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Executive summary

The DURAARK project has produced a large number of research outputs— in a range form software artefacts to knowledge, best practices and datasets. This outcome represents together a significant contribution to the ongoing efforts for securing long-term access to building data across a wide range of communities and disciplines. These are inherently linked and represented by the many disciplines, that are part of DURAARK. The constant contact that the research consortium had to stakeholders and related research communities, allowed us to identify the best strategy for the outcome, to create a sustainable impact. The applied actions can be summarized in four areas:

- Further research through Community Building
- Further development through commercialisation
- Further use through Standardisation
- Establishment of a sustainable organisational framework

These actions guided the activities of Workpackage 8 and the whole consortium. The first version of this deliverable 'D8.5 Market Study and Exploitation Plan v1.0' drafted the above mentioned strategies. This second version of the deliverable provides a further development and refinement and reports on the specific actions undertaken by the consortium. For these a special focus was set on the creation of a sustainable outcome of the software artefacts from DURAARK, which demonstrates the potential of the research in the best possible way to third parties and motivates pick-up and further development. Notable examples of the success of this strategy are the DURAARK workbench prototype and the successful VOLVOX plug-in. Further community oriented activities, were the release of www.data.duraark.eu, a repository for all building related datasets, which were collected and created through the course of DURAARK. These datasets from real life practice fill a gap, as communities of stakeholders from professional and research practice, which were missing this type of data for test and evaluation purposes. With more than 403 GB of point cloud datasets and 298 IFC BIM models publicly available it contributes massively to Architectural, Engineering, Computer Science and other interested research and stakeholder communities.

Especially in year 3 DURAARK produced many tangible outcomes, which mad the desired engagement with commercial stakeholders and related researchers easier. DURAARK could raise the amount of associated Commercial companies, with whom we collaborate for instance in terms of evaluation and who express a desire for further research collaborations or commercialisation by 293% in comparison to Year2. DURAARK has furthermore ten active collaborations with 13 related research projects, which produced joint papers and new initiatives for research application. The formation of the 'Durable Building Data Association (DBD)' and the agreement of all partners on ways to manage the foreground of the DURAARK research after the
funding period, provide not only the organisational and legal framework, but means to maintain and enlarge the interested communities of researchers and practitioners, with whom DURAARK is currently in contact with.
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1 Introduction

The DURAARK project has produced a large number of research outputs—in form of software artefacts, over knowledge and best practice to datasets. This outcome represents together a significant contribution to the ongoing efforts for securing long-term access to building data across a wide range of communities and disciplines. These are inherently linked and represented by the many disciplines, that are part of DURAARK.

This deliverable describes the approach taken by the project to ensure that its outputs are adopted by stakeholders and the broader scientific community and how this approach has lowered barriers to on-going collaboration, availability and maintenance of the research outcome after the end of the project.

The previous deliverable D8.5, which was developed in the second year of DURAARK, identified the possible research outcomes and matched these to stakeholder groups. Linked markets were studied and described and exploitation and sustainability strategies discussed. This led to a plan to ensure the sustainability of the research outcome. The focus of this deliverable is given to how this was actually further developed, implemented and linked to the range of DURAARK research outcomes.

This deliverable reprises in this first introductory section the previously defined aims for sustainability and exploitation of the research outcome in subsection 2.2, the identified stakeholders with vested interest in subsection 2.1 and the Exploitation and Sustainability Strategy in section 2, which has been developed to make these pick-up and further the developments of the consortium.

The section 3 Identified Exploitable outcomes of DURAARK and related Markets matches the outcomes of the DURAARK consortium to stakeholders and the linked markets and explains the chosen exploitation strategy.

The following sections document the main efforts of the consortium to ensure sustainability of the outcome through Software Sustainability activities, section 4, Standardisation activities section 5 and Community building and Commercialisation, section 6. The section 7 Organisational sustainability illustrates the legal and organisational framework that was created by the partnership in order to continue the work and discussion started in the project. These efforts are organised through the foundation of the “Durable Building Data Association – DBD” linked with an application to the European Commission in order to start a thematically related COST network.
2 Exploitation and sustainability strategy

The partners in DURAARK strive to sustain the results of the project by supporting long-lasting communities of practice in adopting and maintaining the research outcome. They have adopted the strategies described in this deliverable and committed to maintain the access to the research results for a minimum of five years after end of the funding period.

The activities in this third year of the DURAARK project focused on the assurance of high sustainability of the heterogeneous research outcome. For this we further developed the sustainability and exploitation strategy outlined in the previous Deliverable D8.5 'Market Study and Exploitation Plan V1'. We revisited the stakeholder communities and the related markets in subsection 2.1 and updated the planning of the exploitation and sustainability actions in subsection 2.2, which led to three general approaches to employ. How and where we do so is explained in detail and on the level of specific research outcomes in the section 3.

2.1 Stakeholders

The groups of stakeholders that are addressed by the DURAARK project in terms of exploitation and sustainability have been described and analysed in depth in the previous deliverables D2.1 'Requirement Document', D6.1 'Current state of 3D object digital preservation and gap-analysis report' and the previous version of this document D8.5 'Market Study and Exploitation Plan V1'. This knowledge was furthered through Deliverable D7.1 'Current state of 3D object processing in architectural research and practice', D7.2 'SME Use Case - Design and Retrofitting' and 'D7.3 Use case long term Archiving', which all investigated the stakeholders processes with building-related information. This in depth knowledge, which was acquired through the ongoing exchange of the project partners with stakeholders and communities in an international context is the base of the sustainability and exploitation actions described in this document.

In the beginning of the research period the following stakeholders have been identified as groups, that are interested in the pick-up and further use of outcomes of DURAARK:

1. Architects and engineers
2. Construction companies
3. Building owners and real estate managers

4. Suppliers of software and IT services for building industry and facility managers

5. Public administrations/Public planning/Policy makers

6. Knowledge base maintainers

7. Researchers and lawyers

8. Cultural heritage institutions

9. Research communities in areas such as digital preservation, building information modelling and semantic web/linked data

What was challenging for the management of the outcome of DURAARK in year 3, was that the stakeholder communities are not homogeneous consumers of tools. They consist in themselves of large groups, with different preferences for the exploitation of the outcomes of DURAARK. The consideration of these subgroups within stakeholder communities is important for the sustainability of the research outcomes:

- **users** of software or services want typically finished products with guaranteed productivity.

- **developers or communities** creating software or services within the stakeholder group are typically interested in picking up software on component level, when it is well documented and has credentials.

- **companies** developing software or services for the stakeholder group pick-up software libraries or research approaches described in papers, if they seem beneficial and the licensing situation is defined.

- **researchers** from related fields, such as Computer Science, who pursue research in the area of the stakeholder, pick-up research outcomes, if they seem relevant, beneficial, novel and well documented.

Considering that the DURAARK stakeholders, who are addressed by DURAARK developments, are not only placed across the whole spectrum of the building industry (pos. 1-4 in the list above), but as well in disciplines, which are at best peripherally linked to the profession, thoughtful planning of the exploitation actions is required. The aim of
DURAARK is furthermore not to develop finished products, but at the most prototypical implementations. The overall aim is to trigger adoption and further development of research results. We discuss therefore in section 3 the maturity of each developed artefact and dataset in relation to possible stakeholder communities and propose one of the developed exploitation and sustainability approaches.

2.2 Planning for exploitation & sustainability

As the funding of DURAARK is not aiming at the creation of developed products, the sustainability and exploitation strategy has to target stakeholders and related communities, which are able to pick-up and continue the developed research - ideally towards product maturity.

According to D8.5 the main aim concerning exploitation and sustainability can be grouped in these main areas:

- providing long-term access to DURAARK results
- stimulate take-up and reuse of DURAARK results
- enabling third parties to benefit from DURAARK results
- growing the user base and the community built around the DURAARK project
- providing DURAARK results as a foundation for business models (from third parties or consortia)

The success of these exploitation and sustainability tasks for DURAARK outcome is depending on the observation of a number of complementary approaches. We have found five principles, whose application onto specific project outputs informs the sustainability actions.

1. Quality
   Ensuring that project outputs conform to standards-driven quality assurance.

2. Visibility
   Providing integrated outreach to multiple audiences to maximise discoverability.

3. Documentation
   Enabling pick-up through good documentation of code and context.
4. Open licensing
   Using open licences to encourage the adoption and reuse of project outputs.

5. Community integration
   Integrating project outputs into commercial and non-commercial products, services and ongoing developments of communities.

2.2.1 Quality
Quality ensures the development of project outputs in line with the needs of stakeholder communities. The consortium has been striving throughout the whole project period to ensure a high quality of output in terms of precision, relevance, quality and utility. All research output has therefore been thoroughly evaluated. The report of this process is found in deliverable D7.4 Evaluation.

2.2.2 Visibility
Visibility ensures the provision of appropriate information for different audiences to support discovery and take-up of project outputs. This approach is aligned with the dissemination effort undertaken during the lifetime of the project and includes offline and online media. The related dissemination tools and their impact in this year are described in the Deliverable D8.8 Dissemination report Year 3. Several complementary activities implement this:

- ensuring outputs address explicit and well-defined audience needs;
- publishing outputs using open infrastructure;
- designing for good user experience (information architecture, interaction and visual design).

2.2.3 Documentation
Stakeholders will only pick-up research outcomes, if sufficient documentation is provided for implementation and further development. DURAARK has implemented standards and procedures to ensure code quality and reported on this in Deliverable D1.6 Quality Assurance & Risk Management Plan v3. The ability to integrate research results was
subject to the evaluation activities in D7.4, where i.e. the ease of implementation of major software components was measured.

2.2.4 Open licensing

All DURAARK outputs, including software and non-software, will be released under open licenses to encourage their adoption, reuse, and the contribution of further enhancements back to the community where possible by encouraging derivative works to be made available under similar licensing conditions (although this will not prevent commercial integration and further development remaining privileged).

2.2.5 Community integration

Internal and external stakeholders will be encouraged to collaborate on development and sustainability, through various approaches designed to deliver efficiency and consistency. Founding the “Durable Building Data Association – DBD” and linking it with an application to the European Commission to start a thematically related COST network is a further means to attract, interest and bind communities around DURAARK outcomes.

2.3 Exploitation & sustainability actions

Following the above mentioned aims and objectives, the exit and sustainability strategy of the project focused on how to keep the outcomes of the project alive for the next five years and beyond, increase the user base and set forth a structured approach that will enable researchers and other stakeholders interested in further expanding the research in the area. For this purpose the DURAARK consortium has developed further the exploitation approaches from D8.5 into three main directions. Each of these represents an action, that shall ensure further development and use of research outcome.

- Further research through Community Building - section 6
- Further development through commercialisation - section 6
- Further use through Standardisation - section 5
- Establishment of a sustainable organisational framework - section 7
The actions are not mutually exclusive. They give a main direction when applied to each of the research outcomes.

### 2.3.1 Further research through Community Building

Research output, which is ready for further development or is in itself a resource for further research, such as datasets and reports, is best picked up, when it becomes part of a vivid community. Disseminating it with low hurdles in terms of licensing, a good documentation and credentials through prototypical implementations and extensive evaluation motivate communities to pick-up research ideas, concepts and artefacts. Communities exist around established platforms like GitHub or Grasshopper3d and attract pick-up of the data. The foundation of the “Durable Building Data Association – DBD” and the application for a related COST action at the European Commission are steps to keep the consortium together after the end of the project and to attract further interested partners.

The DURAARK consortium has decided unanimously to provide the research output for free to the scientific community, release only open source code and put all research reports online. Wherever possible well frequented dissemination platforms are used. DURAARK establishes furthermore its own channels, as through data.duraark.eu, which allows a single entry to all software and dataset related research output of DURAARK.

### 2.3.2 Further development through commercialisation

Near to application level research can find further development in collaboration with stakeholder. They have to be identified among the Stakeholder communities (see Section 2.1) and ideally convinced for a further collaborative development within and beyond the runtime of the project. The dissemination activities in WP8 and the strong linkage, that WP7 has developed through exchange and collaboration to many stakeholders has succeeded in documented intention to further the research in joint projects.

### 2.3.3 Further use through standardisation

Research results, which are met by an unambiguous consent of communities can become standards. Standardization is seen as the ultimate way to create a sustainable
impact on stakeholder communities. Within DURAARK we have successfully started standardisation processes, which are reported on in the section **Standardisation activities**.

### 2.3.4 Establishment of a sustainable organisational framework

Following and furthering the use and development of the DURAARK research outcomes necessitates a solid organisation to allow for continued communication, monitoring and decision making within the partnership.
3 Exploitable outcomes of DURAARK & relation to markets and sustainability actions

The exploitable outcomes from the DURAARK project is composed of

- Knowledge and best practices (in the form of reports and publications)
- Software artefacts and tools with prototypical implementations
- Extensive datasets from practice

As a research project DURAARK has created a multitude of content, see Figure 1, all of it digital. Outcomes are not solely the prototypes, which are the main subject of the Deliverables, but as well tools and techniques, which were eventually only intended for project-internal use. This section asks: what has been produced that has value outside the project and after the project has finished?

This chapter is matching the outcome, which is related to several disciplines, to the key stakeholders and their related market situations, these are described first. The following chapter reasons which of the introduced Exploitation and sustainability strategies, see section 2 will be applied for each outcome.

Figure 1: Overview of principal research outcomes created in Duraark.

\[^1\text{As defined in the IPR Management Plan (deliverable D1.7)}\]
3.1 Overall market situation

This section provides an update to the overall market situation, which was described in Deliverable D8.5. We can conduct the markets of the stakeholders with vested interest in DURAARK research outcomes, as BIM and Digital Asset Management Market, are growing. Combined with the increasing proliferation of laser scanning and related technologies a demand for long-terms storage and modes to connect data models is already existing and can be expected to grow. The market for cultural heritage was described in D7.3.

The stakeholders of DURAARK will typically be users of modern forms of digital storage for architectural data. The main inputs for the workflow are open BIM (IFC) and/or point cloud files (E57). Included in the workflow is a tool to convert a laser scan set (E57) to a simplified model in IFC format. This means that the size of the markets for BIM and laser scanning products/services are the most relevant when estimating the market demand for DURAARK. Another related market is the market for Long Term Digital Storage (LTDS).

3.1.1 Size of BIM related market and focus on BIM for Facility Management

The increase of size and importance of BIM related markets, has been subject of a large number of studies. These describe the adoption of (open) BIM have been made available in the last few years. Here is a selection describing a few of the biggest markets.

Situation in the UK market An interesting source of information about the market situation related to BIM in the UK is the report series 'National BIM report'.\(^2\) The most recent at the time of writing is the 2015 version. The series looks at how UK building design professionals are adapting to the use of BIM. Results suggest we are now reaching a stage where BIM is becoming the norm among stakeholders in most markets. We can read about increased used of openBIM in the UK and a push for use of collaborative BIM in governmental projects in the UK.\(^3\)

\(^3\)http://www.bre.co.uk/enews/bre/bsUKI/bsUKI_aug14.html
The 2015 edition of the national BIM report indicate that the awareness of BIM is strongly growing.

From 2012 to 2014 the percentage of respondents who have used IFC rose from 39 to 49 percent.
In comparison, Cobie\textsuperscript{4} usage does not see the same increase.

Size of the BIM related market in Canada

Included with the 2013 edition of National BIM report\textsuperscript{5} was a study for the Canadian market. The template was the third National BIM Survey (NBS) and it was modified slightly for the Canadian market. It was carried out between February and March 2013, 78 people from a range of disciplines and company types responded. Quoting from the report:

\textquote{BIM activity: Today, 66\% of respondents indicated that they currently use BIM. A high percentage of respondents indicated that they are hearing more about BIM and believe...}

\textsuperscript{4}https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/COBie
\textsuperscript{5}http://www.buildingsmart.no/sites/buildingsmart.no/files/nbs-international-bim-report_2013.pdf
BIM is the future of project information, and 97% believe that they will be using BIM in five years. With regard to the success of BIM (in today’s environments and tools), more than half feel that there is not enough good information yet about what BIM really is. Only 24% of respondents believe what they hear about BIM, and 10% believe that BIM is just a synonym for 3D CAD. The fact that 26% of respondents feel that models only work in the software they were built on suggests that BIM ‘silos’ are still common. Silos are two or more software applications, collaborating to communicate between themselves – to the exclusion of others. There is still a great deal of distrust that two or more software programs can successfully exchange BIM data. This is confirmed in a later question where only 52% of respondents reported exporting their data to an open format”. We actually think that this is a relatively high number and indicates that the position for open BIM is quite strong in Canada.

**Situation in the German market**

Frauenhofer recently made available a market study\(^6\) (in German). The study is recent, data was gathered in March and April 2015, and is based on the input from 378 persons. It indicates that the position for open BIM is currently not as evolved in Germany as it is in the Nordic countries or in the UK. When asked, in what formats exchange of planning data was carried out between project participants, 87% of the participants exchanged, often or always, the formats .dwg or .dxf. 2.6% of respondents frequently exchange planning data with the exchange format IFC (Industry Foundation Classes) 72.5% never use the IFC format.

However, it seems that a large share of the respondents were not into modern design and collaboration tools since every fifth respondent had not heard about BIM. Other studies (below) indicate that the larger European countries are slow at adopting BIM, the exception being UK.

**Situation in the North American market**  "The Business Value of BIM in North America"\(^7\) is a market study from McGraw Hill. The subtitle is Multi-Year Trend Analysis and User Ratings (2007-2012). It report that in 2008 the adoption of BIM was 28%,


5 years later it had grown to 71%. It states that 90% of large and medium-to-large organizations were engaged with BIM, compared to 49% of small ones.

Figure 6: **BIM-implementation in North America.**

Figure 6 by McGraw-Hill from 2012\(^8\) indicates the massive shift towards BIM technologies and processes in the building industry in the last five years. More than 60% of companies are using now BIM for the dominant part of their projects. A number, which might even be higher in markets, such as Scandinavia, where BIM was made mandatory by government decree already in 2006 (see D7.1).

