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## CEEQUAL announces development of international version

CEEQUAL, the UK's assessment & award scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering and public realm projects, has announced that it is to develop a version of the CEEQUAL assessment methodology that can be used on projects abroad. Development of the new International Version of CEEQUAL is due to commence soon and participants in the development process are still being sought.

The projects version of CEEQUAL is applicable to any civil engineering project in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. However, some existing users are beginning to use it informally outside the British Isles. Not surprisingly, they are finding that many questions need adapting to local practice, and there is currently no formal mechanism for having such informal assessments outside the UK & Ireland verified.

After consultation with existing CEEQUAL users who have international interests, the CEEQUAL Board has agreed the development of a CEEQUAL International Version that can be used, initially by experienced Assessors, on civil engineering and public realm projects anywhere in the world. It will enable formal verification of the assessments and thus deliver the benefits of influencing project development, publicity, team-building and stakeholder-relations that accrue from this.

Work on developing the new international version is due to start very soon with a view to completing Version 1 of CEEQUAL International before the end of 2010.

CEEQUAL would welcome input to this process from all existing CEEQUAL users who undertake design or construction of projects outside the British Isles. Please contact Professor Roger Venables, CEEQUAL Chief Executive, [roger.venables@ceequal.com](mailto:roger.venables@ceequal.com) or (+44) (0)20 3137 2379, if you are interested in getting involved.

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### About CEEQUAL

CEEQUAL is the assessment and awards scheme for improving sustainability in civil engineering and public realm projects. It celebrates the achievement of high environmental and social performance and demonstrates the commitment of the civil engineering industry to environmental quality. CEEQUAL is being promoted by the ICE and a group of committed industry organisations including CIRIA, CECA and ACE.

The scheme rigorously assesses performance across 12 areas of environmental and social concern, rewarding projects on which clients, designers and constructors go beyond the legal and environmental minima to achieve distinctive environmental standards in their work.

Applicants for a CEEQUAL Award report a range of benefits from using CEEQUAL as a driver for improvement and having their project assessed. These include:

- Reputation-building and good PR – including delivery of the applicant's environmental, sustainability and/or corporate social responsibility policies.
- Improvements to projects and best practice – ranging from whole-life costing, waste minimisation, resource efficiency (materials, water, energy), to reducing complaints and environmental incidents.
- Demonstrating commitment to the environmental agenda – to clients, within the team and the organisations involved, and to the industry as a whole.
- Enhanced team spirit – developing a positive “we must score well here” attitude and rewarding teams that have gone the extra mile.

Since the Scheme's launch in 2003, more than sixty-five CEEQUAL Awards have been made. Projects that have achieved an Award are listed on the CEEQUAL website. Currently about 180 further projects are being assessed and the total value of projects that have been or are being assessed now exceeds £15 billion.

For more information about CEEQUAL please visit [www.ceequal.com](http://www.ceequal.com).

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