

Sustainable Building Expert

Part-time – Brussels – Start: January 2027

Organisation	Belgian Green Building Council (BGBC)
Reports to	Managing Director
Contract type	Part-time Freelance, or secondment (détachement) from a member company
Start date	January 2027
Location	Brussels – minimum 1 days/week on-site; occasional travel across the three Belgian regions
Compensation	Freelance: ~€700/day (excl. VAT). Secondment: compensation agreed directly with the seconding member company.

About BGBC

The Belgian Green Building Council (BGBC) is a Belgian non-profit association created in 2025 to accelerate the transition towards a resilient, climate-neutral and future-proof built environment in Belgium, while positioning Belgium at the heart of international knowledge exchange and cooperation.

BGBC brings together the entire Belgian real estate value chain – financial institutions, investors, developers, property owners, asset managers, architects, engineers, contractors, building material manufacturers, consultants, academics and public authorities – and is connected to the international Green Building Council movement through the World Green Building Council (WorldGBC) network.

As a neutral, independent and trusted platform, BGBC creates a common language for sustainability in the Belgian real estate sector, harmonises definitions, methodologies and metrics, and advocates for pragmatic, workable and economically feasible solutions.

Role Purpose

As Sustainable Building Expert, you will be a technical backbone of BGBC's Task Forces, ensuring that BGBC's deliverables remain accurate, up to date and relevant, and that new deliverables are developed with rigour and stakeholder buy-in. You combine strong technical expertise in sustainable building with the facilitation and communication skills of an experienced consultant. You work in close collaboration with the Managing Director and the Communications Manager, and you are a trusted point of contact for BGBC's members.

Engagement Model

BGBC is open to two engagement models for this mission: an independent freelance consultant under a service agreement, or a part-time secondment (détachement) of an employee from a member company, who remains employed by their company while dedicating part of their time to BGBC under an agreed framework. The exact administrative and financial terms will be defined case by case with the selected candidate or their employer, following the flexible approach validated by the Board of Directors.

Key Responsibilities

- **Deliverables management** – Maintain and keep up to date BGBC's existing deliverables, including the EU Taxonomy Guidance, the Framework for Climate-Adaptive Buildings, the Green Building Asset Valuation and the Belgian Green Building Barometer.
- **New deliverables** – Assist the Managing Director and the Task Forces in the development of new deliverables (criteria sheets, implementation guides, case studies and policy recommendations), grounded in scientific evidence, existing standards and market practice.
- **Task Force animation** – Co-animate Task Force meetings in collaboration with the Managing Director: prepare technical content, facilitate discussions among a diverse group of stakeholders, and ensure follow-up on decisions and milestones.
- **Communications & press support** – Provide technical content and input to the Communications Manager for publications, newsletters, press releases, social media and press contacts, ensuring messages are clear, accurate and evidence-based.
- **Member engagement** – Act as a trusted point of contact for members, ensure a collaborative and cohesive approach across deliverables and Task Forces, and embody BGBC's role as a neutral, independent and constructive platform.
- **Knowledge & benchmarking** – Monitor international best practice within the WorldGBC network and Belgian/EU regulatory developments and translate them into pragmatic recommendations for the Belgian market.

Candidate Profile

- Master's degree in engineering, architecture, environmental sciences or a related field (or equivalent through experience).
- 4–5 years of relevant professional experience in sustainable building / sustainable real estate in the Belgian market, ideally gained in a consultancy environment.
- Maintains an active connection with the market — either as an independent freelancer combining this mission with another part-time professional activity (e.g., as an assessor or advisor on construction/renovation projects), or, if seconded, through the ongoing client and project exposure of your employing member company.
- Solid working knowledge of sustainability frameworks relevant to the Belgian and European context: EU Taxonomy, EPBD, Whole Life Carbon and building certification schemes.
- Strong facilitation and stakeholder management skills; comfortable leading multi-stakeholder discussions with financial institutions, developers, architects, contractors and public authorities.
- Excellent analytical and project management skills, with the ability to manage several work streams and deadlines in parallel.

- Strong writing skills, with the ability to turn technical content into clear, accessible communication for varied audiences.
- Languages: BGBC operates in a trilingual environment. Very good understanding of English, French and Dutch is required; the ability to communicate fluently in all three languages is a strong asset.
- Pragmatic, solution-oriented and collaborative mindset; comfortable operating in a fast-growing, entrepreneurial association.
- Genuine interest in, and alignment with, BGBC's mission and values as a neutral and independent platform for the Belgian real estate sector.

What BGBC Offers

- A central, high-impact role within a fast-growing national platform connected to the international WorldGBC network.
- Part-time, starting January 2027
- One year contract with renewal option
- Freelance: daily rate around €700 (excl. VAT). Secondment: compensation arrangement agreed directly with the seconding member company.
- A flexible, hybrid way of working, with a minimum of 1 days/week in Brussels. Timesheet to be discussed.
- Direct exposure to the entire Belgian real estate value chain and to senior stakeholders across finance, real estate, construction and public policy.
- A collaborative, values-driven working environment focused on impact, pragmatism and knowledge-sharing.

How to Apply

Interested candidates — whether applying as an independent freelancer or being proposed for secondment by their employer — are invited to send their CV and a short motivation letter to Gilles Vanvolsem, Managing Director, at gilles.vanvolsem@belgiangbc.be before the 15th of October 2026