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# Coordinated paths towards digital building permits through the EUnet4DBP

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# Digital Building Permits



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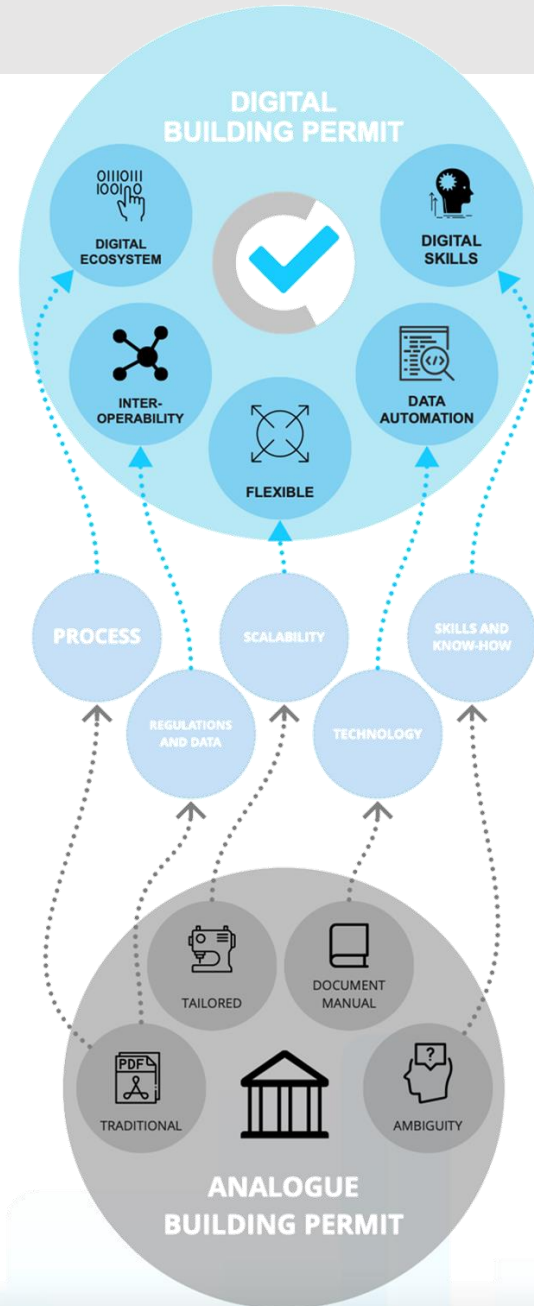
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### What is a building permit?

Approval for building construction or renovation from building authority after checking compliance to planning and building regulations

### What is a digital building permit?

Passing from (analogue) document-based systems to digital data-driven processes.



## DIGITAL BUILDING PERMIT

80% more efficient process:

- 50% faster
- Higher value of human work
- Fair tax changes
- Transparency and predictability

Higher quality of the checking:

- Accuracy and objectiveness
- New advanced analysis

Digitally-led process:


- Management from remote (less CO2)
- Paper and resources saving
- More efficient use of construction-generated data

## ANALOGUE BUILDING PERMIT



# Digital Building Permit challenges

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Need for **intersectoral** collaboration

