



## INVITED SESSION SUMMARY

**Title of Session:**

Diversifying Building Performance Evaluation – Revealing obscured and emerging issues

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**Details of Session (including aim and scope):**

Whilst we know that some domains report significant organizational change resulting from evaluative practices such as accreditation, audits and performance reviews, it remains unclear how building performance evaluation (BPE) shapes (or not) the built environment research, practice and education fields. Central to the theme of this session is to open up and diversify discussion on the range of approaches taken in evaluating building performance (domestic and non-domestic) in a range of climatic, social and economic contexts. Of particular interest is how, by whom and why building performance evaluation is carried out, what forms of interaction and feedback take place and who acts upon the feedback generated. We need to understand in particular the range of conceptual and theoretical frameworks that may inform the research designs.

The overall aim is to reflect on the output of broadly defined BPE studies developed worldwide since a few decades and conceptualise the purpose and prospect of further broadening the audiences for feedback and engagement of stakeholders within different cultural and geo-political contexts. Broadening engagement is seen as essential given the challenge to actually reduce CO2 emissions related to energy consumption in buildings across Europe and beyond.

We kindly invite papers that deal with, but are not limited to, the following questions:

- How to analyze the complex relationship between building use and building performance?
- How is building performance evaluation feedback communicated and what kind of expertise does this involve?

How do we study and engage with building performance evaluation?

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