**Situation in the Chinese market** The size of the Chinese economy makes it an interesting market. The growth rate has been reduced in the last few years,\(^9\) but China is still a growing economy.

Plans exist for national BIM standard in China in 2016.\(^{10}\) There is a popular website\(^{11}\)

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\(^9\)http://data.worldbank.org/country/china
\(^{10}\)http://planet.vectorworks.net/2014/09/promoting-national-bim-standards-in-china/
\(^{11}\)http://chinabim.com/
dedicated to BIM in China, naturally in Chinese language – but it seems to translate well using Google Translate. There is also an article\textsuperscript{12} available on the website indicating that moving towards open BIM has government support, but it will take time.

**Situation in the Indian market**

The state of BIM adaption in India is the topic of this conference proceeding\textsuperscript{13}. It was carried out in 2014, and was based on the input from 400 respondents. It indicated that the degree of BIM usage was lower in India (estimated to be 22%, but this estimate might have an upward bias) than in economically more developed countries.

**Comparison of the BIM adaption across different countries** Juszczyk et al \textsuperscript{14} presents meta-study with comparison of different countries/regions BIM adaption. The study indicates that North America has a larger degree of BIM adaption than Europe, but it did not differentiate between open BIM (IFC) and proprietary BIM.

\textsuperscript{12}Chinese article: http://www.chinabim.com/school/knowledge/standard/2014-08-18/6669.html
\textsuperscript{13}https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2014/ppt/ss36/ss36_kavanagh_7434.pdf
Figure 7: Metastudy BIM adoption worldwide.

The source for Figure 7 are the proceedings \(^{15}\) to the Creative Construction Conference 2015 in Poland.

The market adoption is however driven by governmental policies, as an examination by Autodesk shows (Figure 8). It can be expected, that markets with a low BIM adoption will grow exponentially, when either their governments enforce BIM policies or the specific markets try to catch up with other countries increased efficiency due to BIM.

\(^{15}\) https://www.fig.net/resources/proceedings/fig_proceedings/fig2014/ppt/ss36/ss36_kavanagh_7434.pdf
The increase of the BIM market necessitates tools and techniques to create interoperability between the different data models used by stakeholders. Several resources highlight that problems with interoperability with a group of stakeholders using BIM is a major obstacle to unleash the full productivity of the technology [13] [12] [11].

The DURAARK deliverable D7.3 reported similar notions for the interoperability with in the digital chain from the production to the operation of a building. To transfer and maintain the knowledge encapsulated in BIM is a major obstacle and provides a market for DURAARK developments.

The D7.3 concluded as well, that Facility Management is the area with the most interest in the longterm access of BIM files. The Facility market is hence one of the most important field within the BIM sector for the general DURAARK outcome and is described here in short:

According to the report “Facility Management Market by Solutions (CAFM, IWMS,}

\[\text{http://www.nti.dk/media/1289410/nti-april2013-final.pdf}\]
infrastructural development and technological advancements are the primary factors driving the growth for the facility management market.

The requirements of facility management have increased tremendously during the recent years. Among those are the demands to save energy and capital spent on buildings, which have commonly been tackled through the implementation of computerized support. However, growing numbers of computerized elements inevitable lead to more demanding facility management operations [7]. Hence, the role and outreach of FM systems increases, and is being paralleled by a growing need for precision within the systems. This precision can help to accomplish the demands for more energy efficient buildings, where BIM implemented in FM systems has also shown a substantial gain in performance, and significant energy savings of 75% could be accomplished in a period over just three years [10].

The quality of FM systems depends, however, on the underlying data models and their content. As this information does not exist for many existing buildings, it has to be generated and then fed into FM systems to enable FM processes. Current data input methods applied for conventional Computerized Maintenance and Management Systems (CMMS) are prone to duplicate information entries and to information loss [10]. Intelligent and interoperable tools and techniques which fully expel manual data entry and retrieval work are hence in high demand and the transfer or even link of FM data with BIM is considered a logical and necessary step towards this aim [3] [1] [8] [9] [2].

### 3.1.2 Size of the laser scanning market

The size of the point cloud market is growing, which can be read in the increase of sales and growth of the companies that produce laser scanning. We found this quote, stating that the leading producer of 3d laser scanners "had a track record of growth for a number of years. From 2009 to 2014, Faro was growing at 18 percent per year." [18]. This is supporting our strong impression that the laser scanning market is growing quickly.

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17http://www.marketsandmarkets.com/Market-Reports/facilities-management-market-1030.html
A market study\textsuperscript{19} that looks at laser scanning, independent of industry, predicts that the total market size will grow to USD 7.7 billion by 2018, and at that time having a 47.9 percent compound annual growth rate (CAGR).\textsuperscript{20}

The afore mentioned market study states furthermore, that "It was concluded that North America will remain the chief market for the technology, yet Europe will see rapid expansion, with the region expected to have a CAGR of 43.2 percent and could account for more than one-third of the global market by 2018." Studies point however at a significant lack of automatisation in the creation of data from 3D scanning for stakeholder workflows. Hullo and Thibault \textsuperscript{[6]} describe for instance, that more than 90% of the effort with 3D scanning goes into the refinement and extraction of information from the data. Any technology, that reduces this amount of mostly manual work by experts will have great chances on the market.

\subsection{3.1.3 Size of the Long Term Digital Storage market}

The Long Term Digital Storage market is sometimes referred to as the "Digital Asset Management Market". Although this relates to many forms of digital assets, not only architectural, it is very large and expected\textsuperscript{21} to be growing in the near future. The storage of architectural information is a part of that. Matching aspects are hence the technical, practical and economical consequences of physically storing the data. IFC models can be moderately large, but to work with them practically the larger ones are usually not much bigger than 500 MB. Laser scan sets can be much larger, and several of laser scan datasets we have been using in DURAARK are larger than 25 GB. Fortunately the capacity and unit costs for storage has been continually improving\textsuperscript{22}.

\begin{footnotesize}
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\item[19] \url{http://www.smartgeometrics.com/blog/surveyors/3d-laser-scanning-modeling-market-expanding/}
\item[20] Definition of CAGR: \url{http://www.investopedia.com/terms/c/cagr.asp}
\item[22] \url{http://www.forbes.com/sites/tomcoughlin/2014/06/29/keeping-data-for-a-long-time/}
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3.2 Software components and services

This section concisely describes the software components and services (artefacts) which were implemented during the course of the DURAARK project. The artefacts are related to the potential stakeholders and communities we are addressing. Moreover, we discuss the readiness of the artefacts in terms of their usage as a product. For each artefact the market situation is shown, together with the envisioned exploitation direction (i.e. community oriented, commercial oriented, standardization effort).

The text is partly an update of the version presented in D8.5, Section 2.2.

3.2.1 WorkbenchUI

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The WorkbenchUI serves as the reference implementation for accessing the functionality developed in DURAARK via a graphical user interface. The WorkbenchUI is a web application that runs in a browser either locally on the stakeholders computer, or as web service in a private or public cloud.

The functionality of the WorkbenchUI is divided into two main areas: the Pre-ingest and the Retrieval workflow. With the pre-ingest workflow a stakeholder can pre-ingest building data into a long-term archival system (i.e. ExLibris Rosetta). The WorkbenchUI provides the following steps within the workflow:

**Create Building Session** A new building session is created that serves as a container for the data that is created during the pre-ingest workflow. BIM models as IFC files and point clouds as E57 files can be uploaded into this session via the GUI.

**Manipulate Metadata** Metadata gets extracted from the uploaded files and can be manipulated by the stakeholder.
**Geometric Enrichment** The WorkbenchUI provides the tools IFC Reconstruction, Detect Power Lines and Difference Detection which allow a stakeholder to add geometric enrichments to the files in the session.

**Semantic Enrichment** Via the GUI semantic information of different topics can be added and browsed through for the building in the session.

**Digital Preservation** The uploaded 3D files, metadata, semantic and geometric enrichments available in the session can either be ingested into the Rosetta DPS or they can be downloaded as a BagIt file to the local harddisk.

The retrieval workflow allows stakeholders to search the archive for buildings in a) utilizing the developed metadata schema and b) in comprising the semantic enrichments gathered in the pre-ingest workflow. This combination allows for complex queries to satisfy the needs of the stakeholder group.

The functionality behind the steps listed above is provided by the *Service Platform*. A detailed description of the WorkbenchUI can be found in D2.5.

As a reference and show-case implementation of DURAARKs functionality the WorkbenchUI is addressing all of the stakeholders described in D2.2.1. The target audience for future development are both, the scientific research community and commercially oriented stakeholders. The WorkbenchUI consists of UI-modules which can be used and developed independently of each other. This has the advantage that researchers and commercial companies alike can choose which parts are interesting for them and develop them further.

This modular approach in combination with the open source development on Github\[23\] will help to attract future collaborative development for the WorkbenchUI.

**Market situation:** From a market perspective the Workbench and Service Platform (next section) can be seen as one system. The following comments relate to the core system (the subcomponents are commented separately). They glue the components of DURAARK together and present them to the user based on an integrated workflow. The best commercial possibility for the WorkbenchUI & Service Platform would be a company that provide LTDA software and/or service decides to use it as a basis for their solution. The evaluation in D7.4 shows that the WorkbenchUI and Service Platform is very flexible and powerful and that will provide a flying start for those who decides to base their business on it.

\[23\]https://GitHub.com/duraark

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Conclusion

The workbench is prototypical and addresses many stakeholders. A clear identification of a single market is difficult. Special efforts were put in place in year 3 in order to demonstrate the potential of the workbench in terms of functionality and technological base, ref section 4.

3.2.2 Service Platform

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The Service Platform is a service oriented layer which provides a web-based application programming interface (API) to access its functionality. The platform consists of five services, which group together related software components developed in the project. For stakeholders it is possible to pick a single or multiple service(s) to use distinct functionality which was developed in DURAARK. It is not necessary to use the complete Service Platform. This modularity allows DURAARK to be integrated into the workflows and applications of stakeholders in a flexible way. Providing DURAARK’s functionality via a web-based API further enhances this flexibility, as the API can be generically accessed from all major programming languages.

As the Service Platform is providing functionality comprised of all components it is addressing all stakeholders defined in D2.2.1. A more distinct differentiation on which component is targeted for which stakeholder is available in this section in the description of the different components themselves.

The Service Platform provides a technological basis for projects in the AEC/BIM domain. DURAARK has contributed the infrastructure for working on BIM and point cloud files, edit metadata and add geometric and semantic enrichments before persisting the data into a long-term preservation system. Each functionality is modularized on a service
level, which can be accessed via a web-based API and on a component level, which means that most of the components can also be directly used via their command line interface. This architecture allows future projects to contribute to the existing functionality on different layers, where each layer boundary is strictly defined. Together with the open source nature of the project and the provided documentation the Service Platform forms a sound research platform for external parties to add functionality to or use or extend the existing one. The components and services developed within the DURAARK project already provide sophisticated functionality in the domain and at the same time serve as examples on how to utilize the Service Platform to integrate new functionality.

The service platform is using state-of-the-art web technologies to serve DURAARK’s functionality via its web-based API. The deployment uses the Docker\textsuperscript{24} containerization technology, which is an open platform for distributed applications. The Docker-based deployment allows for robust deployments of the system in private and public clouds or at stakeholder premises and makes it very easy for developers to test the system. Docker is a cross-platform system, where Linux and Mac were first class citizens from the beginning on. Therefore, we consider the Service Platform itself as stable and scalable when used on Linux and Mac systems. On Windows the Service Platform is working, the installation robustness of the Docker pre-requisite has to be improved, though. The Docker team is heavily working on making the Windows support rock-solid, we expect to have a more robust installation experience in the next six months. The robustness of the installation of the Service Platform is therefore determined by the robustness of the Docker support on Windows.

**Conclusion**

The Service Platform has its biggest potential in using it as a research platform in the AEC/BIM domain, were research groups can contribute new technology in the field to a coherent platform to extend its functionality. We also see potential for commercialisation, where companies can use (parts of) the open source services and components and carve a product out of the current state. The “Durable Building Data Association – DBD” will serve as a contact point for commercial companies, as well as for research facilities, to utilize the platform for commercial or research oriented future work.

\textsuperscript{24}https://www.docker.com/
The following services are available and list the components which are powering the services\(^{25}\). The components are described in the remainder of this section. A more detailed description of the Service Platform can be found in D2.5. The most relevant outcomes are described separately below.

**duraark-metadata**

The duraark-metadata service extracts metadata from BIM models (IFC format) and point clouds (E57 format). The actual extraction is done by *pyIfcExtract* (subsubsection 3.2.7) and *E57Extract* (subsubsection 3.2.8).

**duraark-semanticenrichment**

The duraark-semanticenrichment service provides an API for querying the data collected in the pre-ingest workflow to search for buildings and it allows to enrich buildings with context-aware semantic information. The service is powered by *SDAS* (subsubsection 3.2.4) and *Focused Crawler* (subsubsection 3.2.5) components.

**duraark-geometricenrichment**

The duraark-geometricenrichment service provides a toolset that allows to reconstruct a BIM model (as IFC file) from a point cloud, detect hidden power lines from a point cloud with panorama images and also allows to detect differences between point cloud and point clouds and BIM model. The responsible components are *pc2bim* (subsubsection 3.2.13), *RISE* (subsubsection 3.2.15), and a combination of components for the *difference detection* (subsubsection 3.2.14).

**duraark-digitalpreservation**

The duraark-digitalpreservation service is responsible for storing the data in a building session into a long-term preservation system, which is Rosetta in our case. It also allows to download the session data to your local harddrive. The components used in this service are *sip-generator* (subsubsection 3.2.12) for creating a Rosetta-compliant SIP and *rosetta-connector* (subsubsection 3.2.12) for ingesting a SIP into Rosetta and for retrieving files back from the archive.

\(^{25}\) The "duraark-sessions" service is omitted here, as it is only responsible for holding the session state.
3.2.3 Duraark point cloud viewer

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3D viewer for E57 files (including viewing and data API). It is based on Potree, a three.js backed point cloud viewer.

Conclusion

The point cloud viewer is an adaptation of an existing open source tool. It demonstrates the potential for web based point cloud visualisation and will be disseminated as a demonstrator of this to communities of developers via GitHub. The repository for the source code is https://GitHub.com/DURAARK/duraark-pointcloud-viewer.

3.2.4 SDAS: Storage & Retrieval

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Policy makers
Knowledge base maintainers
Cultural heritage institutions
Research communities

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In this section, the main functionalities of the Semantic Digital Archive Storage (SDAS) within the DURAARK system are described. The SDAS serves as central storage for all semantic and geometric metadata within DURAARK, and as such, contains a continuously growing knowledge graph of buildings, their digital models and their context, where the latter covers geometric information as well as semantic information about, for instance, the
geographic, historic or legal context. Data within the SDAS can be roughly categorised into the following three categories:

1. **Primary metadata of digital objects and physical assets:** the SDAS serves as a repository of metadata describing the physical assets (buildings) and their context themselves as well as the data object representing them. As such, it is an index and catalogue providing information about the buildings preserved in the DURAARK system as a Linked Data set.

2. **Geometric metadata:** the SDAS captures some baseline geometric information about the shapes and structures captured by the described digital assets, as provided by WP3, WP4 and WP5.

3. **Semantic enrichments:** targeted crawls retrieve related background knowledge from the Linked Data graph about data captured in the SDAS. This includes specifically data further describing the geographic, environmental or structural context of the captured physical assets. Cross-domain reference graphs such as DBpedia and Freebase are used together with more focused datasets with clear temporal or regional focus. While external datasets evolve, crawling is the method of choice for capturing related information within the SDAS.

**Schema**

Each of the categories described above adheres to a different schema. While the first category (base metadata for digital and physical assets) is expressed using a well-defined vocabulary, namely the `buildM` schema introduced in D6.2, the semantic enrichments, i.e. crawled context graphs are following arbitrary vocabularies used in their source datasets, for instance, the DBpedia ontology\(^{26}\) or the Geonames ontology\(^{27}\).

The `buildM` schema, a central vocabulary for annotating digital models and physical structures, primarily describes the concepts *Digital Object*\(^{28}\) and *Physical Asset*\(^{29}\), where suitable vocabulary terms are derived from a number of existing vocabularies (see D6.2). As such, the population of `buildM` instances defines the core of the SDAS and serves as central registry of buildings and their digital models, which are further enriched with

\(^{26}\)http://dbpedia.org/ontology/
\(^{27}\)http://www.geonames.org/ontology
\(^{28}\)http://data.duraark.eu/vocab/buildm/DigitalObject
\(^{29}\)http://data.duraark.eu/vocab/buildm/PhysicalAsset
contextual background knowledge from our focused crawling/enrichment functionalities. The overall combination of a set of buildM instances describing a particular asset and their corresponding context graphs (crawls) is referred to as buildM+ (D6.2).

Implementation

The SDAS prototype implementation is based on a triple store, i.e. a NoSQL graph database for RDF data. Specifically, due to its performance and scalability, the SDAS uses the OpenLink Virtuoso triple store as the database backbone for the SDAS. It provides a mechanism for persistent storage and access of RDF graphs. The triple store supports RDF data serializations such as RDF/XML as well as N3/N-triples. The SDAS is being populated primarily with data produced by the metadata extraction and geometric/semantic enrichment components provided by the project. Data can be divided in the following categories: (a) buildM instances, i.e. metadata of digital objects or physical assets, including geometric features and (b) semantic enrichments in the form of focused crawls, which describe additional contextual knowledge about a building or structure. A dedicated API has been provided, which allows the versioning of instances in the SDAS and simplifies the communication between workbench and SDAS, specifically when updating or adding instances in the SDAS. In addition, the DURAARK WorkbenchUI provides a GUI to manually configure crawls for enriching data in the SDAS. The crawling process is initiated by first providing a seed list that encodes the information need. The seed list is in the form of entity URIs, usually coming from publicly available knowledge bases (i.e. DBpedia). The crawler is triggered through the APIs described in the following section.