Need for **multidisciplinary** collaboration

High **diversity**

Need for **interoperability** and standardisation



# Digital Building Permit initiatives

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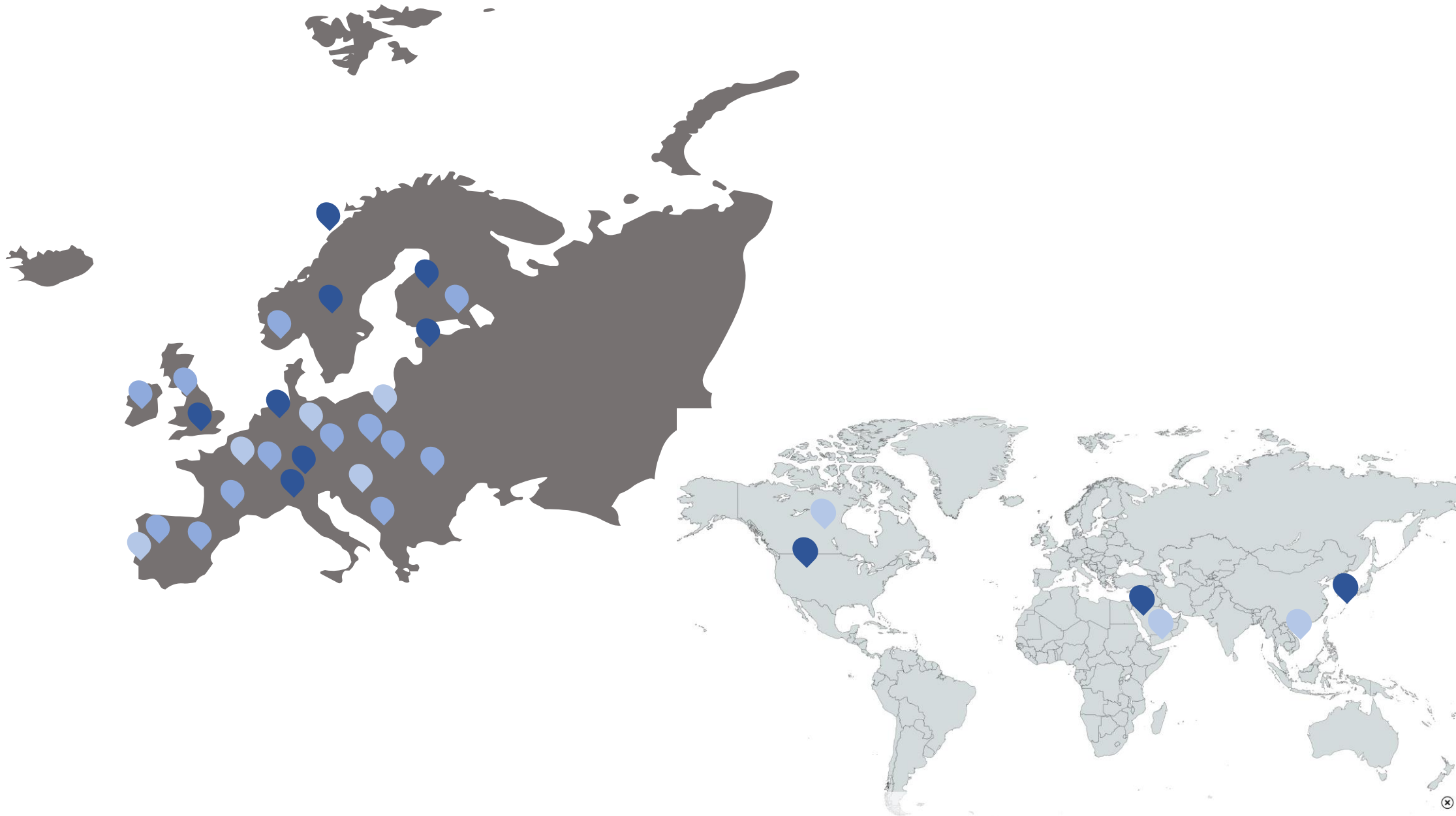
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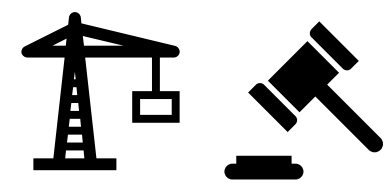
# Digital Building Permit initiatives diversity



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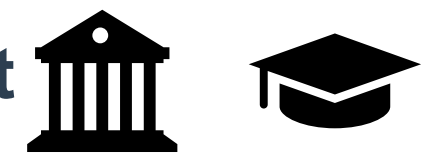


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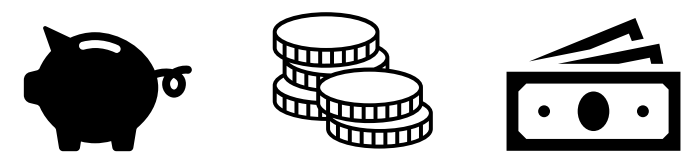
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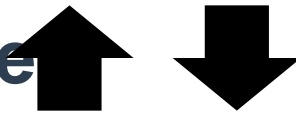
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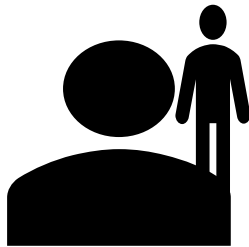
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**Professional mobility**



