Getting started with Level(s)

Agenda

1. The helpdesk and the types of queries that you may have,
2. The Level(s) documentation and how it can be used,
3. The common reporting format and how it works,
4. The EU survey and how to use it,
5. Future webinars that are planned and views on possible topics,
6. The CIRCA discussion platform and how you can take part,
7. The 1st Level(s) conference planned for December 2018
Profile of the Level(s) testers

More than **120 registrations** at close of registration

- **62 residential** building tests
  - 45 new build, 17 major renovations
- **57 Office** building tests, 16 major renovations
  - 41 new build, 16 major renovations

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Technical support package provided by JRC

Working with DG Environment to support test users of Level(s)

✓ Common reporting format
✓ Technical support service
✓ Sharing and learning from experience

Comprehensive programme of high quality support during 2018 and 2019
1. Technical helpdesk service

Helpdesk service responding to technical queries from testers

jrc-b5-levels@ec.europa.eu

✓ Email service with timely response
✓ Queries relating to technical content:
  – Interpretation of Level(s) documentation
  – Where to find tools and data
  – Use of reference standards
  – Point out any errors or inconsistencies
✓ Substantial similar queries -> webinar topic

Does not provide individual technical and project specific solutions

Please try and group together your queries!
2. Level(s) documentation

The main documentation **will not be directly updated** during the Beta testing phase

Instead, separate updates will be provided on a **transparent** and **ad hoc** basis:

What happens if there is a **correction needed** or **updated reference**?
✓ **Technical note** will be issued

What happens if there is a **new software tool** or **database identified**?
✓ **Dynamic list** available on JRC website will be updated

Updates will be posted **here**:  
3. Common reporting format

Excel spreadsheet version of the suggested reporting formats you can find in the Level(s) part 3 documentation

What it does
✓ Provides ready-made reporting of results according to the suggested format
✓ Calculation of indicator 6.2 ratings

What it doesn't do
✓ Makes the calculations required to generate a result

Updates may be made based on errors or problems identified by Level(s) testers
4. Level(s) EU Survey

**Aim:** to obtain feedback on three key aspects of your project’s test of Level(s):

- How useful was Level(s) for assessing the buildings performance?
- How did the design of Level(s) support the process of making the assessment?
- How user friendly were the selected indicators and life cycle tools, together with their supporting guidance?

**Before completing the survey:** we recommend reviewing the questions with the project team in order to gather the experience and feedback of the whole team.

You will shortly receive the [official link and password](#). Testers must submit via EU Survey by **30th September 2019**.
5. Webinar programme

Topics that **generate a lot of enquiries** will be the subject of targeted webinars for testers

✓ Content designed to provide **practical** support
✓ Driven by **implementation issues**
✓ **Webinar notes** will report the outcomes of discussions

3-4 webinars/year planned in **2018** and **2019**, depending on demand
Forthcoming webinars

Indicator 1.2 Life cycle Global Warming Potential (GWP)
Tuesday 6th November 2018, 11:00 – 12:30 CET

Topics:
• **The Level(s) guidance**: the different levels users can work at, and also the simplified calculation options for people getting started (JRC)
• **The basic steps in making a life cycle GWP calculation**, starting with the BoQ or BIM dataset, selection of boundary/scope and then how to link up the building data with CO₂ factors
• **The options available for data, CO₂ factors and calculators** in example Member States – suggested as Finland, Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Poland.
• **Advanced options for modelling life cycle GWP**, including the Level(s) 2.2 life cycle scenarios - design for deconstruction and adaptability
6. CIRCABC Test phase web forum

An EU platform for participants to share experiences and information in relation to specific topics

Discussion forums may be initiated:

✓ by JRC following survey, helpdesk and webinar feedback
✓ at the request of participants to JRC or DG ENV in order to tackle specific topics
Select **Forums** in order see what is being discussed
The Forums are listed here. Testers can also propose to start new Forum topics.
Individual Topics are where the discussions can take place within a Forum
Accessing CIRCABC

You will need to create a user account and then request to join the CIRCABC Level(s) Test Phase Forum Interest Group

You will need to create an ECAS user account
Click on https://circabc.europa.eu (Link to CIRCABC)
Select Connect using EU Login
You will automatically be redirected to the EU Login page
On the EU Login page, click on Create an account and fill in the form fields
Next steps

Key deadlines for testers

- Submission of assessment results
  30th June 2019
- Submission of test survey response
  30th September 2019
More information

**Download** the Level(s) Beta v1.0 documentation

**Helpdesk** for technical queries
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