Querying the SDAS

The data stored in the SDAS can be queried using the following SPARQL endpoint: http://data.duraark.eu/sparql. The SPARQL endpoint is exposed both as visual web interface and as a REST API, where queries are directly transmitted as part of a HTTP GET request. The Semantic Digital Archive Service is proxying requests from the WorkbenchUI (or 3rd party software) to this endpoint. Having the SDAS as a remotely

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30 The term ‘quad store’ on the other hand includes an additional context column per RDF triple that allows the fine grained capturing of context, provenance and named graphs. These however can also be employed using the more common triple stores

31 http://virtuoso.openlinksw.com/
accessible component allows the Service Platform to be installed locally (e.g., when using the Grasshopper® components) and still have access to the SDAS knowledge graph\textsuperscript{32}. Figure 9 shows the corresponding SPARQL query editor GUI, where the graph IRI can be specified alongside the query itself. The query in the figure retrieves all IFC files that describe buildings in Chicago.

More example queries showcasing the potential of the SDAS prototype, can be found at \url{http://data-observatory.org/sdas/}.

**Conclusion**

The SDAS Storage & Retrieval component introduces a novel technological approach into stakeholder communities from BIM and Long Term Archival. These communities have to have time to explore, evaluate and test the approach. A further development through community building is hence the chosen sustainability action for this DURAARK research.

\textsuperscript{32}The same principle holds true for the remote Rosetta DPS component. In this case the Digital Preservation Service is communicating with the remote Rosetta DPS.
outcome.

### 3.2.5 Semantic Enrichment (Focused Crawler)

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This section describes the second version of the *Focused Crawling component*[^14] which is implementing the *semantic enrichment* functionalities of the SDA. With respect to the initial prototype, significant improvements have been designed and implemented. Specifically, we introduce a focused crawler for linked data (detailed description in D3.6), which replaces the previously developed crawling environment with a more targeted and hence scalable approach. Crawls are either based on (a) manually defined seed lists, for instance, to retrieve relevant linked data subgraphs about the geographic, historical or infrastructural context of buildings and their model or (b) automatically extracted seeds, directly derived from existing *buildM* instances. Based on experimentally defined crawl configurations, we introduce an efficient means to crawl linked data of relevance to the specific instances in the SDAS. The focused crawler is exposed via the Semantic Digital Archive Service to the WorkbenchUI and other 3rd party software. The Semantic Digital Archive Service is internally using the API of the *Focused Crawling component*.

**Conclusion**

The Focused Crawler introduced a targeted and scalable approach for linked data. This approach becomes very relevant for the BIM community, where for instance the buildingSMART community founded a "Semantic Building Data" working group. Obstacles occur however through the closed nature of most building data and related Ontologies, as described in D7.4. The Focused Crawler serves hence as a technology demonstrator.

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and best practice, disseminated to research communities among stakeholders for further development.

### 3.2.6 IFC - point cloud schema

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In the IFC point cloud related repository, an extension to the Industry Foundation Classes schema is introduced with the capabilities to efficiently describe and store point cloud data. The repository contains schemas, prototype tools and documentation. The prototype tool is capable of associating external point clouds and describing them parametrically according to IFC building surfaces. As such, a unified format of IFC building data is obtained that represents point cloud data more efficiently than prevalent point cloud formats. The decomposition and association between the two data sources enriches the semantics of both. The point clouds are labelled with the building elements they describe and can be navigated according to the spatial subdivision structure of IFC. IFC building elements obtain an additional detailed representation that describes surface characteristics and the exact as-built physical form. A binary serialization is introduced that writes IFC files (with or without point clouds) in an efficient hierarchical structure for efficient partial retrieval. This binary serialization format is based on ISO-13030-26 and uses the HDF5 file format. More info about HDF5 can be found here: [https://www.hdfgroup.org/why_hdf/](https://www.hdfgroup.org/why_hdf/)

33 [https://GitHub.com/DURAARK/IFCPointCloud/](https://GitHub.com/DURAARK/IFCPointCloud/)
Conclusion

The IFC point cloud schema is undergoing Standardization efforts. It is in the pipeline to be endorsed as a schema extension for the Industry Foundation Classes model by the buildingSMART organization. Once standardized, software vendors will be able to exchange combined as-built and as-planned data by using both point cloud data sets that are tagged with semantic information or have explicit geometry representation in parallel to the implicit point representation.

3.2.7 IFC metadata extractor

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The IFC metadata extractor is a tool to retrieve descriptive aggregate and per-component information from IFC files. The management of large numbers of different building models (for both intermediate and long-term archival purposes) currently is done in ad-hoc and most often manual fashion, which contributes to the incoherence of processes. This is a problem that the metadata extractor has the potential to address. It is used today in the DURAARK workflow to automatically extract some of the information needed to populate the "BuildM" schema. It has the potential to work as both: a) a standalone tool to retrieve information from large sets of IFC models to quickly get numbers describing count and size of different components; and to b) be used as a basis for querying one or more IFC files for a set of properties. It can be used for instance to discover if there are outside-facing walls, windows or doors that does not contain thermal transmittance information (based on checking the properties of the components). It can be used directly in a command line workflow or integrated in other software on source code level.
Conclusion

It probably does not have a direct commercial market, but as it is a useful tool expected to be used by the building industry to automate the management of building data. Efforts are employed to disseminate and activate related BIM communities of developers in research and practice of stakeholders.

3.2.8 E57 Metadata extraction

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The E57 Metadata extraction is a utility to extract metadata from E57 point cloud files. The URL for the code repository is https://GitHub.com/duraark/E57extract.

Conclusion

The tool can be picked up by related BIM communities of developers in research and practice of stakeholders.

3.2.9 Interlinking component

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The Interlink component is a web based component where the user can easily provide an assessment of if and how two semantic web terms relate to each other. This is very useful functionality since keeping vocabularies tidy and removing duplicates is important for quality.

**Conclusion**

The evaluation of the tool in D3.6 showed, that it is a useful and user friendly tool which serves an important role in the DURAARK software architecture, but that it is most likely not something that will be sold as a separate product. It can however be used as an integrated part of a larger package in order to maintain the ontologies.

### 3.2.10 java-rdf-updater

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| Sustainability Strategy: | Further research through Community Building |

The java-rdf-updater is a small Java tool to update RDF triples in Virtuoso (with authentication).

**Conclusion**

The tool can be part of a stand-alone product. Like the other components it is available on Github.\(^3\)

\(^3\)https://GitHub.com/DURAARK/java-rdf-updater
3.2.11 IFC contextual Enrichment

Stakeholder Communities: Building owners and real estate managers
Suppliers of software and IT services
Public administrations/Public planning/
Policy makers
Cultural heritage institutions
Research communities

Sustainability Strategy: Further research through Community Building

The IFC contextual Enrichment tool is a java based command line tool. The user provides the file path to an IFC file and which parts of the IFC file (for instance IFCPOSTAL-ADDRESS, IFCBUILDING, IFCORGANIZATION) the tool should look at in order to extract possible location names. Given this input it initiates crawling and interacts with the Semantic Digital Observatory. A detailed description of this tool can be found here.35

Conclusion

A useful tool to get location names from IFC files, but not designed to be a stand-alone product. Like the other components it is available on Github.36

3.2.12 SIP generator / Connection to Rosetta Ingest

Stakeholder Communities: Suppliers of software and IT services
Cultural heritage institutions
Research communities

Sustainability Strategy: Further research through Community Building

The SIP Generator supports producers of digital material with its organization and packaging as Submission Information Packages (SIP). The provided SIP Generator is a Java tool which is capable of generating both, Rosetta-compliant SIPs and BagIt files. It provides the possibility to include more than just one representation, for instance an

36 https://GitHub.com/DURAARK/java-rdf-updater
additional Modified Preservation Master or one respectively multiple Derivative Copies. With the help of the by Ex Libris provided web services it is furthermore possible to ingest and retrieve the SIPs into and from the System.

Conclusion

Cultural heritage institutions which have digital preservation system in place and want to preserve their 3D data within this system can benefit from this software service. This functionality addresses furthermore Rosetta users which want to preserve their 3D data into a Rosetta system. For users of other digital preservation systems (e.g. Archivematica) the provided BagIt packages are a fitting solution.

The tool will be offered to the LTDA community for further development and integration as part of a community action.

3.2.13 Geometric Enrichment Components

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The main identified outcome of the geometric enrichment components developed by UBO as part of WP5 is the software prototype for the automatic reconstruction of parametric building models from indoor point cloud datasets. In addition to the generation of IFC files consisting of the building’s floor, ceiling and wall structure, the detection of meaningful architectural features such as openings and columns further enrich the resulting models. These models may be imported into widely used architecture modelling software such as e.g. Autodesk Revit for further processing and analysis.

In addition to disseminating the developed methods to the scientific community (see D8.8), potential industry stakeholders include architects, facility management providers,
and surveyors who use point cloud scans as a means to quickly and easily gather the geometry of existing buildings. In these domains, point cloud datasets are increasingly used as a basis for generating BIM models. Since the model generation process is often a highly manual and time-consuming task, automating this process will be beneficial to stakeholders from the aforementioned domains.

While the developed software tools are prototypical, they have been tested and evaluated on many complex, real-world datasets during the DURAARK project. This evaluation and feedback from stakeholders received during the project period helped to improve robustness of the software components and quality of the resulting models. UBO is planning to further develop the components in collaboration with industry partners after the end of the DURAARK project.

Conclusion

A tool that is able to semi- or even fully- automatically create a valid IFC file from a point cloud data is a desired feature among BIM related communities. D7.2 and D7.4 point at the lack of existing commercial applications. Implementing the developed technology in PointCloud-to-BIM applications can save the end user significant time and effort. The core technology might have relevance in other domains to. This tool has very likely the greatest immediate commercial value of the research outcome created in DURAARK. The project is currently in contact with more than one large commercial company that is interested in the technology.

3.2.14 Difference Detection

| Stakeholder Communities: | Architects and engineers  
| Construction companies  
| Building owners and real estate managers  
| Suppliers of software and IT services  
| Public administrations/Public planning/  
| Policy makers  
| Research communities  
| Sustainability Strategy: | Further development through commercialisation  

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Grant agreement No.: 600908
The detection of differences between concurrent representations of the same building measured at different points in time (for instance before and after a renovation or retrofitting has taken place) or generated by different parties for different purposes (e.g. an as-planned model and as-built measurements of the constructed building) are an important ingredient for verifying and monitoring the changing state of a building.

The software prototype for the transfer of structure and semantics developed by UBO in WP4 tackles these use-cases by providing means to determine correspondences (or missing correspondences) between different building representations. This information can subsequently be used for e.g. visualizing differences between the datasets in order to highlight deviations between them.

The envisaged target community for the aforementioned software tools includes companies performing renovation or retrofitting tasks on already existing buildings, facility management providers who need to monitor intentional or unintentional changes made to buildings, as well as the long-term preservation community for which the verification of datasets after e.g. migration is an important part of the LDP workflow for ensuring data integrity.

The current prototypal version of the software has been integrated into the DURAARK system prototype which demonstrates its usage as part of an LDP workflow.

**Conclusion**

This tool has interesting market potential among BIM relates stakeholders as a tool for quality detection of point cloud to Bim processes, as-build and in construction processes, as well as for other stakeholders, that want to compare different states of a building. The evaluation within D7.4 showed limitations and potentials of the current state of development of the tool. This can be taken further with commercial partners.
### 3.2.15 RISE Component

**Stakeholder Communities:**
- Architects and engineers
- Construction companies
- Building owners and real estate managers
- Research communities

**Sustainability Strategy:**
- Further research through Community Building
- Further development through commercialisation

The RISE component is a geometric enrichment tool working on point cloud scans and imagery of the scanned room(s). It utilizes as-built BIM data from scans of indoor spaces in order to provide a hypothesis of paths of electrical lines. The system assumes that legal requirements and standards exist for defining the placement of power supply lines. This prior knowledge is formalized in a set of rules, using a 2D shape grammar that yields installation zones for a given room. Observable endpoints (sockets and switches) are detected in indoor scenes of buildings using methods from computer vision. The information from the reconstructed BIM model, as well as the detections and the generated installation zones are combined in a graph that represents all likely paths the power lines could take. Using this graph and a discrete optimization approach, the subgraph is generated that corresponds to the most probable hypothesis. The result of the tool is an IFC file that has the most probable hypothesis encoded and which can be used in other software to process the result further. The WorkbenchUI provides a graphical user interface that allows to display the results as an interactive 3D graphic, as well as a 2D representation of the results.

The target stakeholders for this component are those who have to work with electrical wiring during the lifecycle of a building. Architects and planners will use the tool to get a suggestion for the optimal location of power lines based on the position of light switches, switches, etc. in terms of shortest wire length. In the reconstruction phase RISE helps to estimate the costs for a replacement of the electrical wiring based on the calculated wire length. With RISE civil engineering stakeholders have a tool at hand to design rules and standards on how to build up electrical wiring in building based on different constraints. RISE is not yet ready for the use in real world scenarios. We estimate the wire length based on direct connections between endpoints with respect to the allowed installation zones, which equals the estimation of cable funnels. To make the algorithm usable for real
world scenarios it is necessary to put more expert knowledge into the real behaviour of the cables within the funnels. That said, the component provides a sound infrastructure from gathering information of visible endpoints out of a point cloud with imagery data. Endpoints can be modified and the power source root point can be arbitrarily chosen. The definition of installation zones is very flexible and can be based on existing specifications or on specific building scenarios.

**Market situation**

A study conducted on the productivity of the construction industry in North America shows that it is struggling with a lack of coordination, in particular the electrical construction companies. The study points at the implementation of Building Information Modelling (BIM) in these fields as a solution for this problem. Its application in this field would reduce conflicts and improve coordination. However, the study simultaneously points at little actual implementation of BIM in the electrical construction field. This is supported by the finding that 59% of the companies, who actually use BIM, have only three or less years of experience with this technique (Hanna et al., 2014).

Another survey conducted in the USA (Azhar, 2009) gives a ranking of BIM features for this field (e.g. clash detections, visualization of electrical design, space utilization), however, 79% of the participating companies responded that they are not using BIM, with the main reasons being not knowing about BIM, lack of technological experience, software incompatibility, and implementation costs. However, the 21% that use BIM reported positive savings in time and cost.

While these studies show that there is an interest in the utilization of BIM for electrical construction, this interest is currently not fulfilled in the area of as-built documentation and renovation projects - which makes for 75% of the EU building market share (Atanasin et al., 2011).

Past and current work practices of companies installing the electrical wiring of buildings are still based on 2d drawings as a base for the work on site 10. These drawings contain the necessary information for workers to execute the work in the building, such as the position of switches, fuse boxes, as well as the principal connection between these. The workers themselves know about the height, that switches are to be mounted in the walls and the way, that cables shall be laid. These rules are setup by the national authorities and today harmonized on i.e. European level. Technical norms, as the DIN 18015 in
Figure 10: Typical electrical plan for a small one family house. The drawing dates from 2015 and was received from the Organisation of the American states Code section. http://www.oas.org/pgdm/document/codedraw/sectiong.htm
Germany or the Starkströmbekendtgørelsen\(^{37}\), provide so called installation zones, for the routing of the cables. Workers might adapt the routing of cables to special features on local level, but will generally follow the concept of the norms.

This current situation is challenging, as a documentation of the electrical system of a legacy building, is if at all, only present as 2d drawing which is hard to read and does not provide information about the actual routing of cables in three dimensions. The general compliance of electrical installation to the framework build by the norms, provides on the other hand side a relatively secure ground for professionals to estimate, where wires would ideally be routed.

The application of our approach in a retrofitting scenario for buildings has been positively evaluated in D7.4. Although practitioners stated, that they would recommend to check the generated data before its use, they can see the value in terms of estimation of cable length, and rough positions.

However looking at the established practices on communicating electrical systems to building site and the obvious lack of adoption of BIM in the electrical sector, we see, that this feature would have even more value for the design of new building. Practitioners could use their BIM models to estimate the cable length and the attached costs. RISE can provide an estimate, that could, factored with the regular security measures, help managing the costs for electrical installation.

The feature with the most valuable contribution is however the developed approach for the recognition of 3d elements using a combination of 3d Laserscan data and correlated images, that is part of RISE. We see a big potential, in this combination of data from different sensors and the use of advanced search algorithms. The direct use in practice is however limited, as the photo sensors build into cameras are not providing sufficient resolution, as shown in the evaluation in D7.4. This will however change in future and the advent of image based mobile scanning solutions on consumer level, as in the google project tango device\(^{38}\), will provide a potentially strong user base.

**Conclusion**

The tool can be of great help for the Architectural planning BIM community. The implementation into a commercial product is the recommended sustainability strategy for overall RISE component. The parts, that deal with the combination of 3d point cloud and

\(^{37}\)https://www.sik.dk/Virksomhed/El-for-fagfolk/Love-og-regler-om-el/Staerkstroemsbekendtgørelsen

\(^{38}\)https://developers.google.com/project-tango/
Figure 11: The Rhino Volvox Plugin provides basic functionality for working with point Clouds in a parametric CAD environment, as here for instance reorientation, subsampling and cropping. It is multithreaded, fast and requires little computer resources.

image based searches show however a great potential, which should be further explored in through further research efforts. The tools is hence provided for further exploration and development to the community via GitHub through combination of 3d point cloud and image based searches.

3.2.16 Volvox PointCloud Plugin for Rhino

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The Volvox Plugin \(^{39}\) integrates point cloud functionality into the popular Rhino3D

\(^{39}\)http://www.food4rhino.com/project/volvox?etx
CAD ⁴⁰ environment. Users can import E57 and other point cloud files, transform and crop them, minimize the amount of points through different subsampling algorithms and compare the point clouds for instance in regards to meshes or BIM models of building designs. Volvox is multithreaded and provides access to the individual points and attached properties in a point cloud. Users can amend and attach properties and are in general enabled to actively engage with the point cloud, rather to use it as a simple means of representation.

Volvox has been developed in order to evaluate the implementation of DURAARK tools into stakeholder working environments (see D7.4) and to promote DURAARK research in stakeholder communities. It is currently in a beta state, released as version 0.2.0.0.