**Tools reuse**

**Interoperability**



**Joint efforts (no wheels re-invented, highest achievements)**



**Best approach choice**



**Optimise investments**



# European Network for Digital Building Permit - EUnet4DBP

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Digital Building Permit

## Start 2020

**Mission** - To accelerate the digital transformation of the building permit process.

**Vision** - Development of **flexible, scalable and re-usable** digital and (semi-) automated building permit tools and methods in a common effort and under the umbrella of an open science framework, by sharing experiences and building-up knowledge.

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### Process

Including human practices and bureaucratic workflows to be taken into account and likely changed to adopt the new digital approach.



### Rules and requirements

As formulation of criteria and guidelines to be followed for the successful achievement of the objectives in all the steps and aspects of the use case, including rule interpretation and model preparation.



### Technology

Regarding any aspect related and allowing the successful implementation of the previous ones.

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### Goal 1

Support the building permit process in becoming more **efficient and automated**.

### Goal 2

Support to rule interpretation and information requirements in becoming as **simple** and as **machine readable** as possible in order to guarantee a certain level of automation.

### Goal 3

Support the wide adoption of **interoperable** technologies based on open standards.





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## Principles

If you would like to participate, read the description and manifesto of the network and the FAQ page. If you agree with them and want to jump in, fill the form:



### Commitment to share

We share our knowledge, our experiences, our ideas with the other members of the network in order to turn our Vision into reality.



### Commitment to openness

We support the development of open formats, open standards and interoperable software. Our deliverables are open access resources, are published in open channels and all are freely to use them.



### Commitment to be collaborative

We voluntarily collaborate with others to grow the network impacts on the digital transformation of the built environment.



### Commitment to be ethic

We work together in a fair environment, giving credits correctly to single participants and to the network, and keeping as confidential any un-published shared material.



### Commitment to be practical

We develop tools and methods that address the real needs of current and future users.



### Commitment to be innovative

We believe in innovation as the only way to improve the quality of our present and future challenges. We aim at providing innovative solution of an innovative word.



### Commitment to be competent

We lead activities that require our competences.



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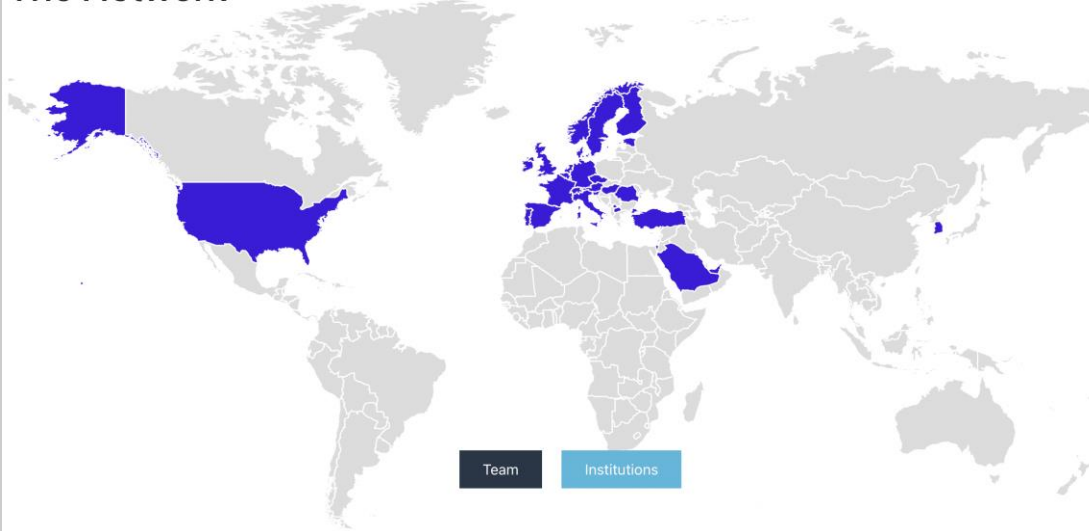
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- (3D) geoinformation
- GeoBIM integration
- standardization, interoperability
- BIM
- AEC
- Planning, regulations
- Software development

