

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: GBC ITALIA INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP ON HISTORIC BUILDINGS

1. Introduction

After the successful experience of the development (2012-2015) of the Italian version of GBC Historic Building® (GBC HB), the first and only sustainability rating system for conservation-related interventions on historic buildings, and the certification of several Italian cases (2017-2020), the Green Building Council Italia is interested in developing a new version of the rating system that could have a strong appeal on the international market and help stakeholders to conduct sustainable restoration processes while allowing historic buildings around to world to remain an invaluable source of cultural identity.

This document is a call for volunteers who are interested in joining the new International Technical Advisory Group 'Historic Buildings' (iTAG HB), led by the Green Building Council Italia, to support the development of the international version of GBC HB and the associated certification process.

2. International Technical Advisory Group 'Historic Building' (iTAG HB)

The iTAG HB will provide recommendations and technical solutions for the development of the rating system and its applicability to international settings, statutory requirements and other boundary conditions, by working on prerequisites, credits and certification documents.

The iTAG HB will be made of members affiliated with the GBC Italia as well as international GBCs, research organisations, higher education institutions and heritage-related organisations and associations.

3. Eligibility

3.1. Requirements

- Candidates must have a demonstrated expertise in one or more of the following heritage-related technical areas:
 - energy audit and assessment;
 - diagnostics on materials and structures;



- structural analysis and improvement;
- material compatibility;
- project compatibility and reversibility;
- maintenance plans;
- restoration site;
- o conservation and restoration processes.
- English proficiency is a prerequisite in order to be able to work with international members and on the documentation of the new rating system.
- Candidates will commit to bi-monthly conference calls, with possible additional calls with smaller focus groups if necessary.
- Candidates will commit to offline reviews and comments on technical aspects of the rating system (approximately between three and four hours per month).
- Candidates will collaborate to write short parts of prerequisites/credits or other documents of the rating system, according to their own competences (workload to be agreed with the Chair as opportunities arise).

3.2. Desirable

- Be affiliated to or employed by an international GBC organisation, a research organisation, a higher education institution or an heritage-related organisations or associations.
- Be a green building Accredited Professional (e.g. GBC HB AP, LEED Green Associate, LEED AP, BREEAM AP, WELL AP).
- Have experience with international green building rating system application and/or implementation.
- Have previously worked on the application of energy and environmental rating systems or their categories to historic environments and character buildings.

4. How to submit an expression of interest

Professionals interested in serving in the iTAG HB must complete the following form and submit it to certificazione@gbcitalia.org by no later than Wednesday 1 September 2021.

5. Selection process

The GBC Italia's selection committee will review all applications and will notify applicants about the outcome of the selection process via email by Friday 10 September 2021. Click here to complete the application form.