Volvox serves for user and developer communities as a demonstrator for the benefit of an integration of point cloud manipulation functionality into stakeholder design and work environments. Current point cloud software, as Bentley Pointtools⁴¹ or Autodesk ReCap⁴² is conceived as a processor of datasets before their ingestion into stakeholders design software. In here users have currently hardly any means to manipulate the point clouds. Not even a further transformation cropping or sub- or upsampling is possible. Volvox provides all of this and even more, as for instance user defined colouration, freeform cropping and the manipulation of single points. The tools provides means to emancipate the user and promote him to an author and creator of data, rather than a sole consumer of data -the place, that current point cloud software reserves for him or her.

Addressed Stakeholders and Communities

Volvox uses the Rino CAD environment, which is popular with stakeholders such as:

- **Architects and engineers**
- **Construction companies**
- **Suppliers of software** and IT services for building industry and facility managers
- **Research communities** in areas such as digital preservation, building information modelling and semantic web/linked data

⁴⁰http://www.rhino3d.com/
⁴²http://www.autodesk.com/products/recap/overview
Market situation

Volvox is programmed for the highly popular Grasshopper visual scripting environment with over 40,000 members. Tools for Grasshopper address professional users, consultants and developers, who need a high control over workflow with building data and resulting outcome. Grasshopper is used to develop automated solutions for specific design and construction cases.

Plenty of plugins are available for Grasshopper (GH) and Rhino. More than 140 are only available for GH through the official marketplace. Of the total number of 253 available plugins, only 9 are pay only plugins. These 9 have a range from 29€ - 499€.

The current market of point cloud software is oriented towards professionals from Engineering and Land surveying. The leading software such as FARO scene, Bentley Pointtools or Autodesk ReCap come with a high price. Faro Scene costs for instance 11.127€. The functionality of these tools is mature, especially in comparison to Volvox, which i.e. doesn’t have the advanced Graphic pipelines of the professional software.

These are however not integrated into the design environment, but produce solely data for a later use in the actual stakeholder software. Volvox proves that an integration of such functionality is possible in the actual design environments of professionals (see D7.4) and that it might be beneficial for design to assess point clouds.

The market for point clouds software seems however quite limited at the moment. The production of point clouds is still an expensive endeavour, where 3D scanners with reliable precision are not available for under 20,000€.

The proliferation of low cost scanners such as Microsoft Kinect raises however awareness and creates an interest into point cloud in stakeholder communities.

Conclusion

The software artefacts has a limited functionality in comparison to mature point cloud packages, it allows however communities to create new ways to work with point clouds.

\[43\] http://www.grasshopper3d.com/
\[44\] http://www.grasshopper3d.com/profiles/members/
\[45\] http://www.food4rhino.com
\[48\] http://www.autodesk.com/products/recap/overview
\[49\] http://www.3dscannerstore.co.uk/software/
\[50\] http://www.faro.com/products/3d-surveying
\[51\] https://dev.windows.com/en-us/kinect
and motivates a further engagement and later development of these approaches. The Volvox plugin will be induced into related communities in order to instigate pick-up and foster further research.
3.3 Knowledge and best practices: reports and publications

| Stakeholder Communities:          | Architects and engineers                |
|                                 | Construction companies                  |
|                                 | Building owners and real estate managers|
|                                 | Suppliers of software and IT services   |
|                                 | Public administrations/Public planning/ |
|                                 | Policy makers                           |
|                                 | Knowledge base maintainers              |
|                                 | Researchers and lawyers                 |
|                                 | Cultural heritage institutions          |
|                                 | Research communities                    |
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This category includes all IP covered in written reports and documents, including:

- scholarly publications\(^{52}\),

- technical reports, and

- deliverables\(^{53}\), most notably deliverables of type R (report) and the accompanying reports provided along with software deliverables (type P, prototype).

With respect to scholarly publications, the consortium has published altogether 30 publications (at the time of writing) in major conferences and journals, covering the whole range of disciplines and stakeholder communities, including computer graphics, building information modeling, long-term preservation, semantic technologies and Web science. For a complete overview of publications we refer to the DURAARK Website and the projects dissemination reports (D8.4, D8.6 and D8.8). With respect to deliverables, the project has produced 43 deliverables, 15 of which were prototype deliverables, containing both a software prototype as well as corresponding report.

Reports typically provide the theoretical background and documented knowledge related to other outcomes, such as software and data, and ensure the reproducibility of project results. As such, they provide and convey the knowledge gained throughout the project.

\(^{52}\)http://duraark.eu/publications/

\(^{53}\)http://duraark.eu/deliverables/
and the expertise required to use, reproduce, exploit or implement techniques, data or software produced in the technical work packages of DURAARK.

3.3.1 Long term archiving policies

DURAARK has developed preservation policies and presented them within Deliverable D6.3. This policies help to maintain a digital archive and to formalize processes within an organization. These policies are developed upon best practice efforts which were conducted by the project ‘SCAable Preservation Environments’ (SCAPE) within the SCAPE Policy Framework. DURAARK has developed on policies with regards to preservation of architectural 3D data as well as the preservation of RDF snapshots from the SDA / SDO. Within the evaluation activities for Deliverable D7.4, a questionnaire was creative to question stakeholders about their current usage and requirements with regards to policies. Even though long term preservation seems to play a bigger role within the organizations of the stakeholders, hardly no services or functions have been established to ensure the long term preservation.

3.3.2 Future digital archival practice of institutional stakeholders

The Deliverable D7.3 identified three main stakeholder groups for institutional preservation of architectural data, which share the goal and the responsibility of facilitating long-term availability and usability of the respective information:

1. governmental or large scale building owners as well as the facility management in charge of the maintenance of these holdings

2. cultural heritage and research institutions with an archival mandate for architectural data

3. companies and consultants involved in creating and implementing IT-systems to manage facilities

The investigation of their practices and a match of the outcomes of this resulted in best practices descriptions, how these groups can proceed towards a secured long term access of their building data.

[^54]: http://wiki.opf-labs.org/display/SP/SCAPE+Policy+Framework
Conclusion

Especially the chapters 4 *Exemplary digital archival practice and operation process of institutional stakeholders* and chapter 5 *Process and systems in the lifetime cycle of building information* of the report provide information, that is relevant for stakeholders among a set of fields, such as Building owners and real estate managers, Suppliers of software and IT services for building industry and facility managers, Public administrations/ Public planning/ Policy makers, Knowledge base maintainers, Cultural heritage institutions and Research communities in areas such as digital preservation, building information modelling and semantic web/linked data.

The reports are disseminated publicly in order to enable further use and development in many communities.
3.4 Datasets

Stakeholder Communities:
- Architects and engineers
- Construction companies
- Building owners and real estate managers
- Suppliers of software and IT services
- Public administrations/Public planning/
  Policy makers
- Knowledge base maintainers
- Researchers and lawyers
- Cultural heritage institutions
- Research communities

Sustainability Strategy: Further research through Community Building

DURAARK has collected a substantial amount of building related datasets throughout
its runtime ranging from point clouds and IFC files, combinations of these to semantic
metadata for building models. These datasets can full fill in building related communities
purposes similar to:

- the 'Stanford Bunny’ and other geometric test datasets extensively used by the
  Computer Graphics research and development community for the validation and
  comparison of algorithms.
- the Common Building Information Model Files and Tools and the Open
  IFC Model Repository for the BIM research and standardisation community
to test and validate files.
- the Lehigh University Benchmark (LUBM) datasets for the evaluation of
  RDF triple stores and SPARQL queries

Conclusion

The datasets have a value outside of the DURAARK project, providing examples as well
as test and validation data to all stakeholder groups. These dataset have been published

55 http://graphics.stanford.edu/data/3Dscanrep/
56 http://www.nibs.org/?page=bsa_commonbimfiles
57 http://openifcmodel.cs.auckland.ac.nz/
58 http://swat.cse.lehigh.edu/projects/lubm/
through a dedicated webpage www.data.duraark.eu for the basis of a public repository of datasets.
The webpage contains additionally, a range of structured RDF datasets – Linked Data – and related vocabularies are provided as part of WP3 and in detail listed and described in deliverable D1.7.
In the following sections, an overview of the four main categories of datasets is provided, which are made available by the consortium. The success of the publication of the repository is described in a dedicated section 6.2.

3.4.1 Introduction to available datasets
The DURAARK project has collected and produced a considerable amount of 3D datasets in BIM and point cloud formats - this totals in extensive documentation of 91 building projects at the time of writing. While the focus was set on the collection of files in open standards (E57 and IFC), several files also exist in proprietary formats such as vendor specific point clouds (Bentley Pointtools, Faro Scene) or BIM-formats (Autodesk Recap, Autodesk Revit, Bentley Microstation, ArchiCAD). These files can be used to test the derivation of the Open formats, but neither their conversion nor their preservation are within the scope of the DURAARK projects. The collection of datasets emanates from all phases of building design, ranging from the early conceptual design stages to construction documentation and facility management.
While the datasets were useful for directing the course of the DURAARK project and provided the consortium with real world data, to assess research methods and software prototypes, many of the files cannot be shared publicly as they contain data sensitive to the owners and the security of buildings. Often they are the results of considerable amounts of work and in many cases owners of the files hesitate to share these for free. An exception are datasets from public authorities, and academic environments which can be shared publicly.

3.4.2 point cloud Datasets
A large number of 3d Scans in the open E57 format where collected from stakeholders or produced within the DURAARK consortium. The total number of these accounts now to 1042 on the DURAARK server. This is about 10 times as much as the recorded amount
Figure 12: The Diakonissen dataset consists of 16 E57 point clouds acquired in a 10 hours scan marathon with two 3d laserscanners by CITA and a student team in the start of 2015.

Confidentiality | total [GB] | Number Files Year 3 | Number Files Year 2
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Confidential | 2.180 | 958 | 61
Public | 403 | 84 | 36
Total | 2.583 | 1.042 | 97

Table 1: Overview of public and confidential point cloud E57 files in use and published.

from year 2. The total number of collected E57 is around 2.18TB. The datasets were instrumental for the internal evaluation of tools and approaches, as documented in D7.4. As many of the collected point clouds are confidential, as they reveal areas, which are not opened to public and should not be - according to their owners. However almost 20% of the total amount of data could be made available to the general public for other academic, standardisation and testing purposes through data.duraark.com. A detailed overview of all datasets is provided in the Appendix A.5.
3.4.3 Building Information Model datasets

The amount of Building Information models available within the project and for the public rose by 176% in the third year of DURAARK with around 50% of these now publicly available through data.duraark.eu.

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Table 2: Overview of public and confidential IFC STEP Physical Files in use and published.

As highlighted in the introduction, the availability of common datasets for quality assurance and reference implementation in the fields of interoperability is of utmost importance. The DURAARK activities with regard to Building Information Modelling and particularly with regard to IFC models have been focused on reusing the existing established reference datasets and making new datasets available.

Datasets listed here only have their explicitly modelled representations and mostly stem from planning and early design stages. A subset of the models is illustrated in Figure 13,
an overview of the number is provided in Table 2 and the complete listings can be found in Appendix A.4.

3.4.4 Hybrid point cloud and BIM datasets

Hybrid models have both an explicit representation in the form of at least one IFC file and additional point cloud datasets that have been acquired in the existing building. These datasets have been used in particular to test automated object recognition and registration of scanned data with modelled data. For the remaining activities these datasets played an important role in the extension of the IFC model schema with point cloud data sets (deliverable D3.5), where they served as test and validation datasets.

![Figure 14: The hybrid 'House 30' dataset demonstrates the integration of the explicitly modelled building overlaid with the laser scan point cloud datasets.](image)

3.4.5 Semantic Building Metadata - Linked Datasets and Vocabularies

Semantic metadata for building models is produced in WP3, following Linked Data principles. There are different categories of Linked Data and related RDF vocabularies
that have been collected and produced in the context of the DURAARK project. These are made available via http://data.duraark.eu as well.

- **Vocabularies** such as the buildM metadata schema[^59] for the description of archived building models, scans and physical assets. The buildM vocabulary is the central schema for the description of semantic metadata in the SDA. It covers technical as well as descriptive metadata.

- **Metadata of physical and digital assets** in the form of buildM instances. The population has been gained by the extraction and enrichment of the BIM datasets described in 3.4.3. The population of the datasets currently consists of ca. 5000 triples and is further described in the appendix.

- **Snapshots and profiles of datasets** from the Linked Data Cloud that have been gathered, compiled and generated by SDO components like the focused crawler (further details in the appendix).

- **Links and enrichments** of buildM-based metadata. This mappings between building-related vocabularies such as the buildingSMART Data Dictionary (bSDD), the Getty Arts and Architecture Thesaurus (AAT), the FreeClass ontology that have been extensively described in the report D3.2. The interlinking curation and reinforcement is based on a number of automatic pre-alignments of some of the vocabularies mentioned above as well as re-informcements and confirmations of these links by both domain experts and crowds (see D3.4). It also includes links with external data, i.e. the semantic enrichments described in earlier deliverables (D3.2) and the ones generated through crawling, interlinking and clustering described in deliverables D3.4 and D3.6. Further details can be found in Appendix.

[^59]: http://data.duraark.eu/vocab/buildm/
4 Software sustainability activities

The goal of especially the last six months of the project (M30 to M36) was to provide the range of software artefacts and especially the integrated software prototype in a maintainable and documented state in order to provide a low entry hurdle for developers to adapt and extend the artefacts and the system prototype and so that third parties have a sound environment to use the system for their own projects and workflows. The actions to achieve that goal in terms of the integrated software prototype are described in the first of the following subsection 4.1. It describes changes in the WorkbenchUI (Figure 15) to enhance the user experience and acceptance of stakeholders. The Service Platform was generalized to give system integrators and software developers a sound and broad base to use the platform in their own projects and workflows. Alongside with these enhancements a documentation to deploy the system on Microsoft Windows and Linux hosts was created. To allow potential stakeholders to try the DURAARK System a "playground" environment that we set up which sets up the DURAARK System in a "single click’ experience.

Figure 15: Screenshot of the WorkbenchUI landing page.
The software environment to process the 3D content produced in the project, which perfectly complements the longtime preservation aspect of DURAARK with the practical needs of stakeholders to work with point cloud and BIM models alike, converged into the release of *Volvox*, a plugin for the domain software Rhino3D (see subsection 4.5). The combination of those activities is helping the DURAARK project to have a sustainable impact and afterlife.

### 4.1 WorkbenchUI Improvements

The WorkbenchUI was released as v0.9.0 in January 2016 (end of project), shows a screenshot of the landing page which is available at [http://workbench.duraark.eu](http://workbench.duraark.eu). Since D2.5 (last official WP2 deliverable), which contained v0.7.0 of the software, the following features have been added or enhanced:

**Session support** *(new)* The WorkbenchUI now supports sessions. A stakeholder can add a new session which is the container for the files making up a building. All files created during the pre-ingest workflows are stored within the session. It is possible to store the content of the session into the Rosetta DPS or to download the session as a BagIt file.

**File Upload** *(new)* It is now possible to upload files into a session via a drag’n’drop feature.

**Search interface** *(new)* To support the retrieval workflow a distinct search functionality was introduced. It allows to filter the buildings stored in the knowledge database by criteria defined in the buildM schema.

**RISE Integration** *(new)* The RISE component is now fully integrated and allows to detect power lines within point clouds. The GUI provides a textured 3D preview of the model with the detected power lines, as well as a 2D preview for each wall of a room.

**Difference Detection Integration** *(new)* The Difference Detection functionality (see D4.3) is now integrated and allows a stakeholder to compare multiple scans of a building over time in a 3D viewer.
**IFC Reconstruction Integration (enhancement)** The IFC Reconstruction interface was enhanced and now supports the preview of the reconstructed model, the download of the IFC file and also the download of an intermediate representation which contains the floor plan of the building with the entities doors and windows. This representation is e.g. used in the RISE tool as a base for the power socket detection.

**Design (enhancement)** The design of the application was updated to provide stakeholders with a more modern design that visually helps to keep an overview on which workflow is currently active.

### 4.2 Service Platform Improvements

Since the M30 version, which was v0.7.0, the Service Platform has been updated to v0.9.0. This latest version is now fully compliant with the layered software stack which is depicted in Figure 16. This layered software stack is what we call the DURAARK System. It is a composition of the WorkbenchUI on top and the Service Platform underneath, where the WorkbenchUI is the reference implementation of a graphical user interface for the Service Platform.

![Figure 16: Services of the Service Platform with associated components, which are powering the services. Services and components are all available as Docker images for easy installation.](image)

The Service Platform is the work horse of the system. It holds (most of) the functionality developed in DURAARK and makes it accessible on three layers. The *REST Services* allow to interface with the system with a decoupled, network-based approach. The REST Services are a thin layer on top of the *Dockerized Components*, which allow the different components (see below) to be easily run on a Docker-enabled host. Third party applications can directly use these components via their command line interface.
Finally, the components can be integrated into other software stacks in using their native implementation directly, e.g. to use the respective Python script, C++ executable or Java application. This lowest layer needs to setup the compilation environment (if the component is compiled) and the dependencies manually.

The REST Services are also provided as Docker images, which allows easy installation of all or individual services on a Docker-enabled host. The dockerized services are:

- duraark/duraark-sessions
- duraark/duraark-metadata
- duraark/duraark-geometricenrichment
- duraark/duraark-sda
- duraark/duraark-digitalpreservation

Since v0.9.0 the following components are packaged as Docker images as well:

- duraark/ifc-metadata
- duraark/duraark-sdas
- ochi/duraark_pc2bim
- ochi/duraark_autoreg
- paulhilbert/E57-processor
- paulhilbert/E57-metadata
- paulhilbert/ifc-mesh-extract
- paulhilbert/duraark_assoc
- paulhilbert/compress_E57n
The availability of the dockerized components allows them to be directly used by third parties on Docker-enabled hosts. That means that stakeholders do not have to go through the native compilation process of the respective components and/or that an installation of dependencies are not necessary anymore. The only dependency to use the components is the Docker runtime environment, which is available for Microsoft Windows, Linux and Mac.