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(3D) geoinformation	11	11	5
GeoBIM integration	12	9	8
standardization, interoperability	18	12	14
BIM	24	14	21
AEC	16	4	18
Planning, regulations	16	15	15
Software development	11	4	16

- buildingSMART regulatory room
- EuroSDR
- EU-BIM
- OGC

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Projects involved in the EUnet4DBP

*HORIZON EUROPE projects* HORIZON-CL4-2021-TWIN-TRANSITION-01-10



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- EU EISMEA study*
- BRISE Vienna (Austria)*
- RAVA3 (Finland)*
- Rotterdam*
- Estonia*
- Geneva*
- Hamburg*

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# EUnet4DBP activities – Quarterly meetings

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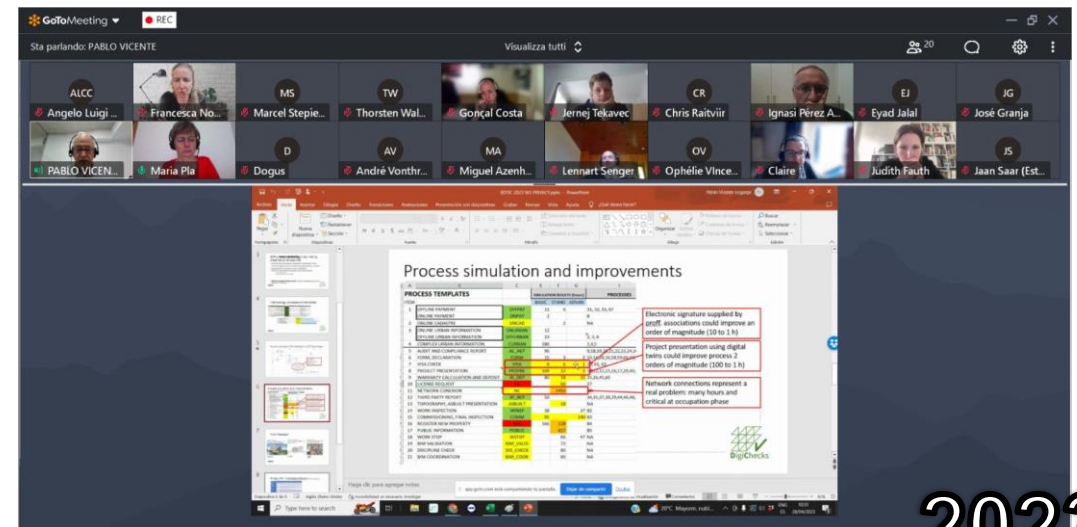
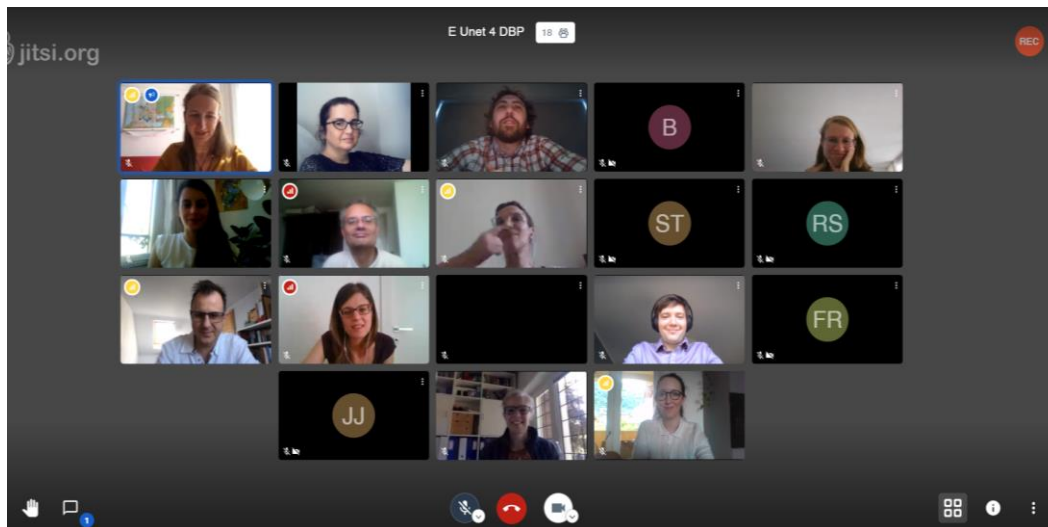
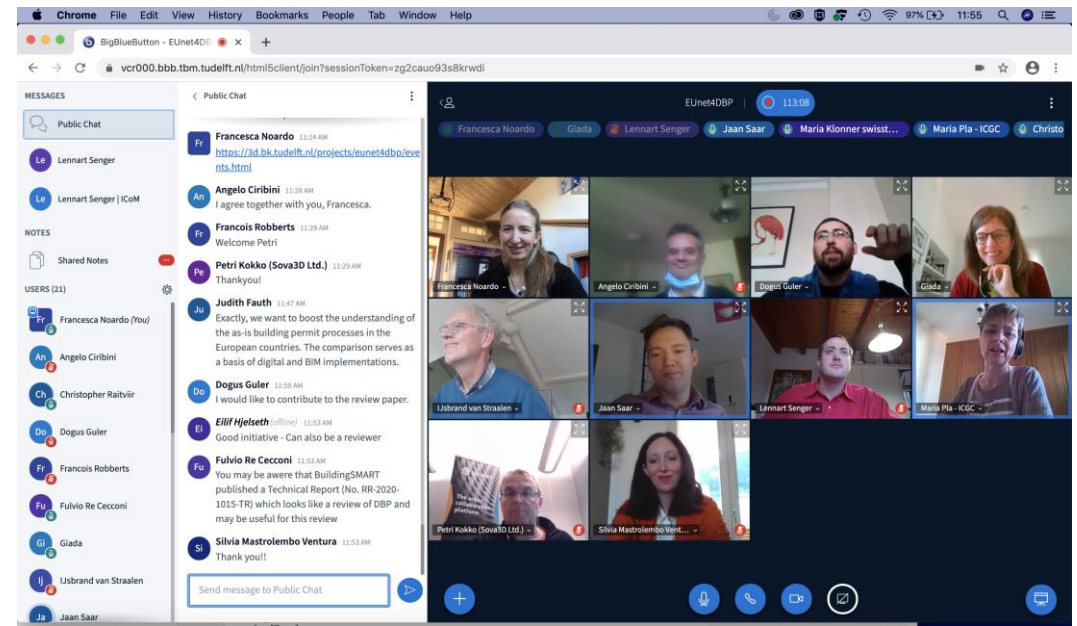
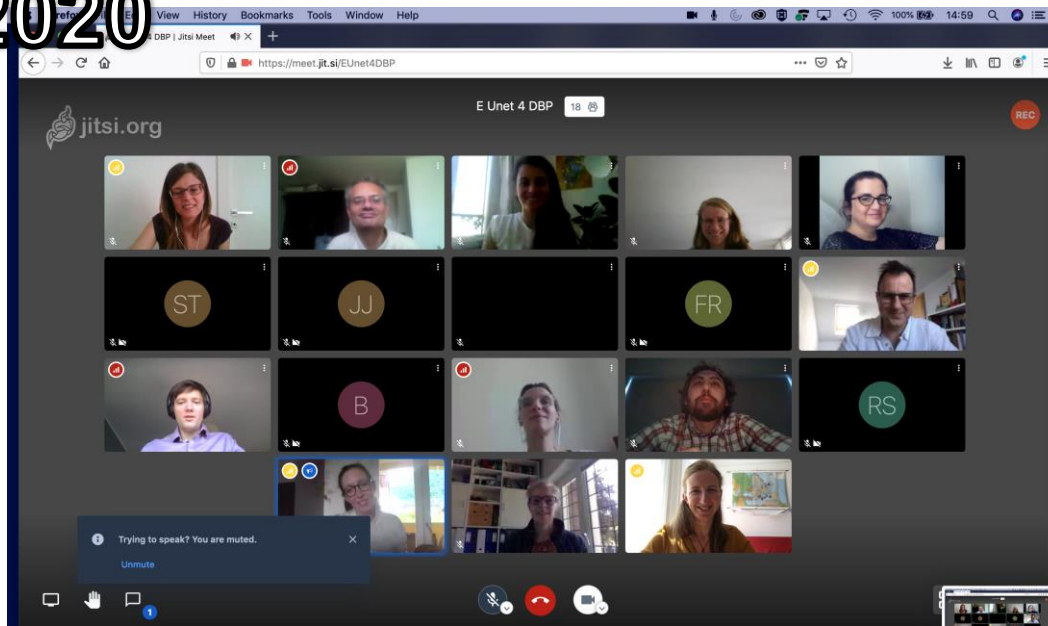
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48:27 / 1:29:21 • Collaboration with University of Southern California



