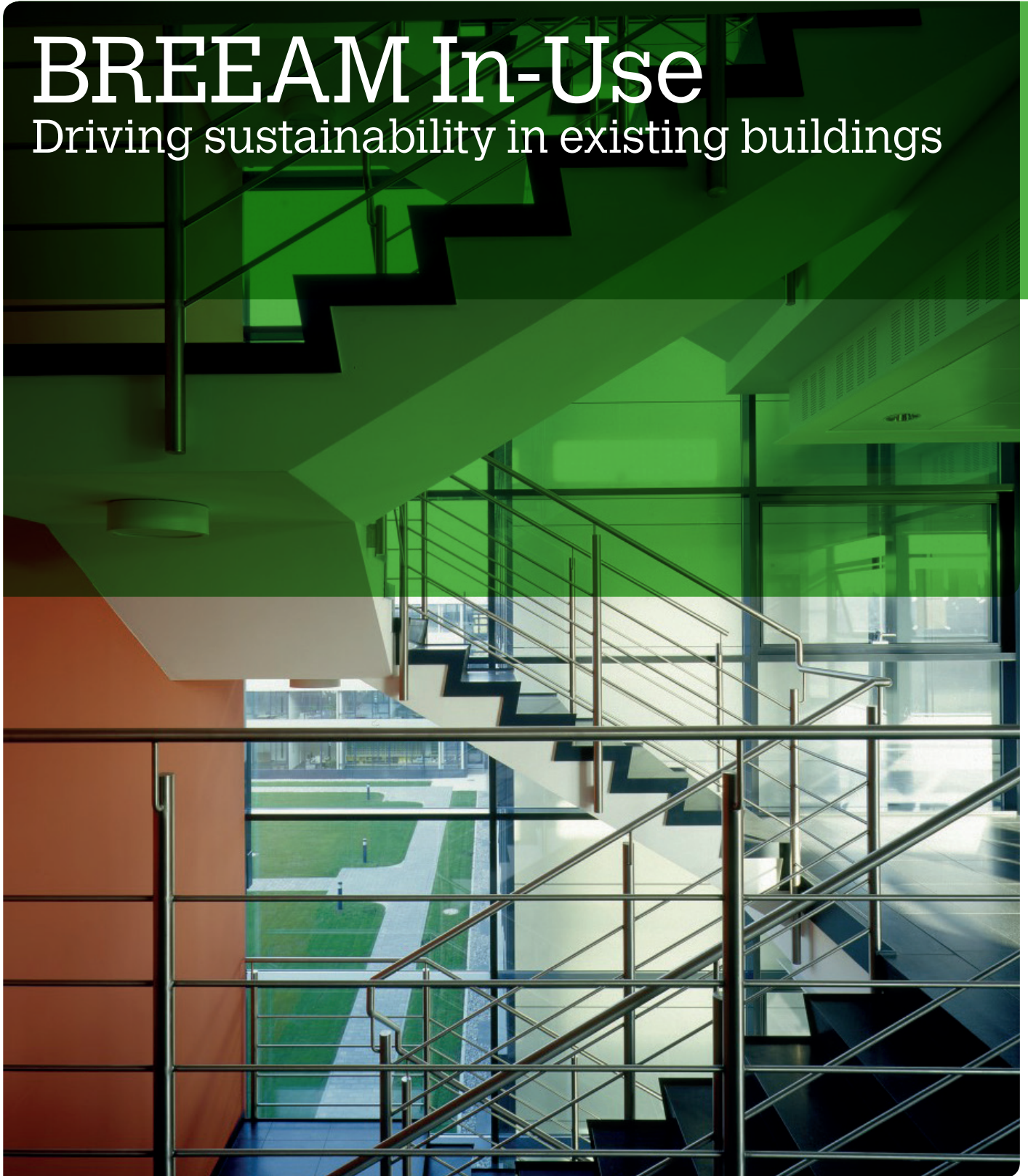


# BREEAM In-Use

Driving sustainability in existing buildings



# What is BREEAM In-Use?

BREEAM In-Use is an assessment and certification scheme designed to help building managers reduce and improve the environmental performance of existing non-domestic buildings.

It covers the major environmental issues that affect buildings throughout their operational life and captures data across nine key sustainability categories:

- Energy and greenhouse gas emissions
- Water
- Waste
- Air quality
- Noise
- Lighting
- Health and wellbeing.

The scheme is structured to drive sustainability improvements in existing buildings. It facilitates information gathering on the environmental performance and the operation of a building - and how clients or tenants are managing their activities within the building or part of the building.

It is divided into three sections:

## Part 1

Asset – this assesses the inherent performance characteristics of the building based on its built form, construction and services.

## Part 2

Building Management – this looks at the management policies, procedures and practices related to the operation of the building; the consumption of key resources such as energy, water and other consumables; and environmental impacts such as carbon and waste generation.

## Part 3

Occupier Management – this assesses the understanding and implementation of management policies, procedures and practices; staff engagement; and delivery of key outputs (Please note: Part 3 is activity specific)



Oude Houtlei 140 in Ghent, headquarters building for Bopro, a sustainably refurbished listed building assessed to BREEAM In-Use, BREEAM In-Use award winner 2011

# How does the scheme work?

The scheme is operated through an online system.