4.3 Microsoft Windows Deployment

The software stack for the DURAARK System has its native roots in the Linux operating system and its design is tailored to be installed on a Linux server which is available in the stakeholder’s network. The main technology used for the deployment of the system is Docker, which started its existence on Linux. The majority of our target stakeholders, though, are working on the Microsoft Windows operating system. Additionally, for many of the stakeholders their size is not large enough to have a dedicated server environment running (which is normally Linux based).

To enable the seamless deployment of the DURAARK System on Microsoft Windows hosts we created a setup for this platform and added a step-by-step documentation\(^60\) (see Figure 17) to deploy DURAARK on Windows hosts. The documentation is accompanied by the duraark-installer\(^61\), which automates most of the deployment procedure on Windows.

The main partner to test the Windows deployment was CITA. They were using this deployment type to connect their Rhino3D Volvox to the DURAARK System. See D7.4, Section 4.1 and 4.7 for the evaluation of the deployment and integration with the system.


\(^{61}\) duraark-installer: [https://GitHub.com/DURAARK/duraark-installer/releases](https://GitHub.com/DURAARK/duraark-installer/releases)
4.4 DCHQ Cooperation

DCHQ is a company for the “Deployment Automation & Life-Cycle Management Platform For Container-Based Applications”. This is a perfect match for the DURAARK System architecture, which is composed of multiple Docker containers. In close cooperation with the founder of DCHQ, Amjad Afanah, we were able to deploy the different services of the DURAARK Service Platform via their online platform. The result of this cooperation is a promotion page\(^\text{62}\) (see Figure 18) provided by DCQH, where the DURAARK services are available as so called “Blueprints”. A blueprint describes the deployment of a service and can be used as is by a stakeholder or to adjust the deployment to their needs. With the DCHQ cooperation we show a proof-of-concept on how to utilize DURAARK’s web-focused architecture to enable private and public cloud installations of the DURAARK system.

DCHQ is promoting the DURAARK as official customer\(^\text{63}\) and linking and promoting a

\(^{62}\)DCHQ DURAARK page: https://www.dchq.io/landing/products.html#/library?org=DURAARK

\(^{63}\)DCQH Customer Page: http://dchq.co/customers.html
A blog post describing the technical setup of DURAARK with their system through their channels (e.g. Google+, LinkedIn, etc.).

DURAARK - Durable Architectural Knowledge

Scope of the project
Knowledge about buildings and built structures is of interest to a wide variety of stakeholders, ranging from architects and urban planners to building operators or the general public. Such knowledge includes 3D models and point clouds as they are generated throughout the planning, building, construction or refurbishing phases. Related information about the legal, historical, infrastructural or environmental content of built structures is considered useful in many use cases in practice. Within such information as well as the actual structure evolve continuously, preservation of architectural knowledge is of crucial importance. Therefore, DURAARK is developing methods and tools for the Long-Term Preservation (LTP) of architectural knowledge, including approaches to:

- Enrich Building Information Models with "as built" information from scans
- Semantically enrich building models with additional data sets
- Preserve 3D models for future reuse

Service Deployment
The list below is a set of DURAARK services, so called "Blueprints". Click on the "Customize and Run" button to deploy one or multiple services. It is also possible to customize the deployment, if you have to. For a description of the DURAARK system and the different services head over to our Github page.

Blueprints

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Figure 18: Screenshot of the DURAARK promotion page on DCHQ.

4.5 Release of Volvox Plugin

The first beta release of the Volvox plugin was published on a dedicated page on the community platform for Rhino plugins Food4Rhino.com [www.food4rhino.com/project/volvox?etx](http://www.food4rhino.com/project/volvox?etx) website on 14th of September 2015. Across the 5 following months it was downloaded almost 800 times, constituting a large user group among the Grasshopper community. Currently the official user group^{65} on the Grasshopper forum has almost 100 members, illustrating the engagement of the users into the development of the plugin. The community itself is composed of different professions such as: architects, structural engineers, artists, researchers etc. This variance is derived from the huge popularity of Grasshopper (approximately 40,000 members on the user forum across multiple CAD-dependent disciplines), which at the moment is the most popular parametric design software.

Volvox also enabled a link to the Duraark docker system, particularly the geometric

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^{65}www.grasshopper3d.com/group/volvox
enrichment containers. Through the implementation of point cloud editing tools in Rhino Grasshopper by Volvox a prototypical setup for the connection between a BIM environment and the geometric enrichment containers was possible (see Figure 20).

Figure 20: Geometric Enrichment Containers run through Rhino Grasshopper as prototypical BIM implementation.

There are over 140 Grasshopper plugins with various applications, and Volvox fits well in an area occupied so far by relatively few BIM and landscape design oriented tools (such as GeometryGym\textsuperscript{66}, VisualArq\textsuperscript{67}, Elk\textsuperscript{68}) adding to the pool of information management tools. Nevertheless Volvox is the first Grasshopper plugin which enables the users to manipulate and analyze 3D scans, therefore it has no direct competitor.

After the initial release a close collaboration with the users was established, which resulted in many new features as a response to their needs. A good example of this process is the development of the multithreaded part of the plugin – which was made at first to speed up the text parsing of .xyz and .txt 3D scan files. After the creation of a proper multithreaded framework for the tool, it was possible to speed up other features of Volvox (i.e. subsampling tools). Another profit coming out from having such an engaged user group is that each of the users becomes an active beta-tester. Thanks to the user response we were able to debug Volvox efficiently, given specific bug-generating use cases. This input enabled us to find and debug memory leaks and display issues.

As of today, the plugin is partially open source, but it is planned to become completely open source as soon as the first stable release is published. The parts which are open

\textsuperscript{66}www.geometrygym.blogspot.com
\textsuperscript{67}www.visualarq.com
\textsuperscript{68}www.grasshopper3d.com/group/elk
source at the moment enable users to use the base Volvox library to create and edit point clouds within grasshopper.
5 Standardisation activities

From the activities in the DURAARK workpackages, a number of standardization and harmonization efforts have been initiated and supported by the consortium members. In the following section these activities in towards a standardized ifcOWL (Figure 21), an point cloud extension for IFC, the Pronom file format registry for SPF files and the W3C Linked Data efforts are described.

Figure 21: Screenshot the official Model Support Group web page of the buildingSMART organization regarding the standardization of the ifcOWL specification

5.1 ifcOWL

As a novel way to relate and integrated building-related datasets, the standardization of RDF/OWL representations of Building Information Models has been proactivley supported and pushed by the DURAARK project. The first suggestions for the creation of an ifcOWL schema file have been made a number of years ago already. The concensus-building among a critical mass of supporters from both academic and industry stakeholders however took of in the last years of the DURAARK project. Events crucial for making final pushes
towards such standardization have been the physical meetings during the 3rd Linked Data in Architecture and Construction workshop in Eindhoven (detailed technical negotiations and voting, see D7.4) as well as the buildingSMART summits in London in the spring of 2015 (initial pitch) and the fall summit in Singapore in October 2015 (official ingestion into the buildingSMART standardization pipeline, see also figure 22).

Figure 22: Clipping of the official buildingSMART newsletter no. 22\(^69\) reporting on the progress of the ifcOWL standardization effort.

At present (December 2015), the specification is up for a request for comments. A prospective final balloting will take place during the Spring Summit in March 2016 to be held in Amsterdam. The efforts are bundled through the buildingSMART Linked Data

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\(^{69}\) BuildingSMART, "ifcOWL Newsletter No. 22" (2015)
Working Group\textsuperscript{70}, where DURAARK members were the key initiators and Jacob Beetz (TUE) is currently one of the two chairs of the working group.

5.2 Extension of the IFC Schema with point cloud data structures

The results of the WP3 activities towards the standardization of an extension to the Industry Foundation Classes model with point cloud data structures has been introduced into the buildingSMART pipeline by distributing work results among the community. Due to a current restructuring of the standardization pipeline within the buildingSMART organization (see figure 23) and the late stage of the project in which this deliverable was produced, the standardization is still its early stages. It will be continued after the project end in parallel to the advancement of the HDF5 serialization that is ongoing. The aim is to deliver a working reference implementation alongside the specification text that will allow software vendors, researchers and other stakeholders to use the recommended approach. So far individual feedback on the proposal and schema text by various experts has been mostly positive. A paper reporting on the further progress is submitted to the ICCCBEBE 2016 conference in Tokyo.

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\caption{buildingSMART Standardization Pipeline}
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\textsuperscript{70}http://www.buildingsmart.org/standards/standards-organization/groups/linked-data-working-group/
5.3 WC3 community group for Linked Building Data

To exchange information on various activities surrounding Linked Data in the Built Environment, the W3C 'Linked Building Data Community Group'\(^{(71)}\) has been established in 2014 with members of different DURAARK partners as co-founders. The group (see figure 24) currently consists of 26 members from 10 countries that are often associated with other EU- and national funded research and development projects in the area. 10 live meetings an 19 virtual meetings have been organized by the group from its inception including two meetings at project partners locations\(^{(72)}\). The activity of the group is the gathering of use-cases and requirements for the application of Linked Data in the Built Environment. By the end of 2015 more than 60 use cases have been defined, categorized and documented on the wiki pages\(^{(73)}\) of the group.

\(^{(71)}\)https://www.w3.org/community/lbd/
\(^{(72)}\)during the Linked Data in Architecture and Construction meeting in Summer 2015 in Eindhoven and the CIB W78 conference in Eindhoven
\(^{(73)}\)https://www.w3.org/community/lbd/wiki/Main_Page
Figure 24: W3C community group on Linked Building Data
6 Community building and commercialisation

The third year of DURAARK saw an increased engagement with research and stakeholder communities in order to stipulate pick-up and further development of research outcome. The engagement took place in four areas, described in the following sections.

6.1 Clustering with projects

An active exchange with related research projects creates room for discussion and cross-fertilisation of ongoing work in the project, as well as fields, where DURAARK research outcomes might be picked up and further developed.

The clustering activities of DURAARK took place on different levels, which range from the loose exchange with projects, that have similar interest (KNOWeSCAPE subsection 6.1), the alignment of content, through overlap of researchers between projects (ForgetIT subsection 6.1) or the active collaboration, expressed through joint papers (Harvest4D subsection 6.1) up to targeted collaborations in order to pursue identified common research interests in joint applications of partners (D3D subsection 6.1). In the third year of DURAARK partners reached out and exchanged with the following 13 projects:

Digital 3Dimensional objects for reuse (D3D)

D3D\(^{74}\) is a planning project (a pre-study project), partly financed by VINNOVA\(^{75}\) under the programme "SEEDS — For greater innovation in public funding".

The goal with D3D is an application and a project plan adapting DURAARK processes and tools for preservation of 3-dimensional objects of buildings for future reuse in property and heritage for Swedish stakeholders. Hamid Rofoogaran of LTU participated in this work which also involves the Swedish National Archives, the National Property Board of Sweden, and the Swedish Fortifications Agency. Falu municipality also joined as a discussion partner.

The pre-study project started in August 2014 and ended in March 2015 with a project proposal for an implementation project that would involve adapting and adopting DURAARK processes.

\(^{74}\)http://www.vinnova.se/sv/Resultat/Projekt/Effekta/2012-01393/D3D---Digitala-3Dimensionella-objekt-for-ateranvandning/ [sv]

\(^{75}\)VINNOVA is Sweden’s innovation agency – http://www.vinnova.se/en/ – and is a major funder of needs-driven research.
processes and tools into a Swedish context. Submission of proposal is pending due to structural changes at some partners.

DEDICATE

At the final seminar of 'DEDICATE' (Design’s Digital Curation for Architecture)\(^{76}\), the DURAARK project was presented at the University of Glasgow in October 2013. The Royal Commision on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland and CyArk Europe had a high interest in the DURAARK project and its results. Therefore the contact for exchange and discussion on further developments was established.

RADAR

The DFG funded project 'RADAR’ (Research Data Repository)\(^{77}\) works on a interdisciplinary infrastructure for research data with regards to availability, preservation and publication. Exchange between DURAARK and RADAR took place on research data management and the development of information infrastructures.

MIT FACADE

The project 'MIT FACADE' (Future-Proofing Architectural Computer-Aided Design)\(^{78}\) was from the beginning of DURAARK one of the most important reference projects with regards to long term preservation of architectural 3D data. The MIT requested information from the DURAARK project for extending their work which was conducted during FACADE.

IANUS

The DFG funded project 'IANUS'\(^{79}\) establishes functions and services for supporting digital research information within classical studies. After a presentation of the DURAARK project on the 'Kooperation Langzeitzugriff 2015’ in June 2015 in Berlin, IANUS requested further information of the DURAARK project with regards to long term preservation of three dimensional data. This was the starting point of an ongoing exchange.

\(^{76}\)http://architecturedigitalcuration.blogspot.de/

\(^{77}\)http://www.radar-projekt.org/display/RE/Home

\(^{78}\)http://libraries.mit.edu/news/facade-project/457/

\(^{79}\)http://www.ianus-fdz.de/
District Information Modelling and Management for Energy Reduction (DIMMER)

The DIMMER\(^{80}\) system integrates BIM and district level 3D models with real-time data from sensors and user feedback to analyse and correlate buildings utilisation and provide real-time feedback about energy-related behaviours. It allows open access with personal devices and Augmented Reality (A/R) visualisation of energy-related information to client applications for energy and cost-analysis, tariff planning and evaluation, failure identification and maintenance, energy information sharing.

Mapping on Demand and Harvest4D

UBO has collaborated with the Mapping on Demand\(^{81,82}\) and Harvest4D\(^{83,84}\) projects, especially during the second and third year of the DURAARK project. The goal of this collaboration was the exchange of expertise regarding point cloud compression techniques and the development of novel ideas in this field. Two papers \([5, 4]\) have been published in collaboration with the respective partners from UBO during the timeframe of the DURAARK project which present improved compression schemes on architectural point cloud data. A variant of the method presented in \([4]\) has been implemented in the third software prototype for point cloud compression documented in Deliverable 5.4.

Furthermore, the versatile and fast WebGL-based Potree\(^{85}\) point cloud viewer which is being developed under the Harvest4D project has been adopted by the DURAARK project for visualization of point cloud data in the WorkbenchUI.

Distributed Transactional Building Information Management (DRUM)

DRUM\(^{86}\) develops software to make building information modelling (BIM) more usable in practical building projects. The semi-open, heterogeneous, and fragmented nature of building projects as well as the contractual boundaries, need to protect expertise, and the danger of legal disputes makes the naive notion of a centralised BIM database

\(^{80}\)http://dimmer.polito.it/project
\(^{81}\)http://cg.cs.uni-bonn.de/en/projects/mapping-on-demand/
\(^{82}\)Funding: DFG Research Unit 1905
\(^{83}\)http://cg.cs.uni-bonn.de/en/projects/harvest4d/
\(^{84}\)Funding: European Commission, 7th Framework Programme
\(^{85}\)http://potree.org/
\(^{86}\)http://cse.aalto.fi/en/research/groups/distributed_systems/projects/drum
unrealistic. Instead, there is a need for distributed information management solutions that recognise the reality that BIM consists of multiple partial models (e.g., architectural model, structural model, mechanical model, construction process) that have complex relationships (one model being an elaboration of another, two models having spatial clashes, and so on).

DURAARK members presented research results to DRUM partners.

**ForgetIT**

ForgetIT\(^87\) deals with the urgent problem of selecting web data and knowledge for preservation as well as targeted "forgetting".

ForgetIT combines three new concepts to ease the adoption of preservation in the personal and organizational context:
- Managed Forgetting models resource selection as a function of attention and significance dynamics.
- Synergetic Preservation makes intelligent preservation processes an integral part of the content lifecycle in information management.
- Contextualized Remembering targets keeping preserved content meaningful and useful.

The topics are of high relevance for DURAARKs preservation efforts and via LTU DURAARK has collaborated with ForgetIT by exchanging knowledge and information concerning structures for packaging information and software solutions for this.

L3S and LTU are participating in both ForgetIT and DURAARK.

**KNOWeSCAPE**

KNOWeSCAPE\(^88\) is a European COST Action dealing with the mapping, discovery and analysis of knowledge across the web. KNOWeSCAPE tackles this urgent problem through networking.

DURAARK coordinator Stefan Dietze has earlier given an invited talk where he introduced DURAARK. Since than a regular exchange on an informal basis took place.

\(^87\)http://www.forgetit-project.eu/en/start/

\(^88\)http://knowescape.org
Ready4SmartCities

The READY4SmartCities\textsuperscript{89} project intends to increase awareness and interoperability for the adoption of ICT and semantic technologies in energy system to obtain a reduction of energy consumption and CO2 emission at smart cities communities level through innovative relying on RTD and innovation outcomes and ICT-based solutions.

The goal of the project is to support:

A new energy data ecosystem that will accommodate cross-domain data (climatic, occupation, pollution, traffic, activity, etc.) and will allow the exploitation of such data at a global scale; by identifying the set of ontologies relevant to energy-efficiency in Smart Cities and the different requirements and guidelines on how to use (publish and interchange) data described according to those ontologies.

By allowing feasible step-by-step action plans for city authorities and other relevant stakeholder groups to develop and use ICT-based solutions for energy system in urban and rural communities towards future Smart Cities, the vision of the project is that this will lead to reduced energy consumption and CO2 emissions.

Collaborations with DURAARK are manifold. DURAARK representatives participated in a Ready4SmartCities Summer School, discussions and collaborations were held for further exchange of infrastructure and data and the joint organisation of a summer school.

Timeless Business Processes and Services (TIMBUS)

The TIMBUS\textsuperscript{90} project focuses on resilient business processes. It will make the execution context, within which data is processed, analysed, transformed and rendered, accessible over long periods. TIMBUS considers the dependencies on third-party services, information and capabilities that will be necessary to validate digital information in a future usage context – continued accessibility is otherwise often considered as a set of activities carried out in the isolation of a single domain.

TIMBUS will deliver activities, processes and tools that ensure continued access to services and software to produce the context within which information can be accessed, properly rendered, validated and transformed into knowledge.

Andreas Rauber, who is part of the TIMBUS Project Coordination Committee, is also a member of the DURAARK Advisory Board.

