



Key criteria for Green Roof Guidelines

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Short description of the speaker

The "FLL" (Landscape Development and Landscape Construction Research Society) is responsible for the development and publication of Green Roofs Guidelines in Germany. Prof. Lösken is head of the FLL Green Roof Workgroup.

Biographical details or background information

As the green roof idea becomes more widespread, new green roof markets are emerging in more and more countries. These days, products for green roofs are manufactured in many countries, and many green roof companies now work across national borders. To make the international exchange of professional knowledge and products easier, it makes sense to agree international green roof guidelines.

The key criteria for the drafting of green roof guidelines are the green roof market, the relevant players and the organisational structure with clear procedures. In the case of international green roof guidelines, those responsible must make sure that great care is taken in coming to an understanding on the definition of terms. As a compromise between greatly differing interests, international regulations are often vague in their boundaries and should provide informal references rather than normative specifications where national or regional specifications are necessary, e.g. on account of special climatic conditions. The FLL Green Roof Guideline provide a well-developed set of regulations in terms of technical content, and most other national green roof regulations follow them in some way. Particularly for those countries where green roof is a relatively new development, it's worth taking a look at the success story of the FLL green roof guideline when developing national standards. The success of others should be copied, whereas their mistakes do not all have to be repeated.