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## **CSC Concrete Sustainability Council – Responsible Sourcing Certification System: Market Implementation in Germany – System Operator’s Perspective**

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### **Abstract**

Several roles with different functions and responsibilities are involved in the CSC certification process of the Concrete Sustainability Council (CSC). The German Ready-Mixed Concrete Association (BTB) was appointed as the CSC regional system operator for Germany in May 2017. The regional system operator is expected to make a substantial contribution to CSC’s global aims by providing a solid support for the global system at the national level.

What this means in specific is, that the BTB

- supports CSC in discussions regarding the recognition in green building rating systems (DGNB – German Sustainable Building Council , BREEAM, LEED)
- supports CSC in discussions regarding the recognition in green public procurement
- takes responsibility for the development and implementation of the marketing strategy at the national level
- takes action to ensure national adaptations, translation and the use of the toolbox
- holds harmonization meetings with certification bodies

To fulfill the responsibilities of the regional system operator the BTB established a national CSC steering committee. Its main task is to manage CSC at the national level, e.g. by coordinating several working committees. The CSC steering committee consists of

- representatives of the BTB board
- chairmen of the BTB working committees
- representatives of external organizations

Up until now the BTB carried out different activities as the regional system operator. The BTB established a website and a twitter account for interested parties in Germany and informed its members through its member magazine and the annual representatives meeting. The operational and technical manuals are now available in German. Last but not least the BTB supported CSC during the discussions regarding the recognition in DGNB. More activities such as public relations and educational seminars are planned for the future to ensure the implementation of the CSC certification system in Germany.

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