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EUnet4DBP talk - Demo session

41:33 / 1:20:52 • Building Permit Application

**EUnet4DBP talk**  
**"New projects on Digital Building Permit"**  
 Chair: Judith Fauth

**Agenda**

- h. 10.30-10.40
- h. 10.40-10.50
- h. 10.50-11.00
- h. 11.00-11.10
- h. 11.10-11.20
- h. 11.20-11.30
- h. 11.30-11.40
- h. 11.40-12.00

**Introduction on EUnet4DBP**  
**ACCORD – Rita Lavikka by VTT**  
**CHEK – Francesca Noardo by OGC**  
**BRiSE Vienna – Christian Schranz and Harald Urban by TU Wien**  
**bSI Regulatory Information Requirements (RIR) – Tomi Henttinen by buildingSMART International**  
**RAVAPro project – Anna-Riitta Kallinen by ARKCON Finland**  
**DigiChecks project – Ignacio Rincón by FCC**  
**Q&A – Discussion**

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November 4th 2022 EUnet4DBP talk Judith Fauth

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## INTEGRATING EXPERTISES AND AMBITIONS FOR DATA-DRIVEN DIGITAL BUILDING PERMITS – THE EUNET4DBP

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### ABSTRACT:

The digitalization of the process for building permit (involving the use of 3D information systems) is seen as a priority in a wide part of the world. Since it is a very multidisciplinary use case, involving a variety of stakeholders tackling complex issues and topics, some of them joined their efforts and skills in the European Network for Digital Building Permit. The initial activity of the network, after a review of on-going experiences, was a workshop to share knowledge about the topics involved and to identify the main ambitions of the network with respect to three pillars (i.e. Process – Rules and Requirements – Technology) and the related requirements. It was achieved through a collective brainstorming activity guided by digital tools, whose results were further analysed in a post-processing phase. Such results are presented in this paper and will be the base for planning the future network activity.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

the digitalisation of the building permit process was especially pushed by the Directive 2014/24/EU of the European

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## Unveiling the actual progress of Digital Building Permit: Getting awareness through a critical state of the art review

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### ABSTRACT

Growing interest is awarded to the digitalization of the building permitting use case and many works are developed about the topic. However, the subject is very complex and many aspects are usually tackled separately, making it very hard for traditional literature reviews to grasp the actual progress in the overall topic. This paper unveils the detailed state of the art in Digital Building Permitting (DBP) by critically analysing the literature by means of a set of coding tags (research progress, implementation, affected DBP workflow steps, ambitions addressed) assigned by a multidisciplinary team. The executed research shows that the mainly addressed aspects of the digitalization of building permit process are the technologies to check the compliance of design proposals against regulations, followed by the digitalization of regulations. Improvable aspects identified in the entire building permit system are instead e.g. the involvement of officers, scalability of solutions and interoperability of data, intended both as data validation and as integration of geospatial data with building models.



