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EU BIM Task Group launches handbook for the strategic implementation of BIM

Handbook provides guidance for consistent public-sector adoption across Europe

Brussels, Belgium: 6 July, the European public sector took a step towards a common approach to the introduction of Building Information Modelling (BIM).

The EU BIM Task Group, a pan-European collaboration collecting public sector expertise from infrastructure and public estate owners, public clients and policy makers from 21 nations, launched their "Handbook for the Introduction of Building Information Modelling by the European Public Sector"

The handbook encourages the wider introduction of BIM in response to the growing challenges faced by governments across Europe and public clients to stimulate economic growth and competitiveness whilst delivering value for public money.

In her foreword to the handbook, Elżbieta Bieńkowska, EU Commissioner, Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship, and SMEs says "I believe this handbook and its wide use will contribute to an open, competitive and world-leading digital single market for construction and I would like to call for its broadest possible adoption and use. I also would encourage a wider conversation across the public and private sectors for further collective action."

Attending the European Commission Construction Conference, "Let's build Changes!", Task Group Chair, Adam Matthews commented "Our vision is to build, together with the private sector, a competitive and open digital construction market; one that sets the global standard. This handbook demonstrates the importance for coordinated public sector action across both European and national levels to drive towards this vision forward."

The "Handbook for the Introduction of Building Information Modelling by the European Public Sector" can be downloaded from the Task Group Website at <u>http://eubim.eu/handbook</u>

About **EU BIM Task Group**: <u>The EU BIM Task Group</u> is a pan-European collaboration, co-funded by the European Commission, initially for two years (2016-2017) and extended through to 2019, to encourage the common adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM) in public works, with the common aim of improving value for public money, quality of the public estate and for the sustainable competitiveness of industry.