

## Letter of Intent

*28<sup>th</sup> of May 2019, Tallinn*

We, the undersigned, (each also referred to as a “Party”), have decided to discuss and explore possibilities to contribute to the development of a common built environment classification system (CS) such as CoClass and to the establishment of the necessary support structures in our countries.

With this Letter of Intent (“LOI”) the Parties, without commitment, agree that the following matters can be jointly promoted and developed.

The goal of the undersigned is to develop this classification system, ensuring its stable functioning and continual upgrading, which would contribute to increasing the international competitiveness of our construction and real estate sectors, improving cooperation, and enhancing digital working methods in the construction and real estate markets of our countries. These matters will be governed by “**Another Agreement**” later to be negotiated between the undersigned.

The CS should adhere to the following principles:

- Based on relevant international standards<sup>1</sup>
- Cover the whole built environment, both buildings and civil engineering works
- Maximise access and use of the classification system
- Support lifecycle asset management and lifecycle cost calculations

To achieve the above goal the signatories will make an effort to:

- Adopt a common core CS along with the inherent relationship to international standards
- Develop common guidelines for using the CS
- Develop common rules for national extensions to the core CS
- Co-operate on a common technical solution to support CS adoption
- Provide guidelines and incentive for software vendors to implement the CS in their solutions worldwide
- Share knowledge regarding classification system development

All signatories agree to work together to make an effort to develop a governance and management model for the CS by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> **SS-ISO 12006-2:2015**, Building construction – Organization of information about construction works – Part 2: Framework for classification;  
**IEC-EN 81346-1:2009** Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products – Structuring principles and reference designations – Part 1: Basic rules;  
**IEC FDIS 81346-2:2019** Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products – Structuring principles and reference designations – Part 2: Classification of objects and codes for classes;  
**ISO 81346-12:2018** Industrial systems, installations and equipment and industrial products – Structuring principles and reference designations – Part 12: Construction works and building services.

## Notes on this LOI

This LOI does not constitute a legally binding obligation to discuss, explore, contribute, develop, cooperate, perform or act. The Parties might later enter into Another Agreement where the Parties agree on the possible development of the CS, the establishment of the necessary support structures, the rights of the Parties to use the results of cooperation and/or other related matters ("**Another Agreement**"). A Party will not have any liability for any types of damages or expenses caused to the other Parties, arising out of the Party's failure to act as set out in this LOI.

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