

Outputs

The **LIVEABLE** project investigates post-occupancy practices of green buildings. The results will be discussed with research participants, presented at conferences, and shared in a range of communication formats for different audiences.

The study focuses on the impact of green buildings on users' everyday lifestyles and practices. The project thus contributes to a better understanding of the relationships between environmental awareness and environmental action.

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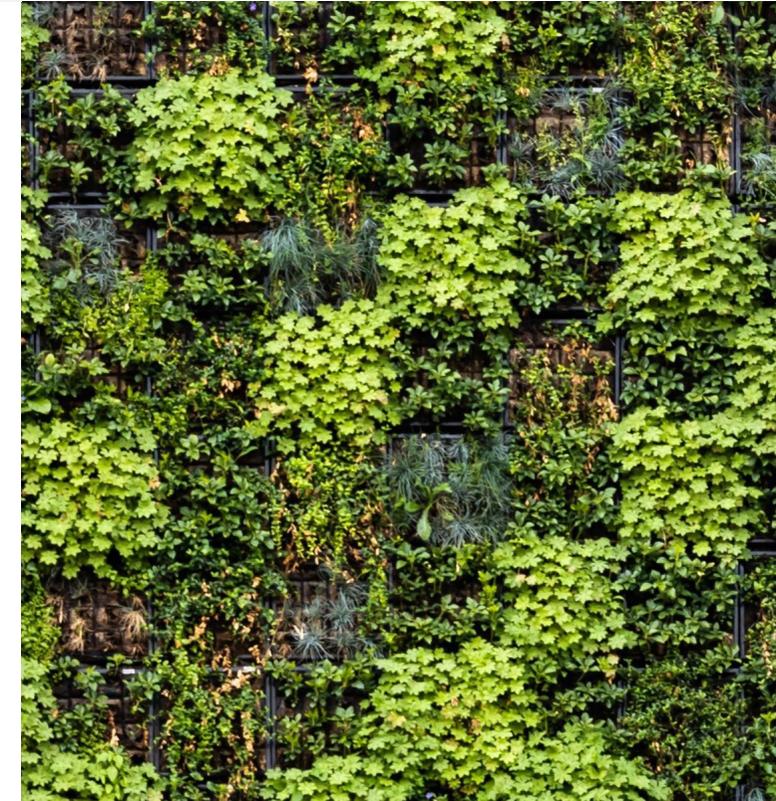
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LIVEABLE

Green buildings and lived sustainabilities
in Germany and Luxembourg



The Sustainable Building Industry

Buildings account for an estimated 40% of energy consumption and 35% of CO₂ emissions in the European Union (EU). Accordingly, they play a central role in implementing the EU climate strategy. So far, research has focused on examining the building sector in the planning and construction phase through innovative technologies, sustainable materials, and improved building design. Much less attention has been paid to green buildings once they are in use.

The LIVEABLE project, therefore, investigates everyday post-occupancy practices of green buildings after their completion and commissioning.

Funded by the German Research Foundation, the **LIVEABLE** project analyses practices in selected green office and residential buildings in Rhineland-Palatinate and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg over three years (2023-2026).

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Lived Sustainabilities

The **LIVEABLE** project focuses on everyday uses of green buildings related to work, leisure, facility management, etc. These practices are understood as an interplay of different user groups' expectations, knowledge, discourses, values, and experiences with green buildings.

Practices in green buildings cannot be understood in isolation, as they intersect with other aspects of life related to mobility, employment, health and education. These interconnected practices are considered everyday or lived sustainabilities, as they involve implementing the diverse elements that together make buildings sustainable.



The Research Process

The project involves a mixed-methods research design, including various methods. Working and living practices are recorded through individual and group interviews, surveys, observations, site visits, and photo and diary documentation.