\textsuperscript{89}\url{http://www.ready4smartcities.eu/home}

\textsuperscript{90}\url{http://timbusproject.net}
6.2 Release of Datasets, Code, Software Artifacts and Plugins

Establishing communities, which pick-up results from DURAARK, is an important part of the Sustainability Strategy of DURAARK, as described in subsubsection 2.3.1. DURAARK created many artefacts, which are of interest for communities of stakeholders and researchers. These are publicly available through established platforms, such as GitHub (Code and libraries, see subsection 4.3), Grasshopper3d (Volvox plugin, see subsection 4.5) or DCHQ) have been (DURAARK Docker, see subsection 4.4). An established share for building related datasets was however missing. This is why DURAARK created a data repository of its own, which provides access to the DURAARK data, connects to both professionals and researchers and is an important legacy of DURAARK.

The use of a wide variety of publication platforms proved already useful, as stakeholders, who get aware of one platform, but might not find the right content can be directed to others ones with more akin code. We experienced a related case, where a developer from Optiréno contacted us through the GitHub page, as he was interested in the IFC reconstruction component. His level of expertise, was however better fitting to the Volvox plug-in. We could redirect him to this and he became an early tester of the developed DURAARK Docker integration in Rhino/Grasshopper. We document the exchange with Optiréno in Appendix B.

Figure 25: Data.Duraark.eu shares a unique collection of datasets from the architectural domain with the interested public.

The DURAARK dataset repository went online in October 2015 [http://data.duraark.eu/]. It shares a unique collection of datasets from the architectural domain with the interested public. A dominant part of the datasets, especially among the point cloud...
datasets, stem from architectural stakeholders and represent their practice with large and complex building data. data.DURAARK.dk provides the community with means to work with real-world data. This site contains links to the following datasets, which are all shared to the public domain according to Creative Commons CC0:

1. IFC Models and point clouds – 3d representations of buildings as BIM models (.ifc) and/or point clouds (E57) mainly from 3d Laser scanning
2. RDF Metadata – Graph based representation of architectural data and its internal and external relations. accessible through a common SPARQL Endpoint
3. Schemas & Vocabularies – Data schemes developed within DURAARK to describe the heterogeneous architectural data through a homogenous metadata
4. Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) – Services developed by DURAARK to access and handle architectural data

The page is continuously updated, when new datasets are acquired. The page is promoted through social media, postings on the project website and promotion by DURAARK partners on their mailings, talks on conferences and presentations.

Feedback from users led to the introduction of automatically generated thumbnails for all IFC and point cloud datasets, see Figure 26. This raised the legibility of the datasets and made the page more attractive to visitors.

A dedicated banner relates these as well to the DURAARK presence of GitHub, where the source code to the APIs exposed on data.duraark.eu can be found.

6.3 Creating sustained research action - COST action

A COST action proposal is a major part of the sustainability strategy of DURAARK, as outlined in the section *Exploitation & sustainability actions 2.3*. A related application has been prepared and submitted to the COST Open call procedure.

The COST action has been scoped slightly broader than the scope of the DURAARK project, in order to make sure that we reach a critical mass of researchers in the COST
In the application the scope of the COST action has been expressed as:

- Interoperability between heterogeneous models and data
- Geometric analysis and enrichment of 3D models: shape recognition
- Semantic enrichment of unstructured data and models (documents, 3D models)

Figure 26: The datasets can be identified and sorted by a set of criteria, such as type, size and whether both IFC and E587 data is present.

Data about architectural structures is of relevance in a variety of domains such as urban planning, cultural heritage preservation and reconstruction, architecture or building operation. Historically buildings are documented in a multitude of ways, with early documentations, for instance of cultural heritage, in unstructured and analogue forms, at one end of the spectrum and and current 3D models, point cloud and Building Information Models (BIM) at the other end of the spectrum. Given that diversity, interpretation, search, discovery, analysis and preservation of such data are crucial tasks of interests to all sorts of stakeholders such as architects, urban planners, historians, building operators or cultural heritage experts.
• Long-term preservation of multimodal architectural data and models

Therefore, this COST Action aims to form a network of researchers in a range of involved disciplines and application areas, including:

• Semantic technologies and Linked Data
• Long-term preservation
• Information Extraction and Natural Language Processing (NLP)
• Building Information Modelling
• Cultural Heritage Preservation
• Urban planning
• Computer Graphics

The overall aim is to foster and facilitate research addressing the aforementioned challenges by creating an unprecedented network of researchers and practitioners and facilitating exchange and transfer of knowledge.

The work with a COST application has been led by partner LTU that will act as main proposer. All partners have contributed by searching in their respective networks for potential members of the COST proposal.

All partners of DURAARK are expected to participate in the COST action which means that the criteria of at least five COST member countries is fulfilled, but there are several additional participants in the proposal. The proposal should be coordinated by a Main Proposer from a COST member country and DURAARK partner LTU will act as this. The proposal has been submitted for the next COST collection date, which is expected to be 9 February 2016. Therefore, the final outcome of the COST evaluation will probably not be known when the DURAARK project ends.

6.4 Commercialisation activities

The engagement with companies and other stakeholders, who have the potential to pick-up and further develop the research outcome from DURAARK, has been a concern of the project since it first day. The continued efforts in the dissemination of research results to stakeholders, the acquisition of datasets from them and the alignment of the research
to their needs have been documented in the deliverables of the Workpackages 7 and 8. These efforts resulted today in a strong and throughout positive feedback from companies on the DURAARK developments, the expression of interest and joint initiatives to pursue further research.
This chapter reports on the efforts and results of this important part of the sustainability actions of DURAARK.

6.4.1 Engagement with commercial stakeholder groups

DURAARK developed a set of actions, which are coined to identify and get in contact with stakeholders central to the field. These actions are documented in the Dissemination report D8.8 and include:

- participation in stakeholder events
- organisation of stakeholder events
- presentation for individual stakeholders
- areas in which the consortium is actively exchanging with stakeholders i.e. for evaluation activities

6.4.2 DURAARK Info materials

We have developed a set of media conceived to communicate especially to stakeholders like:

- Flyers
- Banners
- Presentations

A complete overview of DURAARK communication media is provided in D8.8.
6.4.3 Association and activities with commercial stakeholders

DURAARK partners are currently in contact with a series of companies and pursue with them activities to establish further research collaborations on the base of DURAARK results. We have collected a series of letters of expression of interests and appraisal for the relevance of the conducted research. Initial interests of companies, especially into the Geometric enrichment components and the service platform, led to presentations and the exchange of datasets as a first step for further collaboration. This created 'Associated Companies', which were documented in the Deliverables D7.1, D7.2 and D8.8.

The processing of the stakeholders dataset with the DURAARK tools provided opportunities for evaluation and feedback for the further development in the research project, but as well to the stakeholders. These received the results and could evaluate them themselves. The reaction were throughout positive to frenetic: 'Whoa, this is awesome!' was for instance the reaction of Daniel Davis, Lead researcher at wework, a New York based real estate company, which offers co-working places on a global scale.

The evaluation and collaboration efforts created vested relations to specific stakeholders, with whom DURAARK partners wrote i.e. research applications (Scalypso) or made regarding agreements (Faro, see Appendix ). An overview over expressions of interests and datasets have been received from the following companies and organisations. The reaction and expressed interest is documented for some of these in the Appendix B.

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- Autodesk -App. B
- CCO
- CAD-Q -App. B
- FARO -App. B
- FOJAB
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- Hexagon
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• Laser Scanning Architecture -App. B
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• optireno -App. B
• Plan3D
• PLH
• scalypso
• WeWork -App. B
• White -App. B
• ZESO
7 Sustainable organisational framework

DURAARK has created an organisational framework (fig. 28), that will enable the partnership to maintain access to and promotion of the research outcomes for a period that lasts at least for the promised period of 5 years. The framework guarantees the access to the software artefacts, as well as further development, the ability to initiate events and research initiatives and to deal with eventually emerging questions of IPR, licensing and use of the foreground created in DURAARK.

Figure 28: The three parts of the Sustainable organisational framework of DURAARK in relation to their indented purposes. The top two parts are necessary and established. The COST action is under evaluation by the EU commission.

The framework is operative with two already already established parts and will gain an ideal state, when the consortium wins the COST action it applied for. See the following listing for a distinction between the three parts:

**Durable Building Data Association (DBD)** DBD is a foundation to create and maintain a network of stakeholders around tools and methods related to semantic enrichment and preservation of building-related data. The DBD has a budget financed by its members, a detailed description is available in Section 7.1.

**Management of foreground after EU funding period (Steering Committee)** The Steering committee is governing the scientific future and exploitation of the DURAARK outcomes with all current project partners, e.g. in striving for new research projects. It has no budget on its own. The Steering Committee is described in 7.2, it has no budget on its own.
COST Action  The COST Action additionally provides a publicly funded way of participating in or in the organization of workshops or conferences regarding the DURAARK scientific activities. In that, it could support activities of the DBD. The COST Action is described in Section 6.3.

7.1 Foundation of the “Durable Building Data Association (DBD)”

As part of the organisational sustainability activities the DURAARK consortium is in the process of founding the “Durable Building Data Association (DBD)”. The association will be initially funded by the current consortium partners and will constitute at the General Assembly meeting in Graz end of January 2016. The DBD will be located in Graz, Austria. The two founders of the association are Martin Hecher from FhA and Jakob Beetz from TUE.

The goal of the association is to promote the topic of semantic enrichment and preservation of building-related data, attract new members and maintain a competence network. The DBD will also maintain the DURAARK Service Platform as open source platform with documentation updates, code maintenance, feature development and consulting on the integration of new functionality for members and other stakeholders.

The statutes of the foundation can be found in Appendix C.1. This document lists as well the partaking institutions and the further members of the board of the Association. These were defined in the founding meeting of the Association in Graz on the 26.01.2016. They are formulated in German, as the association will be registered in Austria.

7.2 Management of foreground after EU funding period (Steering Committee)

As a structure for managing foreground after the funding period the DURAARK consortium has established a steering committee. The steering committee does not have a budget on its own. For activities which need a budget (e.g. marketing material, see points below) the Durable Building Data Association (DBD, see Section 7.1) organization can be used to finance this necessities. This is possible as the members of the steering committee are also members of the DBD organization.
The committee takes care of post project activities in the following form (for the full text of the agreement see Appendix C.2):

- The steering committee (SC) consists of one representative per consortium partner.

- One of these members has the function of the single “face to the customer”. This “face” is the first contact for emails and calls.

- Role of the “face to the customer”: If an institution shows interest for scientific DURAARK outcomes, it will address the contact point. The “face” will send a first notice to partners, react to general requests, answer general questions and provides general information about the project.

- More technical or specialised questions will be forwarded to the respective partner in the steering committee and an answer will be send. If applicable the request will be forwarded to the DBD.

- Decisions on activities like regular updates of the webpage, marketing material, marketing activities can be financed via the Durable Building Data Association, if necessary.

- Meeting frequency: The SC should meet once per year. The meeting can be virtual by video conference. If necessary additional meetings can be scheduled.

- Profit: If any of these requests ends up in business that leads to profit, the profit has to be split between the partners/can be invested in further activities.

The official document containing the above content together with legal necessities was approved by the Fraunhofer legal department and by all project partners on the last General Assembly of the Project on 26.01.2016 at FhA in Graz. The complete document signed by all partners can be found in Appendix C.2.
8 Risk analysis

Each partner has a good overview of suitable dissemination activities in their domain. In contrast to other projects, DURAARK, however, has a high potential for involvement in standardisation processes. As touched upon in the introduction, we are actively studying the feasibility of involving existing communities as a means to assume sponsorship of the output of DURAARK.

To actively engage in these processes, the right partners need to be identified and collaboration needs to be actively developed to achieve success.

8.1 Failing to make an impact on standardisation and establishment of defact standards

Risk: The consortium might have missed important partners and initiatives (collaborations) in order to generate the best impact on standardisation.

Risk assessment – Impact: High, Probability: Low

Description: Dissemination activities are planned according to the best opportunities which are identified at this stage.

Contingency solution: A plan for how the work is and will be carried out exists, but all available communication channels need to be monitored carefully to ensure that no crucial existing or new initiative – for standardisation or other collaborations - are missed. The state of the art and ongoing research developments will be monitored through ongoing clustering activities, via network activities and through regular attendance of scientific and industrial conferences. Furthermore, WP8 and the DURAARK coordination will keep a close contact with the DURAARK Advisory Board in order to ensure input is taken into account from all communities of relevance for DURAARK. Should new initiatives emerge which are so far unrecognised, the WP8 team will assess any collaboration opportunities and, if applicable, will plan new dissemination activities involving the new entities. The status of our efforts will be examined and, if needed, further plans adjusted during regular WP 8 meetings.
8.2 Failing to appropriately address all target communities

**Risk:** Given the high diversity of the project, there is a risk of missing out on important exploitation targets and communities.

**Risk assessment – Impact:** Medium, **Probability:** Medium

**Description:** A critical mass of users and take-up by key target audiences is crucial for the sustainability of the project. Given the high diversity of the project, addressing communities in a balanced way and reaching out to the right venues, working groups and communities is a constant challenge.

**Contingency solution:** As contingency actions, partners closest to so far under-represented community will be involved by WP8 leader LTU and targeted actions will be conducted. Constant monitoring of dissemination and exploitation action will help to alleviate and detect such issues early.

8.3 Biased stakeholder concern

**Risk:** Attention to different stakeholder groups gets out of balance (i.e. biased towards certain communities).

**Risk assessment – Impact:** Medium, **Probability:** Low

**Description:** The project has stakeholders in many areas which have to be reached through different activities at different times. While this involves a risk to under-recognise certain communities in favour of others, a certain focus might also emerge throughout the course of the project.

**Contingency solution:** While the DURAARK consortium involves partners from all key areas relevant to the project (digital preservation, building information modelling, semantic web), individual activities of partners are assumed to contribute to a balanced dissemination approach and will be complemented through additional dissemination actions. WP8 will permanently monitor dissemination activities and orchestrate joint dissemination activities which specifically target the identified dissemination needs.
8.4 Failing to successfully set-up a COST action

**Risk:** We fail to achieve a COST action concerning durable access to and use of building information.

**Risk assessment – Impact:** Low, **Probability:** Medium

**Description:** The consortium’s exploitation and community-building strategy foresees the setup of a dedicated COST action, covering the inter-disciplinary topics of DURAARK. While COST Actions undergo a review and approval process, there is no guarantee, that even a well-prepared COST Action will finally received funding.

While we are not depending on this funding, it would to some extent affect the possibilities for post-project work and for expanding a community.

**Contingency solution:** The COST action is seen as an added pillar of the exploitation and sustainability strategy, which complements the overall set of activities. To this extent, it is not a mandatory element which can be complemented through other community-building activities.
9 Conclusions and impact of the sustainability actions

DURAARK has been working on creating a sustainable impact on stakeholder and research communities throughout the project period. It has formulated sustainability goals and actions, which are resting on several columns ranging from creating sustainability of the research outcomes through address and build up of interested communities, commercialisation and standardisation. These actions have not been exclusive, but were often applied simultaneously. Publishing the source code of software components did for instance not prohibit the collaboration with industry partner in forming new research groups, that pick-up DURAARK research after the funding period in order to develop it further and implement it into commercial products.

The success in standardisation actions and the pick-up of developed software components, as i.e. the VOLVOX plugin, are further indicators for the impact, that DURAARK made on communities. The longterm archiving communities received finally knowledge and tools in form of guidelines, best practices description, components and awareness in stakeholder communities, that enable them to address this most urgent goal of the DURAARK project.

The formation of the "Durable Building Data Association (DBD)" and the agreement of all partners on ways to manage the foreground of the DURAARK research after the funding period, provide finally not only the organisational and legal framework, but as well a mean to maintain and enlarge the interested communities of researchers and practitioners, which DURAARK is currently in contact with.
References


Appendices
Appendix A

Detailed dataset listings

A.1 Schemas & Vocabularies

In Table A.1 we list all Schemas and Vocabularies, published through DURAARK are listed. They are available for download on http://data.duraark.eu

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Table A.1: Schema and Vocabularies used in DURAARK.

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Table A.2: Initial buildM instances generated by DURAARK as part of the SDA.
In the Table A.2, all RDF Metadata, published through DURAARK are listed. They are available for download on http://data.duraark.eu As part of the SDA, data has been generated by the different modules within DURAARK to produce an initial set of buildM instances, describing digital objects (e.g. IFC files) and physical objects (the actual buildings). From the initial process the data in the SDA is summarised by the following statistics. The generated resources are accessible through SDA’s dereferencing mechanism, e.g. http://data.duraark.eu/resource/0721677.

While the focused crawler deals with creating snapshots of building-related Web data, initial crawls (see deliverables D3.2 and D3.3) have been produced covering specifically geodata and energy sustainability metadata (statistics below). More targeted focused crawls are currently under development as part of D3.6.

In addition to this, the SDA also contains information about the dataset generated for our work regarding contextual semantic enrichment (presented in D3.3, D3.4). Here, we investigated the perception of architectural structures within the dataset (for more details regarding the architectural structures within the dataset, see http://data-observatory.org/building-perception/). This data can be queried at the following Graph IRI in the SDAS: http://data.duraark.eu/structures/. Table A.3 presents some statistics regarding this data.

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Table A.3: Statistics regarding the perception of architectural structures (airports, bridges, churches, halls, skyscrapers) in USA and Germany.

### A.3 Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)

The DURAARK project has developed a set of services which provide means to access and handle architectural data in digital repositories. The services is accessible via a REST API so that (parts of) the functionality can be integrated into the workflow of stakeholders.
We provide an overview of the services here, together with additional links to the service’s homepage, its API documentation and installation instructions.

The listing of the APIs is also available online at [http://data.duraark.eu/#apis](http://data.duraark.eu/#apis).

