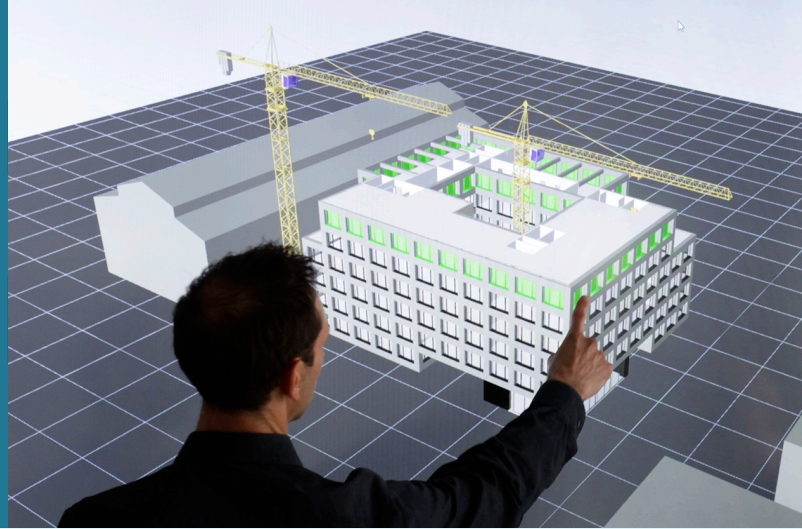# RESEARCH GROUP

Sustainable Urban and Built Environment

The Sustainable Urban & Built Environment research group focuses its activities on developing decision-making tools and delivering science-based data enabling policymakers and industrial organizations to make informed decisions related to sustainable urban and built environment.
Amongst these activities, the group contributes to:

- producing prototypes to demonstrate the technical and organizational feasibility of the solutions in order to convince stakeholders of the need to co-create sustainable solutions in urban and built environments, as well as pushing new services on the market;
- developing measures and instruments to empower an equipped, qualified and fit-for-purpose workforce to ensure the transition towards sustainable construction and operating activities / processes;
- supporting stakeholders in the construction value chain in the transition of their business frameworks to European & Luxembourgish policies/regulations and standards in terms of sustainable urban and built environment.

MAIN COMPETENCES
The main fields of expertise are the following:

- Production of digital models to support the management of built environment (from buildings to districts) and the development of buildings' digital twins
- Use of 4D/5D models and parametric modelling to support participative design and architectural programming
- Post-occupancy evaluation for comfort performance analysis
- Assessment of building intelligence thanks to the Smart Readiness Indicator
- Development of methods and tools to support demolition waste inventory and management
- Development of methods and tools enabling the industrialization of construction in order to improve on-site productivity
- Improvement of urban logistics by setting up Construction Consolidation Centres (CCC)
- Geoanalytics & 3D visualization to enhance citywide sustainable management tools
- Space-time uncertainty propagation analysis of complex modelling chains based on Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and 3D/4D Geospatial Simulation

MAIN ASSETS

- Poesy: a web-application for the Post-Occupancy Evaluation (POE) of buildings based on:
  1. Feedback campaigns to get a perceived qualitative evaluation of the spaces from occupants
  2. Consolidation of human results with measured data retrieved from sensors
- 4DCollab: method and software technologies addressing planning and collaboration in the preconstruction activities of an Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) project, thanks to 4D computer-aided design (CAD) and BIM technologies.
- Smart Construction Planner: based on the idea of the connected construction site, the Smart Construction Planner is a construction site container equipped with various interactive technologies connected with sensors deployed on-site, allowing the centralization and visualization of real-time data control for the construction site while focusing on the logistics, quality and planning.
- TwiSCo: software solution to ensure on-site logistics provided by a Construction Consolidation Centre to enable delivery of materials to the site just-in-time and at the right place and limit waste on construction site
- iGuess®: geocomputation platform integrating visualization and computational modules to efficiently handle spatio-temporal data.

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