It consists of an environmental management tool and a central database into which you enter sustainability data on the 9 environmental issues listed previously, and use this information to manage performance against 10 BREEAM In-Use Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

An intuitive and user-friendly interface facilitates the full assessment process from the entry of basic building details to certification outputs. The system uses dynamic functionality which allows you to complete a BREEAM In-Use questionnaire section by section, with the capability to see the effect of entering particular data on the score obtained for individual sections and on the overall total.

You can certify the scores obtained against any of the three parts of BREEAM In-Use. Assessment scores are awarded on a star basis, with 1 star indicating an acceptable rating and 6 stars indicating an outstanding rating (see table 1).

Table 1 – BREEAM In-Use Scores and Ratings

Assessment score (%)	Assessment rating	Star rating
< 10	Unclassified	-
≥ 10 to < 25	Acceptable	★
≥ 25 to < 40	Pass	★★
≥ 40 to < 55	Good	★★★
≥ 55 to < 70	Very Good	★★★★
≥ 70 to < 85	Excellent	★★★★★
≥ 85	Outstanding	★★★★★★

Note: Part 3 (Occupier Management) ratings are based upon the percentage achieved score and compliance to a set of minimum requirements.

To have an asset formally certified, you need to engage the services of an independent BRE Global licensed BREEAM In-Use auditor. The Auditor role is to verify the answers given in the BREEAM In-Use online questionnaire, validate the evidence obtained and to request final formal certification.



The Met Office headquarters in Exeter, the first building to achieve certification under all three parts of BREEAM In-Use

## How you can use BREEAM In-Use

There are a whole host of different organisations using the BREEAM In-Use scheme, with the decision to use the scheme varying widely between organisations. Key reasons for using BREEAM In-Use include to:

- view the overall performance of a portfolio of assets
- optimise an asset's performance
- make environmental improvements to asset and management systems
- determine which assets are underperforming and require refurbishment
- reduce the overall running costs of an asset
- create benchmarks for improvement
- report on Corporate Social Responsibility

## BREEAM In-Use around the world

The map below shows the current uptake of the BREEAM In-Use scheme across the globe. The scheme has registrations in over 25 countries worldwide.

## National BREEAM In-Use Schemes

- BRE Global (United Kingdom + BREEAM In-Use International for assets registered outside of NSO territories) [www.breeam.org/inuse](http://www.breeam.org/inuse)
- Dutch Green Building Council (Netherlands) [www.breeam.nl](http://www.breeam.nl)
- Instituto Tecnológico de Galicia (Spain) [www.breeam.es](http://www.breeam.es)
- National Scheme Operators that are currently developing a national BREEAM In-Use scheme include:
- DIFNI (Germany) [www.difni.de](http://www.difni.de)
- Norwegian Green Building Council (Norway) [www.ngbc.no](http://www.ngbc.no)

## Global uptake of BREEAM In-Use registered assets





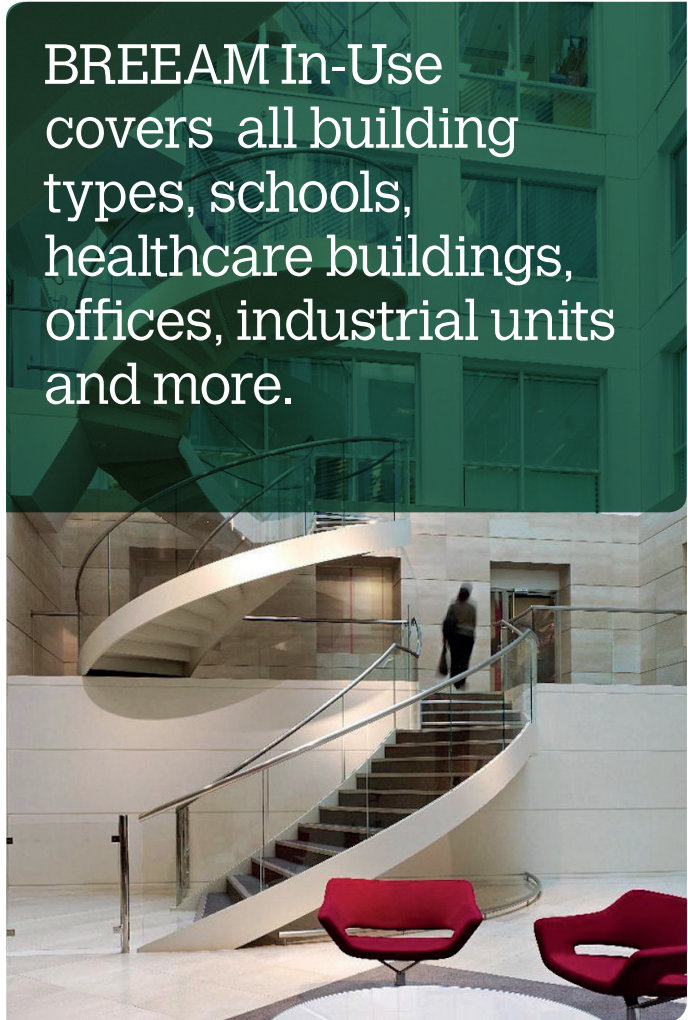
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covers all building  
types, schools,  
healthcare buildings,  
offices, industrial units  
and more.



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