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1 Background

The [SCI-Network](#) (Sustainable Construction and Innovation through Procurement) project ended at the end of 2012; however, the online forum group on sustainable construction is to remain active given the interest shown on exchanging on the topic.

The Group took on a slightly different format from September 2013. It continues to be hosted through the Procurement Forum, but is smaller in size (in terms of members) to enable greater discussion and more interaction among members.

The Sustainable Construction Interest Group is loosely attached to the work being done through the EU [iNSPiRe](#) project¹. iNSPiRE tackles the problem of high-energy consumption by producing systemic renovation packages that can be applied to residential and tertiary buildings. The iNSPiRe partners take part in the group as technical experts.

2 Purpose of the Group

The Sustainable Construction Interest Group provides a forum for professionals working in the field of construction and public procurement (procurers, architects, engineers, building managers, planners) in the public sector to

- exchange experiences,
- share expertise,
- offer support,
- develop partnerships and
- develop innovative products and approaches with private and public sector iNSPiRe partners.

In addition to discussing sustainable construction and procurement in more general terms, the Group will also follow the main activities and developments of the iNSPiRe project and will be used to sound out the applicability of the developed solutions from iNSPiRe for public authorities generally. The latter will be documented in a report prepared by ICLEI.

The activities and discussions of the Group will be facilitated by ICLEI, who will also monitor any changes in attitude towards the renovation actions planned for different types of public buildings developed in iNSPiRe.

¹ Full name is Development of Systemic Packages for Deep Energy Renovation of Residential and Tertiary Buildings including Envelope and Systems

3 Planned activities

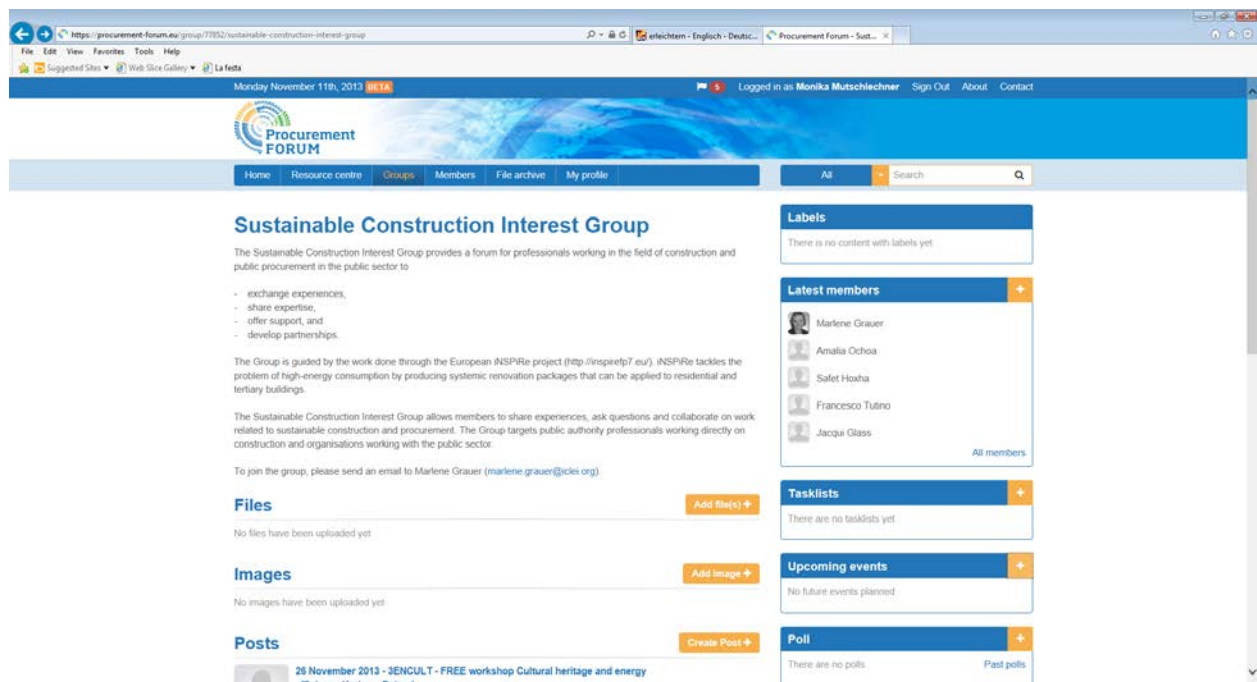
The main activities to evoke discussion among the Interest Group's members are the following:

- Regularly posting information on new developments and practical experiences (good practice) in the field of sustainable construction and public procurement.
- Face-to-face meetings during various occasions, such as via the guided tours to the three demo sites which will be renovated within iNSPiRe.
- Link up other relevant study tours, for example, those of the [3enCult](#) European project, with those of iNSPiRe.
- Discover and promote new good practice through the publication of new snapshots to add to the series of existing snapshots started through the SCI-Network.

The Sustainable Construction Interest Group is managed and moderated by [ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability](#).

4 How to join the Group

The Sustainable Construction Interest Group is hosted by the [Procurement Forum](#). To join the Interest Group, there has to be sent an email to [Marlene Grauer](#) from ICLEI. Invitation via email to join the group will then be received. Membership is only possible upon invitation and the contents of the group will only be visible to group members.



The screenshot shows the 'Sustainable Construction Interest Group' page on the Procurement Forum. The page layout includes a top navigation bar with 'Home', 'Resource centre', 'Groups', 'Members', 'File archive', and 'My profile'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Labels' section with the message 'There is no content with labels yet'. The 'Latest members' section lists five members: Marlene Grauer, Amalia Ochoa, Safet Hazha, Francesco Tufo, and Jacqui Glass. Below this are sections for 'Tasklists', 'Upcoming events', and 'Polls', all with 'no content yet' messages. A 'Files' section and an 'Images' section are also present, both with 'no files have been uploaded yet' and 'no images have been uploaded yet' respectively. At the bottom, a 'Posts' section shows a post from 26 November 2013 titled '3ENCULT - FREE workshop Cultural heritage and energy efficiency Krakow, Poland'.



5 Role of private sector partners

The exchange and discussion with public authorities should be beneficial for both sides but cannot be perceived as advertisement or any other form of influencing government officials for public contracts.

Private sector partners will be able to learn about and anticipate public sector needs in renovation which is clearly beneficial for future bidding. Nevertheless within the interest group the focus is exclusively on knowledge exchange. The Procurement Forum is set up for the facilitation of a mutual learning process for public authorities and private companies alike.

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6 Roles of iNSPiRe partners

ICLEI: Interest Group manager and responsible for facilitating and leading on the planned activities

IPL: Responsible for disseminating material from iNSPiRe to the Interest Group

UIPI: Provide property owners point of view

ACE: Provide architects point of view

ZAFH, SERC: Provide technical expertise on sustainable construction during online discussion

EURAC: Provide technical expertise on sustainable construction during online discussions and link discussions to iNSPiRe