



## CIB NEWS ARTICLE

### International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction

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## Programmes

In 2007 CIB – through the CIB Secretariat – participated in three programs funded by the European Commission: INPREST, STAND-INN and Smart-ECO.



INPREST stands for:  
Integrated Pre-fabricated  
Steel Technologies for the  
Multi-Storey Sector. This  
program aims to develop  
new technologies and  
design concepts for open

building in steel. Participants include the main in Europe based steel producing companies. The program is funded from the European Commission's Research Fund of Coal and Steel. It officially ended per the end of 2007 and the final report will be available in the course of 2008.

STAND-INN is a program with as full title: Integration of performance-based building standards into business processes using IFC standards to enhance innovation and sustainable development and using tools as the building information model (BIM) for communication and information sharing in projects. It focusses on promoting innovation, sustainability and the adoption of standards. The program is funded from the Europe Innova program and is planned to end in 2008.



Smart-ECO as a program is about the uptake of innovative technologies that enable the building and construction sector to meet the

requirements that originate from the sustainability concept.. The program is funded from the EU 6th Framework program and is planned to produce its final report in 2010.

CIB can fulfill various roles as partner in such funded programs, but the basis for such roles is its potential: to provide access to the worldwide network of experts and to disseminate information to this experts' community. A more elaborate description of the possible CIB roles in such programs can be downloaded [here](#).