you have a file on the regulation please upload it here:

Personal Information

We invite you to leave your personal information in order to be able to follow-up with information on the survey. However please be reminded: Your participation is completely voluntary and remains anonymous unless you indicate otherwise.

First Name

Last Name

* Type of stakeholder

- Academic/research institution
- Business association
- Company
- Consultancy
- EU institution
- Financial institution
- International body
- Local public authority (e.g. city)
- National ministry
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- Permanent representation
- Private agency
- Public agency
- Regional public authority
- Other public authority
- Other private organisation
- Citizen

Full name of the organisation you represent

European Disability Forum

Role within your organisation

Senior Policy Coordinator

* Country represented

(For network organisations, please indicate the country of the headquarter and as a private citizen the country of residence)

Belgium

* Do you want to receive follow-up information and updates on this project?

- Yes
- No

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* Can we contact you to participate in new regulatory analysis projects in the future?

- Yes
- No

* Were you able to map your experience through the existing filters? If not, please specify why.

- Yes
 No

If no, please specify why:

The questions were too focused on a single experience whereas the patchwork of different regulations across the EU is more complex and needs to be addressed on a higher political level.

Would you like to submit any additional comments?

You may also provide a link in the textbox below and/or use the upload function to provide relevant supporting documents.

You may upload any other relevant documents linked to your additional comments here

How did you learn about this survey?

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

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You can also stay updated through our [monthly newsletter](#) and [social media channels](#).

Useful links

[Regulatory Analysis and Experimentation \(https://europa.eu/new-european-bauhaus/get-inspired/inspiring-projects-and-ideas/neb-lab-regulatory-analysis-and-experimentation_en\)](https://europa.eu/new-european-bauhaus/get-inspired/inspiring-projects-and-ideas/neb-lab-regulatory-analysis-and-experimentation_en)

[New European Bauhaus Lab \(NEB Lab\) \(https://europa.eu/new-european-bauhaus/about/neb-lab_en\)](https://europa.eu/new-european-bauhaus/about/neb-lab_en)

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