

Level(s) and the European Climate Pact

Joining forces for a greener built environment



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Introduction

The EU Level(s) framework for improving the sustainability performance of buildings has teamed up with the European Climate Pact to help built environment professionals connect, share knowledge and take action towards a climate-resilient future.

Level(s) and the Climate Pact both offer amazing advantages to buildings professionals who want to make our built environment more sustainable and reduce its role in climate change.

This factsheet highlights ways to increase the impact of your work by getting involved in both initiatives!

One powerful formula for a more climate-friendly built environment...



Environment

Three ways to play your part in the building sector's transformation...

1. Start using Level(s) at work

The green transformation of our built environment starts with you! Buildings professionals can **help the EU cut embodied carbon emissions by 60-80%** by 2050 by improving sustainability performance through their work (Source EEA and UNEP).

This is where Level(s) comes in! Level(s) is a set of macro objectives and indicators which you can integrate into your working practices to **assess and monitor the most important aspects of building performance** and **identify sustainability improvements**. And because Level(s) is designed for all stages of a building's life cycle, you can use it to improve performance:

- during the planning, design or construction of a new property,
- while a building is in use,

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• as part of a renovation or deconstruction/demolition project.

Getting started is straightforward, thanks to a free, user-friendly eLearning programme – available through the Level(s) website. **The eLearning programme is fully customisable to your working environment** and includes a detailed case study to help put everything you learn into context.

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Level(s) helps you stay aligned with EU policies and laws...

The Level(s) macro objectives and indicators are helping to shape EU buildings policies and laws. That's why using Level(s) is a great way to stay aligned with European best practices and rules.

2. Join the European Climate Pact community

As someone who's working to minimise the building sector's carbon footprint, you're already playing an important role in Europe's green transition, but you can achieve even more by inspiring others to follow in your footsteps. Through joining the European Climate Pact, you could organise citizen engagement activities such as:

- **a Peer Parliament** to open a discussion on the practices and policies you would like to see put in place to help transition our built environment to climate neutrality,
- **a Climate Walk** to lead fellow built environment activists and members of the public on a guided tour through sustainable building projects to draw attention to what's possible,
- **a Local Climate Action Group** to mobilise other buildings professionals and work towards a shared goal together,
- **a Photo Story workshop** to engage buildings professionals and other groups in capturing and sharing examples of climate mitigation measures from your projects to inspire others.

Ready to take your involvement to the next level? Then why not join a community of game-changers to gain knowledge about EU climate policies, inspire others to take action and benefit from a network of like-minded people dedicated to driving climate action?

You can also look out for opportunities to become **a Pact Ambassador (for individuals)** or a **Partner of the Pact (for organisations)** to further reinforce your commitment to climate action.



3. Combine Level(s) and the Climate Pact to make a BIG impact

Whether you're already involved in the Pact or in Level(s) you can increase your impact further by harnessing the initiatives in complementary ways. For example, by spreading awareness through the Pact about how Level(s) helped you integrate circularity principles at work, or align with EU climate policies and laws, you'll be motivating others to use Level(s). In doing so, you'll be helping to **reinforce Level(s) as Europe's common language** for improving the sustainability performance of buildings – ensuring practitioners are all working towards shared goals.

Likewise, if you're a member of the Level(s) LinkedIn Group you can **share your Climate Pact commitment** with thousands of fellow buildings professionals to inspire them to spread awareness about their contribution to climate action by becoming a Pact Ambassador or organising a Pact activity in their region.

How to get going with Level(s) and the Climate Pact today...

Level(s)

Start by checking out the <u>Level(s) overview</u>. It explains how Level(s) can help you assess and monitor sustainability performance. Next, access the <u>eLearning programme</u> and explore the modules relevant to you.

Once you're familiar with the basics, you can <u>start using Level(s)</u> by downloading the user manuals.

You're bound to need assistance along the way. Make sure you subscribe to the <u>Level(s) newsletter</u> to hear about upcoming webinars for new users. We recommend joining the <u>LinkedIn Group</u> too, to exchange tips and experiences with thousands of other practitioners. And if you get stuck, you can submit a question to the <u>Level(s) helpdesk</u>.

To explore these and other resources, visit the Level(s) website.

The European Climate Pact

Get going with the European Climate Pact by heading to the movement's homepage where you'll find handy <u>quick start</u> tools for citizen engagement, including the suggestions in this factsheet.

The <u>'Get involved'</u> page signposts you to more information on becoming a **Pact Ambassador** or **Partner of the Pact** and explains who is eligible and how to apply. Calls for Ambassadors and Partners are regularly announced on the website too, and you'll want to <u>subscribe to the Pact newsletter</u> to be notified when it's time to apply.

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