The CIB Programme Committee has granted a one-year mandate extension to TG73 R&D Programmes in Construction.

Outcomes so far

When the Task Group was established, there were various national initiatives struggling with how best to manage, effectively and efficiently, programmes aiming for structural performance enhancement of the sector, innovation, industry reform, process improvement and/or strengthening the sector’s knowledge infrastructure. It was also noted that between these programmes little or no exchange takes place on best practices and lessons learned.

It was against that background that, over the period 2009-2010, members of the Task Group have reviewed four major innovative programmes carried out in four different countries.

The lessons learned from the review will be published in the report "Managing Public –Private Innovation Programs: Lessons from the Netherlands, Finland, UK and Australia". The report will be published by PSIbouw (Process and Systems in the building sector) in January 2011.

Work Programme

In the next 12 months, before it is dissolved at the end of December 2011, the Task Group plans to:

- distribute the published report
- undertake a survey based on the report using a questionnaire distributed among programme managers of various large public and private (construction) research programmes around the world, using the CIB network
- organise, in September / October 2011, a two-day workshop with a selected group of coordinators of large research programmes PSIbouw has assisted with funding for this event
- publish lessons from the survey and workshop towards the end of 2011 and present these at CIB symposia and using the CIB network
- publish a CIB Report with the survey results and workshop, together with recommendations for the development and management of collaborative research programmes.

Personal Statement Geert Dewulf

Many CIB Members are actively involved in large R&D programmes. Many of these programmes are university-private sector collaborations that are dedicated to stimulating the innovative capacity of the construction industry and to enhancing the scientific quality and societal relevance of academic research. In practice, however, it seems to be difficult to bridge the gap between university-based social and engineering sciences and industry.

Today, now that many universities and other research institutes are struggling with decreasing government budgets and funding from the industry, developing university-private collaborations is more important than ever.

TG73 noted that there is little or no exchange on best practices and lessons learnt between the various such programmes. TG73 aims at exchanging knowledge and lessons on how best to manage, effectively and efficiently, programmes aiming for structural performance enhancement of the sector, innovation, industry reform, process improvement and/or strengthening the sector’s knowledge infrastructure.

I would like to encourage CIB members who are actively involved in large R&D programmes to become actively involved in the Task Group and especially in the Survey and the Workshop that will take place in 2011.
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