

## APPLICATION FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL EXTERNAL VERIFIERS

The verification and development of EPDs is fulfilled under the frame of the Bau EPD GmbH. As a compulsory basis the following standards have to be considered in their latest version.

- ÖNORM EN ISO 14025 Environmental labels and declarations - Type III environmental declarations - Principles and procedures
- ÖNORM EN 15804 Sustainability of construction works – Environmental product declarations Core rules for the product category of construction products
- ÖNORM EN 15942 Environmental management - Life cycle assessment - Principles and framework

The system is carried out by individual persons that can be registered as individual external verifiers and/or registered LCA-practitioners at the Bau-EPD GmbH. To guarantee the independence of the verifiers, an LCA-practitioner must not be linked to or working for the same institution or company as the verifiers. The verification is carried out under the principle of dual control. Persons who want to act as external verifiers or registered LCA-practitioners can apply any time and have to undergo a procedure of quality assurance.

The procedure for approval and supervision of the verifiers are carried out under the auspices of the programme operator.

## QUALIFICATION CRITERIA AND COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS

An external verifier shall meet the following qualification criteria and competence requirements:

1. Knowledge of relevant standards in the fields of LCA (ISO 14040-14044) and EPD (ISO 14025, EN 15804, ISO 21930)
2. Knowledge of the relevant regulatory framework for the concept of EPD creation
3. Knowledge of relevant construction sector, product and product-related environmental aspects
4. Process and product knowledge of the product category
5. Knowledge of type III EPD programmes, with special focus on the program rules of the EPD Programme for which the verifier is working for, including the ECO Platform rules (as implemented in the EPD Program)
6. Fundamental Knowledge of principal methods of LCA of construction materials, practical experience in LCA methodology (for at least 5 years, several LCA studies must be documented)
7. Experience in critical review of LCA and/or verification of environmental declarations.

Additional requirements for the work:

8. Documentation of regular and up-to-date advanced training concerning the special sectors of qualification.
9. Communication within the program – based on information coordinated or provided by the ECO Platform, if available - about new developments in EPD standards (especially from CEN TC (product-) groups – i.e. CEN TC 350, CENT TC 351...) to verifiers, to ensure that the knowledge is up-to-date.

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## DOCUMENTATION

The applying verifier shall provide the programme operator with the following documentation:

1. a CV and supporting documents stating compliance with the prescribed qualifications above
2. experiences in the field of LCA/environmental declarations,
3. assignments of similar tasks of verification of LCA and environmental declarations relevant references, as appropriate.
4. Equivalent documents and experience to issue 1.-3. can be audited individually and may also be approved.

I hereby apply to act as an individual, external verifier in the frame of the Austrian EPD Programme and confirm the correctness and completeness of the documentation attached.

Name:	
Institution/Company:	
Telephone:	
E-mail:	
List of documents	

Place:

Date

Signature:

The application and support documentation shall be sent to [office@bau-epd.at](mailto:office@bau-epd.at).

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