### API Listing

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Description: Service providing an API for generating submission information packages (SIPs) and for depositing SIPs to the Rosetta DPS  
API documentation: http://data.duraark.eu/services/api/digitalpreservation/  
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Name: Focused Crawler  
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Description: Service for direct access to the “Focused Crawler” component to gather semantic information on topics (this API is integrated into the “duraark-sda” service)  
API documentation: https://github.com/bfetahu/focused_crawler  
Source code: https://github.com/bfetahu/focused_crawler
A.4 IFC files

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Appendix B

Stakeholder reactions
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Duraark - Components for automated PointCloud to BIM workflow

Sehr geehrter Herr Tamke,

Ihre Ergebnisse im Forschungsprojekt „DURAARK - Components for automated PointCloud to BIM workflows“ beeindrucken uns. Gerne bestätigen wir Ihnen, dass wir zukünftig mit Ihnen gemeinsame Forschungsaktivitäten durchführen wollen.


Anwendungen während der Planung im Bestand sowie die Etablierung eines Regelkreises für den Bauprozess sind sehr relevant. Sie können zu einem signifikant höheren Automatisierungsgrad in dieser Industrie beitragen.
Whoa, this is awesome! It works really smoothly on my computer. And thanks for sending through the settings, it looked pretty sad to begin with but now it looks fantastic.

Daniel

On Tue, Dec 15, 2015 at 11:58 AM, Martin Tamke <Martin.Tamke@kadk.dk> wrote:

Hello all

As promised three stories from the 255_Buttler dataset as weblink.

http://134.119.46.108/potree/examples/diff_1.html
http://134.119.46.108/potree/examples/diff_2.html
http://134.119.46.108/potree/examples/diff_3.html

The potree viewer looks best, if you have these settings:
- Turn "max. points(m)" to maximum
- lower "Appearance" > "PointSize" a bit
- Enable "Appearance" > "Eye-Dome-Lighting"
- Lower "Appearance" > "Eye-Dome-Lighting" > "Strength"
- Lower "Appearance" > "Eye-Dome-Lighting" > "Radius"
- Clipping might be useful; to realize that do:
  1. Look from above, click the right-most tool ("clipping volumes") and
     place the box roughly somewhere
  2. You can edit this box by pressing "e", "r" or "t" to activate
different transformations
  3. Setting "Settings" > "Clip Mode" to "Clip Outside" actually clips
    using the box which allows you to restrict the view.
Good fun

Best Martin Tamke

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Cc: Martin Tamke <Martin.Tamke@kadk.dk>; Thad Wester <thad.wester@wework.com>
Subject: Re: Laser scans

Martin,

Here is the 255 Butler existing conditions model as we do them.

https://app.box.com/s/d7z19tqby1rw40neocrpahgdkgxas1yyv
On Tue, Dec 8, 2015 at 3:09 PM, Daniel Davis <daniel.davis@wework.com> wrote:

Hi Martin,

Let's discuss this more on Monday. I'm sure we can give you the right files, we might need to take some of the proprietary information out of them, but it should be okay.

Daniel

On Tue, Dec 8, 2015 at 1:15 PM, Martin Tamke <Martin.Tamke@kadk.dk> wrote:

Hello Daniel

Thanks a model of the current state would as well be interesting, as the analysis should show all new and all remaining walls.

Best Martin Tamke

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Sehr geehrter Herr Tamke!

Danke für Ihre Antwort.

Ich sende Ihnen als ZIP das stationierte Projekt aus Scene und zusätzlich die direkten Scans aus dem Scanner FARO X130.

Ich stelle diese Dateien auf Onedrive (eine Freischaltung folgt) zum Download zur Verfügung. Sollte es damit Probleme geben, ersuche ich um Info, dann versuche ich es mit wetransfer.

Da das Internet in unserer Gegend nicht das Schnellste ist, kann es einige Zeit dauern, bis Sie die Daten herunterladen können.

Ich spezialisiere mich auf die Lieferung der Grundlagen für die Weiterplanung.

Für das Ergebnis strebe ich folgende Möglichkeiten an (je Anforderung der Kunden):

· 3D-Modell des bestehenden Gebäudes (Geländes), auch von Vegetation als DWG z.B. für AutoCad
oder
· 2D-Schnitte, Grundrisse und Ansichten (wie aus PointCab) die aber wahrscheinlich wirtschaftlicher aus vorher erstellten 3D-Modellen zu gewinnen sind.

Für mein Verständnis:
Sind Teile der angestrebten Ergebnisse nicht schon in z.B. PointSense erreicht?
Was soll DURAARK außer die Umwandlung von Punktwolken in BIM-Modelle erreichen?
Ich habe etwas im Internet recherchiert, aber dort eigentlich nur sehr allgemeine Beschreibungen gefunden.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Andreas Haier

Hallo Herr Haier


Gerne wuerden wir aber mit Ihnen an der weiteren Entwicklung zusammenarbeiten und schauen, dass wir Ihre Anforderungen in die Software implementieren uns bald auch mit Ihnen testen koennen. Ein guter Einstieg in die Zusammenarbeit ware, wenn Sie uns einen typischen Scan Datensatz zur Verfuegung stellen wuerden. Wir koennen diesen dann durch unseren Prototypen laufen lassen und
sehen, ob er Ihren Erwartungen entspricht und natürlich diskutieren, wie wir geeignete Daten erstellen können.


Ich freue mich auf einen weiteren Austausch

Best Martin Tamke

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Hallo Martin,
nun habe ich geschafft, Euch ein Set eines Grundrisses zusammenzustellen.
Einmal der FARO Workspace und zum Vergleich die acad dwg.
Bin gespannt auf Eure Auswertung!

Downloadlink (2 GB):
https://www.hidrive.strato.com/lnk/FZsPBt

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Am 04.11.2015 um 14:35 schrieb Martin Tamke:

Hallo Johannes

Hier nun das von uns unterschriebene NDA.
Ich freue mich auf den weiteren Austausch und deine Meinung zu den Modellen, die wir dir nach
erhalt der Revit und Scene daten schnellstmöglich zusenden werden.

Best Martin Tamke

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From: Martin Tamke  
Sent: 13. oktober 2015 13:00  
To: mail@lsa3d.com  
Subject: DURAARK - Components for automated PointCloud to BIM workflows - Our talk during FARO 3D Documentation Conference in Stuttgart

Dear Johannes Rechenbach,

I hope this mail reaches you well. We got in contact during your FARO 3D Documentation Conference in Stuttgart earlier this year and we spend some time waiting for the trains to Stuttgart. Here we were discussing, how Point Clouds are often hard to implement into the AEC related workflows, as these are centered around BIM models. I told you about an early prototype of our tools to automatically generate BIM models from Point Clouds and you expressed an interest in testing these with some of your architectural datasets.

Today we would like to pick up this conversation and hope, that you are interested in an exchange. We have matured the tools within the project. These prototypes center on the geometric and semantic enrichment of Point Clouds. We have now good working processes for the automated PointCloud to BIM processes and automated registration and detection of differences between Point Clouds and existing BIM models. These have been published in papers (as in this Special Issue on CAD/Graphics 2015 - http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0097849315001119).

We have as well a video, which might interest you. It demonstrates the creation of BIM models from simple and more complex Point Clouds: http://0x00.cc/pc2bim-cad-graphics-2-720.mp4. Our tools are at the moment able to automatically remove clutter and outliers within Point Clouds and detect spaces, walls, doors and windows. These are than transformed into parametric BIM models in the open-standard IFC format.

Example results on point clouds with 33, 43, and 67 scans. Upper row: point clouds after segmentation step; most ceiling points (i.e. points with downwards-facing normals) are removed for visualization. Lower row: generated BIM models; detected windows are shown in yellow, doors are shown in green. Most wall elements are faithfully reconstructed; some excess walls have not been removed (see e.g. the large room in the lower-right corner of the second column).
We hope, that you see a benefit of these approaches for your workflows and are still interested in a collaboration with research. Our tools, which we developed together with our colleagues from Computer Science in the frame of the European Research project DURAARK, are however still research prototypes. In Stuttgart we discussed, how these might eventually support some areas of your workflows in generating building models.

A first step for an exchange, might be, besides an initial call, to receive some architectural Point Cloud datasets and the derived BIM models from you. We could then test the DURAARK prototypes on these and have a discussion on the resulting BIM models with you. We have developed a Non-Disclosure Agreement, which should make this as well easy on a juristically level.

I hope, that we raised some interest and look forward for future exchange with you.

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From: Tahir.Sharif@leica-geosystems.com
To: Martin.Tamke
Subject: RE: Articles
Date: 12. december 2015 20:45:49

thanks please can you send me the link to the opensource code on github as well..

From: Martin.Tamke <Martin.Tamke@kadk.dk>
To: Tahir.Sharif@leica-geosystems.com
Date: 12/12/2015 14:38
Subject: RE: Articles

Hello Tahir,

No problem, please find attached. I really look forward for the further exchange.

Thre paper attached:
- A more contextualizing and somewhat speculative paper for the Ecaade conference - From Point Clouds to Definitions of Architectural Space
- Paper on a process, that we developed to search in images from 3d scans for objects (here sockets) and relate them back to the 3d model.

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Sent: 11. december 2015 15:01
To: Martin.Tamke <Martin.Tamke@kadk.dk>
Subject: Articles

Hi Martin

Please can you send through the articles you mentioned.

Regards
Tahir

Sent from my iPhone

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[attachment "ecaade2014_138.content.pdf" deleted by Tahir Sharif/EMEA/Leica]
[attachment "GRAPP_2014_54_CR.PDF" deleted by Tahir Sharif/EMEA/Leica]
Hi Martin,

It was great chatting with you at SimAUD. Finally I got some response back from our team in San Fran so I can set up a meeting. Please let me know how flexible your schedule is over the next couple of weeks. Also, who will be attending on your side. Autodesk team will be very technical, so it might help if you have a technical representative on your side. My understanding is that you are preparing a meeting for help on the SDK.

Best,
Ramtin

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From: Martin Tamke [mailto:Martin.Tamke@kadk.dk]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 3:15 PM
To: Ramtin Attar
Cc: Azam Khan
Subject: DURAARK components

Hello Ramtin

Azam and me had some dialogue about our ongoing research on Point Clouds and BIM models and, as you are as well engaged in this area you might help us here.

Over the last years we have been investigating possible workflows for full building awareness and created a set of components for difference detection, semantic enrichment, registration etc. The components have been developed within the D13 DURAARK project www.duraark.eu, which is aiming at granting long-term accessibility to building data. Within this scope a set of tools is looking to semantically enrich the parametrical - which requires our research the automated classification of spaces and architectural elements. The developed components can be addressed as a general solution to the problems of static and dynamic data. The developed components have been developed in a web environment and from software packages. We find that the tool works already quite nicely and offer support for architectural practice.

We wonder, whether Autodesk would be interested in a further exchange and collaboration on the development? Azam said that you might know how to proceed, or whom to approach.

I attach some screenshots of two of the developed components in the nice graphic style of our collaborators from Computer Science. The work here is just in the process of publication — it would hence ask you to keep it confidential.

We have as well tried an experimental implementation of the components in Rhino - mainly, as the plug on the PointCloud API of Revit was pulled just when we wanted to test it. Another question of ours would be, whether there is a documented way to address the PointCloud engine in Revit.

However we were able to establish a prototypical and very experimental workflow from a pointcloud to an editable BIM Model in Rhino. We have a video of this on vimeo. It is again unpublished work (as we plan to publish the used components) - but we found it could be very useful. The components we use here do not represent the state of the art of component development - but might give some idea of the degree of automated classification and act as proof of concept.

I look forward for further exchange and hope you have a great day together with Azam.

Best from Copenhagen

martin

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From: Ramtin Attar
To: Martin Tamke
Cc: Azam Khan
Subject: RE: DURAARK components
Date: 16. april 2015 18:07:19

Hi Martin,

It was great chatting with you at SimAUD. Finally I got some response back from our team in San Fran so I can set up a meeting. Please let me know how flexible your schedule is over the next couple of weeks. Also, who will be attending on your side. Autodesk team will be very technical, so it might help if you have a technical representative on your side. My understanding is that you are preparing a meeting for help on the SDK.
Dear Martin

Please can we arrange a time for an online demo of what we discussed at GeoBIM.

FYI, I left Leica Geosystems at the end of Dec.

Regards
Tahir Sharif

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The image looks really cool and useful for quality assurance of modelled vs cloud data and identifying what is necessary for deviation checking. Martin, maybe you should consider just printing these images and selling them for a high price to a gallery as abstract digital art 😍

Anders & Samir,
Will you be sending a data set. Cloud and model to Martin for testing purposes?

Best Regards

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Emne: RE: Automation of Pointcloud to BIM - DURAARK

Hello Anders, Henrik, Samir, Tore, Shahab and Daniel

Daniel Davies and me had a quick call today and he updated me on the status of the conversation. I’m very happy to hear about your interest and the possibility to receive a dataset for some tests on our side. What I didn’t illustrate in my last email is the "Semantic Difference detection", which we developed. This tool displays the differences between a BIM model and a point cloud with regards to clutter (such as Furniture) and exteriors of the scan (such as neighboring buildings, trees etc.). I attach a screenshot with a colour code (Purple = Exterior & Indoor Clutter, Grey = Matching BIM elements, Red = Deviating BIM elements (& openings)).

We would be happy to provide you with some sample output of the tool as well, if you have a dataset with a BIM model (ifc or revit) and Point Cloud scan (FARO scene or e57 format) for us. The e57 should contain...
the single scans including scanner locations.

All the best from Copenhagen. We look forward for the further exchange and discussion of possibilities and potentials.

Martin Tamke

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From: Martin Tamke
Sent: 28. oktober 2015 12:02
To: 'Daniel Davies' <Daniel.Davies@cad-q.dk>
Subject: RE: Automation of Pointcloud to BIM - DURAARK

Hello Daniel

Thank you very much for forwarding this and the instant feedback. We would be more than happy to get into a closer exchange and you are completely right, that the solution is in a research state. With good results however.

Concerning the questions:
1) The tool creates at the moment ifc format as an output. As it is internally working with parametric elements the output doesn’t really matter too much and an integration into other BIM descriptions shouldn’t be a problem.
2) The point cloud related tools necessitate a good pointcloud / BIM environment before and after and there are quite good ones already. We have done a prototypical implementation in Rhino with the VisualArq BIM plugin and have as well a webplatform, where the tool is integrated on serverside. But overall we consider it better, that the tool get integrated into existing workflows and look here for project collaborations.
3) It would be great to discuss this further. There might as well be areas in the process of working on a project, where the developed difference detection of BIM to pointclouds, could serve well for quality control etc.

I would propose, that we have a call together with the group in Stockholm. Best possibly after a test on a dataset from yours? Than we could talk about results.

Today I’m in a project kickoff, but maybe you and me can have a call tomorrow? Would you have time around lunch time?
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Sent: 27. oktober 2015 13:07  
To: Martin Tamke <Martin.Tamke@kadk.dk>  
Subject: VS: Automation of Pointcloud to BIM - DURAARK

Hi Martin  
Here is the reply I received from our FM business unit manager. They seem very interested in a meeting with you. See email underneath.

Obviously we want to enquire about the commercial potential of your work and what commercial intentions or application this research is heading in. We (CAD-Q) are of course in the business of software solutions and development of related services.

Best Regards

Daniel Davies  
BIM Application Engineer

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Fra: Anders Moberg  
Sendt: 26. oktober 2015 16:42  
Til: Daniel Davies <Daniel.Davies@cad-q.dk>; Shahab Khalaj <shahab.khalaj@cad-q.se>  
Cc: Henrik Munk Madsen <Henrik.Munk.Madsen@cad-q.dk>; Samir Balicevac <samir.balicevac@cad-q.dk>
Hi Martin,

Glad to hear that you are planning further development in an open source framework as started! Also could be interested in further collaboration (e.g. mobile scanner laser application).

Best,

Yanni ROUA

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2015-12-16 16:01 GMT+01:00 Martin Tamke <Martin.Tamke@kadk.dk>:

Hello Yanni

Henrik is working on the renewed code for the Docker implementation in Grasshopper.

And thanks for your question of how we keep the project outputs alive and develop it further – this is indeed a major part of our current efforts.
We plan to uphold the code after the end of the project and are in progress of founding an Association, in order to have a legal framework for this.

However we are for sure majorly interested in continuing the research and developing the components further. We have ideas, but maybe you or your company are interested in a further collaboration?

Best Martin Tamke

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Subject: Re: DURRARK project

Hi Henrik,
Yes last week I managed to install and run the docker system, but after trying to restart it, it is crashing, so I need to uninstall and re-install again ...

So if I get it right, if the docker is well installed later on I will be able to run it through Grasshopper and so try the work flows of D7.2 ?

I was wondering as the DURRARK project shall end in January 2016, which parts will be maintained and which might have further development ?

Best,

Yanni ROUA

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Avant d’imprimer ce mail, pensez à l’environnement

2015-12-15 14:22 GMT+01:00 Henrik Leander Evers <heve@kadk.dk>:

Hi Yanni

This case sounds very interesting. And your work case is very much related to the research we do in duraark. So very interesting. And I would love to get some feedback from you. 😊

We will though probably not at this stage come to the implementation of Zeb1 scanner data. But who know maybe in the future. ;)

Do you have the Duraark Docker System up and running like described here:

Hi Martin!

Good to see you the other day, as always. : )

I think I could provide you with a Revit-designed project that you can 3D-scan. It's a project of rowhouses in Limhamn, Malmö. Built by NCC, and they are finishing them (48 in all) in stages, about 10 at a time. So if you time it right you could have access to some houses after they are finished but before the inhabitants arrive.

Are you interested? Let me know, so I can arrange it with NCC. I haven’t asked them yet, but I don’t think they would say no.

Cheers,
Ola
Appendix C

Sustainable organisational framework
C.1 Durable Building Data Association (DBD) Statutes

The statutes intentionally start on the next page.
§ 1: Name, Sitz und Tätigkeitsbereich

(1) Der Verein führt den Namen "Gesellschaft zum nachhaltigen Management von Gebäudedaten".

(2) Er hat seinen Sitz in Graz und erstreckt seine Tätigkeit auf die ganze Welt.

(3) Die Errichtung von Zweigvereinen ist nicht beabsichtigt.

§ 2: Zweck


Die Tätigkeit des Vereines ist gemeinnützig und nicht auf Gewinn gerichtet.

