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**BREEAM In-Use to be launched at Ecobuild**

The biggest opportunity to address the UK's environmental impact lies in better management and improvement of the existing building stock. BREEAM In-Use is a new scheme to help building managers reduce the running costs and improve the environmental performance of existing buildings. It consists of a standard, an easy-to-use assessment methodology and a 3rd party certification process that provides a clear and credible route map to improving sustainability. BREEAM In-Use will be launched at Ecobuild in March, further details here [www.breeam.org/inuse](http://www.breeam.org/inuse)

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**More on BREEAM at Ecobuild**

Ecobuild is the world's biggest event dedicated to sustainable design, construction and the built environment. BREEAM will be extensively featured with an exhibition stand and seminar presentations. For further details on the event go to [www.ecobuild.co.uk](http://www.ecobuild.co.uk)

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**European first for AIG/Lincoln**

The Alfa Business Park outside Milan is the first business park in continental Europe to achieve a BREEAM rating. The 20,000m<sup>2</sup> development which contains both office space and a warehouse was developed by AIG/Lincoln. David Lawrence, European Director of AIG/Lincoln said: "This was an immense effort by a truly international team to achieve a BREEAM rating on such a development. This has provided an excellent platform for AIG/Lincoln to benchmark our logistic and business park standards across Europe and to continue to improve on already excellent quality developments". More on this story [here](#)

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**DCMS HQ gets BREEAM Very Good**

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has been awarded a BREEAM Very Good rating for its headquarters building at 2-4 Cockspur Street, London SW1. The assessment was conducted on the internal envelope of the building which was refurbished without altering the external façade. The building scored particularly highly in the Transport and Materials sections of BREEAM, with features highlighted such as good public transport links, extensive storage facilities for recyclable waste and the use of timber and wood products from well-managed sources. More on this story [here](#)

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**Defining and measuring sustainability in the built environment**

Measuring environmental performance and sustainability in the built environment is one of the most important issues facing policy makers and industry today. A new report 'Sustainability in the built environment: an introduction to its definition and measurement' from BRE Global and sets out the current thinking on defining and



**BREEAM at Ecobuild:**  
Stand 2234,  
Earls Court, London,  
3-5 March



^ New from IHS BRE Press: *Sustainability in the built environment: an introduction to its definition and measurement* [More...](#)



Full listing of BREEAM assessors can be seen at [greenbooklive.com](http://greenbooklive.com)

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### New BREEAM Accredited Professionals

In response to client and industry calls for a formal recognition of specialist skills in design of more sustainable buildings BRE Global is introducing a new BREEAM Accredited Professionals qualification. The introduction of the BREEAM AP qualification is a significant step forward for the sustainable buildings movement and is already generating considerable interest amongst leading industry players. More information from [www.breeam.org/ap](http://www.breeam.org/ap)

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### Uncovering BREEAM Healthcare

Two half day awareness raising events are being run to explain the benefits of BREEAM Healthcare. The events take place on 3rd March in Leeds and 18th March in Birmingham. Further details from [www.breeam.org/events](http://www.breeam.org/events)

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### BREEAM Awards 2009

The BREEAM Awards recognise and reward those involved in the design and construction of the highest scoring buildings certified under BREEAM in a particular year. This year the BREEAM Awards Wales will take place in June and the national UK awards in the Autumn. For full details, including the dates by which projects must be certified to qualify, click here [www.breeam.org/awards](http://www.breeam.org/awards)

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### Assessor training in the Gulf

The next round of training for BREEAM Assessors takes place in Dubai on the 3rd – 5th March. BREEAM Gulf was launched in October 2008 as an assessment method with region-specific credits particularly in water and energy. More details [here](#)

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### Introduction to BREEAM in Ireland, 24th April

BRE Ireland are running a half day awareness raising event for BREEAM in Dublin on 24th April. This will explain BREEAM to an Irish audience and provide an update on the development of BREEAM in Ireland. [More](#)

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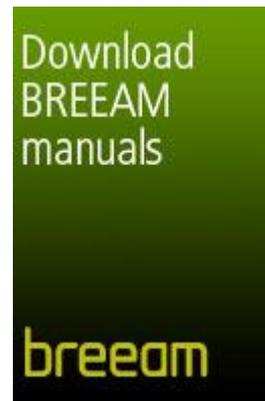
### Site Waste Management Plans (SWMPs)

SWMPs are a legal requirement for projects over £300,000 in England and are a mandatory requirement under BREEAM and the Code for Sustainable Homes, with additional credits for construction waste. BRE are hosting a series of training sessions throughout February and March to explain the requirements. More details [www.bre.co.uk/swmptraining](http://www.bre.co.uk/swmptraining)

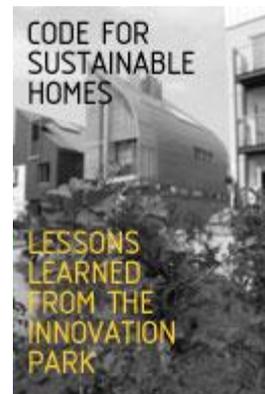
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