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Comparison between DGNB and LEED market figures in Germany

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has announced their TOP 10 LEED countries for 2017. According to the USGBC assessment criteria, Germany ranks fifth among LEED markets outside the United States (based on certified gross floor area). This can be taken as a foundation for interpreting numbers compared to figures issued by the DGNB.

According to the two sets of statistics, there were 276 LEED-certified projects in Germany on 31 Dec 2017, covering a gross floor area of 7 million square metres.

The following information is also relevant:

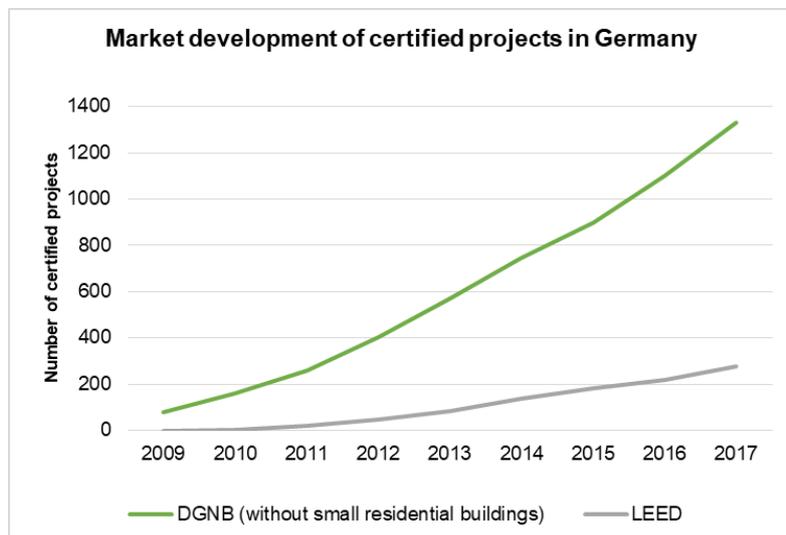
- LEED has not recorded significant growth in the number of certified projects in Germany in recent years. The value for 2017 (57 projects) is on a par with 2014 (53 projects).
- One third of the LEED-certified projects in Germany in 2017 related to the scheme "Core & Shell", which merely evaluate the building shell and explicitly exclude extensions.
- The number of new registered projects in 2017 was 41, the lowest since 2010.
- 96 per cent of the projects certified in Germany were assessed according to LEED 2009 or older versions.
- The total share of LEED international projects is 12 per cent.

The corresponding figures for the DGNB certification:

- In 2017, the DGNB certified 1052 projects, including 976 in Germany.
- Excluding small residential buildings, 306 projects received DGNB awards in 2017, 230 of which were in Germany.
- Over the past two years, the number of DGNB-certified projects in Germany has risen by more than 20 per cent.
- The number of new registered DGNB projects in 2017 was 2112, including 1965 in Germany. Without small residential buildings, the number of registered projects in Germany in 2017 was 345.
- As of 31 December 2017, a total of 2825 DGNB projects were certified worldwide, of which 2504 were in Germany.
- The corresponding gross floor area of DGNB-certified projects is 51.7 million square metres, of which 33.3 million square metres were in Germany.
- Eleven per cent of DGNB-certified projects were abroad. Excluding certified small residential buildings, the share of certified DGNB projects abroad is 23 per cent.

It is also important to note the results of the annual Market Focus "Investment Market Green Buildings" published by BNP Paribas Real Estate: for years, the DGNB has consistently held a commercial property market share of more than 80 per cent of new buildings in Germany.

DGNB and LEED market developments in Germany:



	DGNB (incl. small residential buildings)	DGNB (without small residential buildings)	LEED
Certified projects in Germany, 2017	976	230	57
Registered projects in Germany, 2017	1965	345	41
Certified projects in Germany overall	2825	1333	276
Share international projects total	11%	23%	12%

Comparability of certification numbers

The DGNB would like to point out that it is not entirely possible to compare certification numbers or individual certified projects like for like. First, there are sometimes fundamental differences in terms of the subject matter of certification and the concepts underlying the DGNB, LEED and other rating systems. Further, there are sometimes major differences in certification requirements depending on the nature of the project and the scheme. This applies not only to the criteria and weightings used, but also to the resulting scope of certification. In addition, all systems revolve around the date or version of the scheme: the requirements for projects based on the 2009 version will be fundamentally different from current versions.

Finally, the DGNB would like to make it clear that certification is (and only should be) a tool aimed at helping organizations plan and design buildings holistically, based on life cycle principles. The quality standards of completed developments are also crucial. A central pillar of the DGNB philosophy is the goal of helping with the design, construction and use of better buildings, which should be future-proof and support global climate goals, providing a healthy built environment adhering to high standards for the sake of everyone in society.