§ 3: Mittel zur Erreichung des Vereinszwecks

(1) Der Vereinszweck soll durch die in den Abs. 2 und 3 angeführten ideellen und materiellen Mittel erreicht werden.

(2) Als ideelle Mittel dienen

   a) Laufende Dokumentation schon bestehender Kontakte und Initiativen im Sinne des Vereinszwecks
   b) Aufbau von Kontakten im In- und Ausland
   c) Erarbeitung neuer Projekte in Zusammenarbeit mit Forschungseinrichtungen und Unternehmen
   d) Bereitstellung von Informationen über vollzogene Projekte und neue Projektvorschläge
   e) Durchführung eigener Veranstaltungen (Vorträge, Webinare, Seminare, u.a.) zur Förderung des Vereinszwecks
   f) Bereitstellung einer gemeinnützigen und öffentlich zugängliche Software-Platform zur nachhaltige Datenhaltung für Gebäudedaten
(3) Die erforderlichen materiellen Mittel sollen aufgebracht werden durch

a) Beitrittsgebühren und Mitgliedsbeiträge
b) Zuwendungen privater und öffentlicher Stellen
c) Erträge aus Veranstaltungen und Dienstleistungen des Vereins
d) Spenden, Sammlungen, Darlehen, Förderungen und sonstige Zuwendungen und Erträge aus Kapitalanlagen
e) Sachspenden

(4) Der Verein kann, soweit die materiellen Mittel und der Vereinszweck dies zulassen, Angestellte haben und sich überhaupt Dritter bedienen, um den Zweck zu erfüllen. Auch an Vereinsmitglieder, darin eingeschlossen Vereinsfunktionäre, und Vorstandsmitglieder kann Entgelt bezahlt werden, sofern dies auf Tätigkeiten bezogen ist, die über die Vereinstätigkeiten im engsten Sinn hinausgehen; derartiges Entgelt hat einem Drittvergleich standzuhalten. Wird ein Rechtsverhältnis mit einem Vorstandsmitglied abgeschlossen ist die Unterschrift eines weiteren Vorstandsmitglieds notwendig.

§ 4: Arten der Mitgliedschaft

(1) Die Mitglieder des Vereins gliedern sich in ordentliche, außerordentliche und Ehrenmitglieder.

(2) Ordentliche Mitglieder sind jene, die sich voll an der Vereinsarbeit beteiligen. Außerordentliche Mitglieder sind solche, die die Vereinstätigkeit vor allem durch Zahlung eines erhöhten Mitgliedsbeitrags fördern. Ehrenmitglieder sind Personen, die hiezuf wegen besonderer Verdienste um den Verein ernannt werden.

§ 5: Erwerb der Mitgliedschaft

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(2) Über die Aufnahme von ordentlichen und außerordentlichen Mitgliedern entscheidet der Vorstand. Die Aufnahme kann ohne Angabe von Gründen verweigert werden.

(3) Bis zur Entstehung des Vereins erfolgt die vorläufige Aufnahme von ordentlichen und außerordentlichen Mitgliedern durch die Vereinsgründer, im Fall eines bereits bestellten Vorstands durch diesen. Diese Mitgliedschaft wird erst mit Entstehung des Vereins wirksam. Wird ein Vorstand erst nach Entstehung des Vereins bestellt, erfolgt auch die (definitive) Aufnahme ordentlicher und außerordentlicher Mitglieder bis dahin durch die Gründer des Vereins.

(4) Die Ernennung zum Ehrenmitglied erfolgt auf Antrag des Vorstands durch die Generalversammlung.
§ 6: Beendigung der Mitgliedschaft

(1) Die Mitgliedschaft erlischt durch Tod, bei juristischen Personen und rechtsfähigen Personengesellschaften durch Verlust der Rechtspersönlichkeit, durch freiwilligen Austritt und durch Ausschluss.


(3) Der Vorstand kann ein Mitglied ausschließen, wenn dieses trotz zweimaliger schriftlicher Mahnung unter Setzung einer angemessenen Nachfrist länger als sechs Monate mit der Zahlung der Mitgliedsbeiträge im Rückstand ist. Die Verpflichtung zur Zahlung der fällig gewordenen Mitgliedsbeiträge bleibt davon unberührt.

(4) Der Ausschluss eines Mitglieds aus dem Verein kann vom Vorstand auch wegen grober Verletzung anderer Mitgliedspflichten und wegen unehrenhaften Verhaltens verfügt werden.


§ 7: Rechte und Pflichten der Mitglieder


(2) Jedes Mitglied ist berechtigt, vom Vorstand die Ausfolgung der Statuten zu verlangen.

(3) Mindestens ein Zehntel der Mitglieder kann vom Vorstand die Einberufung einer Generalversammlung verlangen.


(6) Die Mitglieder sind verpflichtet, die Interessen des Vereins nach Kräften zu fördern und alles zu unterlassen, was durch das Ansehen und der Zweck des Vereins Abbruch erleiden könnte. Sie haben die Vereinsstatuten und die Beschlüsse der Vereinsorgane zu beachten. Die ordentlichen und außerordentlichen Mitglieder sind zur pünktlichen Zahlung der Beitragsgebühr und der Mitgliedsbeiträge in der von der Generalversammlung beschlossenen Höhe verpflichtet.

§ 8: Vereinsorgane

Organe des Vereins sind die Generalversammlung (§§ 9 und 10), der Vorstand (§§ 11 und 12), die Rechnungsprüfer (§ 13) und das Schiedsgericht (§ 14).

§ 9: Generalversammlung


(2) Eine außerordentliche Generalversammlung findet auf

a. Beschluss des Vorstands oder der ordentlichen Generalversammlung,
b. schriftlichen Antrag von mindestens einem Zehntel der Mitglieder,
c. Verlangen der Rechnungsprüfer (§ 21 Abs. 5 erster Satz VereinsG),
d. Beschluss der/eines Rechnungsprüfer/s (§ 21 Abs. 5 zweiter Satz VereinsG, § 11 Abs. 2 dritter Satz dieser Statuten),
e. Beschluss eines gerichtlich bestellten Kurators (§ 11 Abs. 2 letzter Satz dieser Statuten)

binnen vier Wochen statt.

(3) Sowohl zu den ordentlichen wie auch zu den außerordentlichen Generalversammlungen sind alle Mitglieder mindestens zwei Wochen vor dem Termin schriftlich per E-Mail (an die vom Mitglied dem Verein bekanntgegebene E-Mail-Adresse) einzuladen. Die Anberaumung der Generalversammlung hat unter Angabe der Tagesordnung zu erfolgen. Die Einberufung erfolgt durch den Vorstand (Abs. 1 und Abs. 2 lit. a – c), durch die/einen Rechnungsprüfer (Abs. 2 lit. d) oder durch einen gerichtlich bestellten Kurator (Abs. 2 lit. e).

(4) Anträge zur Generalversammlung sind mindestens drei Tage vor dem Termin der Generalversammlung beim Vorstand per E-Mail einzureichen.


(6) Bei der Generalversammlung sind alle Mitglieder teilnahmeberechtigt. Stimmberechtigt sind nur die ordentlichen und die Ehrenmitglieder. Jedes Mitglied hat

(7) Die Generalversammlung ist ohne Rücksicht auf die Anzahl der Erschienenen beschlussfähig.


(9) Den Vorsitz in der Generalversammlung führt ein Vorstandsmitglied das die übrigen Vorstandsmitglieder dazu bestimmen. Ist sich der Vorstand über den Vorsitz der Generalversammlung uneinig, so führt das an Jahren älteste anwesende Vorstandsmitglied den Vorsitz.

§ 10: Aufgaben der Generalversammlung

Der Generalversammlung sind folgende Aufgaben vorbehalten:

- a) Beschlussfassung über den Voranschlag;
- b) Entgegennahme und Genehmigung des Rechenschaftsberichts und des Rechnungsabschlusses unter Einbindung der Rechnungsprüfer;
- c) Wahl und Enthobung der Mitglieder des Vorstands und der Rechnungsprüfer;
- d) Genehmigung von Rechtsgeschäften zwischen Rechnungsprüfern und Verein;
- e) Entlastung des Vorstands;
- f) Festsetzung der Höhe der Beitrittsgebühr und der Mitgliedsbeiträge für ordentliche und für außerordentliche Mitglieder;
- g) Verleihung und Aberkennung der Ehrenmitgliedschaft;
- h) Beschlussfassung über Statutenänderungen und die freiwillige Auflösung des Vereins;
- i) Beratung und Beschlussfassung über sonstige auf der Tagesordnung stehende Fragen.

§ 11: Vorstand

(1) Der Vorstand besteht aus mindestens zwei Mitgliedern.

(2) Der Vorstand wird von der Generalversammlung gewählt. Der Vorstand hat bei Ausscheiden eines gewählten Mitglieds das Recht, an seine Stelle ein anderes wählbares Mitglied zu kooptieren, wozu die nachträgliche Genehmigung in der nächstfolgenden Generalversammlung einzuholen ist. Fällt der Vorstand ohne Selbstergänzung durch Kooptierung überhaupt oder auf unvorhersehbar lange Zeit aus, so ist jeder Rechnungsprüfer verpflichtet, unverzüglich eine außerordentliche Generalversammlung zum Zweck der Neuwahl eines Vorstands einzuberufen. Sollten auch die Rechnungsprüfer handlungsunfähig sein, hat jedes ordentliche Mitglied, das die Notsituation erkennt, unverzüglich die Bestellung eines Kurators beim zuständigen Gericht zu beantragen, der umgehend eine außerordentliche Generalversammlung einzuberufen hat.
(3) Die Funktionsperiode des Vorstands beträgt vier Jahre; Wiederwahl ist möglich. Jede Funktion im Vorstand ist persönlich auszuüben.

(4) Der Vorstand wird von einem Vorstandsmitglied schriftlich oder mündlich einberufen.

(5) Der Vorstand ist beschlussfähig, wenn alle seine Mitglieder eingeladen wurden und mindestens die Hälfte von ihnen anwesend ist. Besteht der Vorstand aus zwei Mitglieder, ist er beschlussfähig wenn beide anwesend sind.

(6) Der Vorstand fasst seine Beschlüsse mit einfacher Stimmenmehrheit; bei Stimmengleichheit wird der Tagesordnungspunkt verschoben. Besteht der Vorstand aus zwei Mitglieder müssen Beschlüsse einstimmig gefasst werden.

(7) Den Vorsitz führt jenes Vorstandsmitglied, das die übrigen Vorstandsmitglieder mehrheitlich dazu bestimmen; bei Stimmengleichheit obliegt der Vorsitz dem an Jahren älteren Vorstandsmitglied.

(8) Außer durch den Tod und Ablauf der Funktionsperiode (Abs. 3) erlischt die Funktion eines Vorstandsmitglieds durch Enthebung (Abs. 9) und Rücktritt (Abs. 10).


§ 12: Aufgaben des Vorstands

Dem Vorstand obliegt die Leitung des Vereins. Er ist das „Leitungsorgan“ im Sinne des Vereinsgesetzes 2002. Ihm kommen alle Aufgaben zu, die nicht durch die Statuten einem anderen Vereinsorgan zugewiesen sind. In seinen Wirkungsbereich fallen insbesondere folgende Angelegenheiten:

1. Einrichtung eines den Anforderungen des Vereins entsprechenden Rechnungswesens mit laufender Aufzeichnung der Einnahmen/Ausgaben und Führung eines Vermögensverzeichnisses als Mindesterfordernis;
2. Erstellung des Jahresvoranschlags, des Rechenschaftsberichts und des Rechnungsabschlusses;
3. Vorbereitung und Einberufung der Generalversammlung in den Fällen des § 9 Abs. 1 und Abs. 2 lit. a – c dieser Statuten;
4. Information der Vereinsmitglieder über die Vereinstätigkeit, die Vereinsgebarung und den geprüften Rechnungsabschluss;
5. Verwaltung des Vereinsvermögens;
6. Aufnahme und Ausschluss von ordentlichen und außerordentlichen Vereinsmitgliedern;
§ 13: Rechnungsprüfer


(2) Den Rechnungsprüfern obliegt die laufende Geschäftskontrolle sowie die Prüfung der Finanzgebarung des Vereins im Hinblick auf die Ordnungsmäßigkeit der Rechnungslegung und die statutengemäße Verwendung der Mittel. Der Vorstand hat den Rechnungsprüfern die erforderlichen Unterlagen vorzulegen und die erforderlichen Auskünfte zu erteilen. Die Rechnungsprüfer haben dem Vorstand über das Ergebnis der Prüfung zu berichten.

(3) Rechtsgeschäfte zwischen Rechnungsprüfern und Verein bedürfen der Genehmigung durch die Generalversammlung. Im Übrigen gelten für die Rechnungsprüfer die Bestimmungen des § 11 Abs. 8 bis 10 sinngemäß.

§ 14: Schiedsgericht


§ 15: Besondere Bestimmungen

(4) Der Verein bedient sich für die interne Kommunikation aller zum gegenwärtigen Zeitpunkt und in der Zukunft verfügbaren Mittel der elektronischen Kommunikation.

(5) Vereinsintern gilt elektronische Post (E-Mail) als Schriftform. Eine Einladung gilt als zugestellt, wenn sie innerhalb üblicher Fristen nicht an die/den AbsenderIn zurückgeschickt wurde.
(6) Alle Protokolle, die Statuten, die Geschäftsordnung und sonstige Schriftstücke gelten vereinsintern als veröffentlicht, wenn sie in geeigneter Form im elektronischen Netzwerk öffentlich zugänglich gemacht wurden oder per E-Mail an die Vereinsmitglieder zugestellt wurden.

§ 16: Freiwillige Auflösung des Vereins

(1) Die freiwillige Auflösung des Vereins kann nur in einer Generalversammlung und nur mit Zweidrittelmehrheit der abgegebenen gültigen Stimmen beschlossen werden.


(3) Bei Auflösung des Vereins oder bei Wegfall des bisherigen begünstigten Vereinszwecks werden die geleisteten Einlagen anteilmässig an die Mitglieder verteilt. Das verbleibende Vermögen wird, soweit dies möglich und erlaubt ist, einer Organisation zufallen, die gleiche oder ähnliche Zwecke wie dieser Verein verfolgt, sonst für gemeinnützige, mildtätige Zwecke im Sinne der §§ 34ff BAO.
C.2 Steering Committee Agreement

The agreement intentionally starts on the next page.
Agreement on Cooperation

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The aforementioned organizations developed methods and tools for the Long-Term Preservation (LTP) of architectural knowledge, subsequently called "the DURAARK platform". The work was funded by the European Commission within the 7th Framework Programme (Grant Agreement No. 600908).

The parties want to focus their knowledge and research to further develop methods and tools for Long-Term Preservation (LTP) of building data after the project ending on January 31st, 2016. Therefore, they sign the following agreement to manage general questions regarding the cooperation. Concrete projects and results evolving from this agreement are to be treated in independent agreements.
§ 1. Clarification

1. Clauses in this Steering Committee Agreement do not override the DURAARK Grant Agreement and the DURAARK Consortium Agreement clauses.

§ 2. Agreement Goals

Partners have the following goals on their own accounts:

1. Cooperate to enhance and exploit the tools and methods developed in DURAARK.
2. A non-exclusive joining of forces and the creation of synergies regarding research in the area of Long-Term Preservation of architectural data.

§ 3. Objective of the Agreement

1. The agreement defines the frame to achieve the goals defined in §2.
2. A steering committee is instantiated to guide the cooperation and to uphold the mutual communication between partners.

§ 4. Steering Committee

1. All parties name a representative. This person is the official contact for other parties. The representatives form the Steering Committee which is the decision-making body of the cooperation.
2. The steering committee meets once a year at a minimum, either personally or virtually. The management of the steering committee is done by the speaker of the cooperation. The speaker is elected yearly by the members of the steering committee (by vote majority).
3. Major decision must be taken by consensus, each partner has a single vote. If no consensus is reached, the decision is deferred.

§ 5. Steering Committee Duties

1. The steering committee steers the cooperation. Parties are informing each other on topics and projects regarding the cooperation.
2. The steering committee discusses and reaches decisions on possible concrete project cooperations in the context of §3. Binding arrangements, especially regarding tasks, services, work and time plans and any remunerations remain subject to a separate agreement between the respective parties.
§ 6. Financial
1. If a party is providing services to another party or other parties in form of a sub-project, a financial compensation shall be agreed on in an additional agreement.
2. Parties strive to gain additional funding for sub-projects, e.g. in the form of research projects.

§ 7. Deliverables and Rights
1. Rights on DURAARK outcome are regulated in the DURAARK Consortium Agreement.

§ 8. Contacts for Licensing Issues
1. Contacts for licensing and usage issues of the tools of the DURAARK platform or the DURAARK platform itself are the respective representatives of the former project partners in the steering committee.

§ 9. Confidentiality
1. Information declared as confidential between parties will be treated as confidential by all parties for 3 years after the termination of this agreement.

§ 10. Agreement Start, Duration, Termination
1. The agreement enters into force after all parties signed the agreement and is valid until the January 31st, 2017. It is prolonged automatically for another year unless terminated with a notice period of one month before the 31st of January of the year.
2. Each party is entitled to terminate the agreement without statement of reason.
3. The termination of the agreement by a party does not affect the agreement for the remaining parties.

§ 11. Final provisions
1. Alterations and additions to this contract must be made in writing. Concrete sub-projects shall be agreed separately.
2. Should individual provisions of this agreement be ineffective or non-executable or become ineffective or non-executable after the conclusion of the agreement, the effectiveness of the agreement remains otherwise unaffected. If any provision of this agreement is found to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the further conditions of this agreement will remain fully effective and the parties will be
bound by obligations that approximate, as closely as possible, the effect of the provision found invalid or unenforceable, without being themselves invalid or unenforceable. The existing provisions apply accordingly in the event that the contract is shown to have omissions.

Date

(S Stefan Dietze)

28.01.2016

Date

(Reinhard Klein)

29.1.2016

Date

(Eva Eggeling)

26.01.2016

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