## ***Judith Fauth at al., Process paper (in progress)***

*>60 interviews in >20 countries in Europe about as-is building permit process and level of digitalization*

## ***Digital Building Permit system Taxonomy development***

- *Organizational system*
- *Technological system*
- *Procedural system*
- *Legislative system*



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Tree test

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## ***Maturity Model***

coordinated with CHEK project

## ***Digital Building Permit To-Be Process (white) paper***

with BDTA from BDTIC3 workshop with HORIZON sister projects

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**DIGITAL BUILDING PERMIT: A STATE OF PLAY**

I EUnet4DBP International workshop on Digital Building Permit

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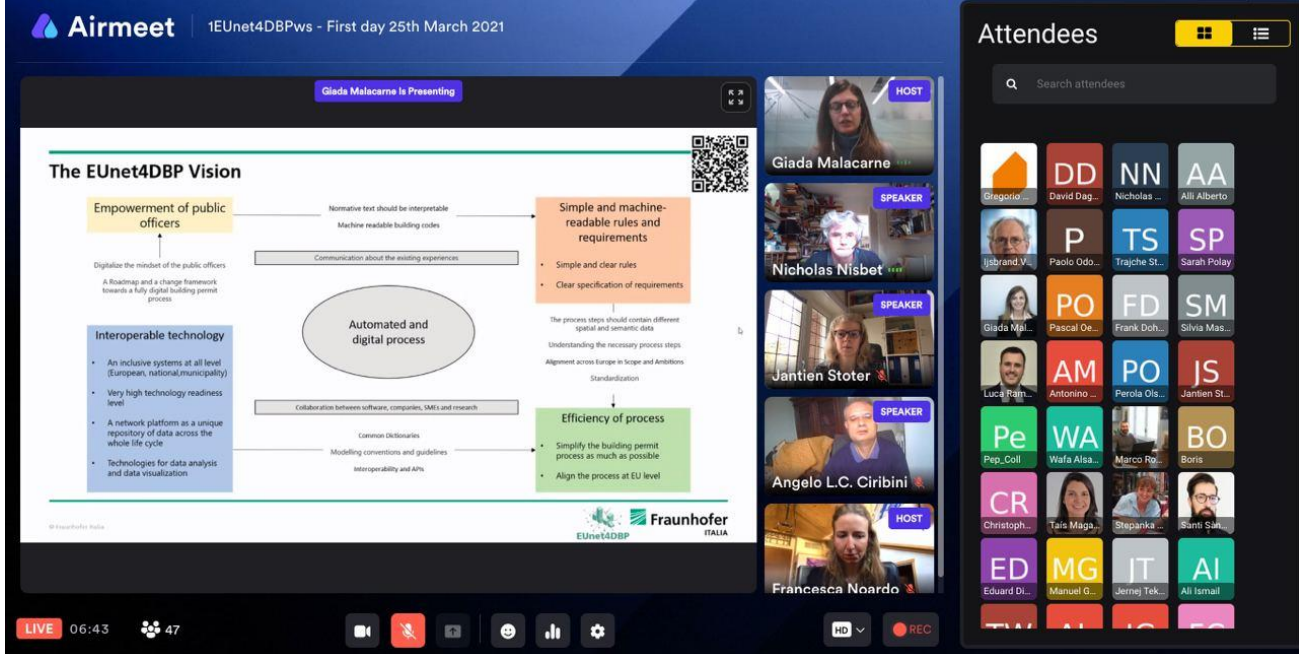
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Workshop Report



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**The EUnet4DBP Vision**

Empowerment of public officers

Interoperable technology

Automated and digital process

Simple and machine-readable rules and requirements

Efficiency of process

Attendees: Giada Malacarne, Nicholas Nisbet, Jantien Stoter, Angelo L.C. Ciribini, Francesca Noardo, etc.

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# Conclusions



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- *Enjoy multidisciplinary and intersectoral views*
- *Common framework and harmonizable results*
- *Find collaborators*
- *New projects*
- *Give momentum to ongoing activities*
- *Wide audience and higher impact of ongoing initiatives*



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