



### Aims and activities

The **EIB** foundation is a leading Dutch economic research institute in the field of construction, housing and built environment. Our work aims at fostering, in an independent and scientific way, the knowledge of economic and social questions that are related to, or that are of importance for the Dutch construction industry and the built environment. Research projects are carried out, both on own initiative and in response to outside demand, for clients in the private and the public sectors.

### EIB work comprises:

- market research, mainly in the areas of the various construction and real estate markets and related industries;
- short term forecasts as well as longer term outlooks, scenario building and research about structural changes in the Dutch construction industry;
- scientific analyses of developments in the housing market to provide the basis for private and social housing policies, on a national as well as a regional level;
- cost-benefit analyses on built-environmental issues to facilitate policies of public or other bodies;
- construction labour market and schooling research;
- benchmarking of construction firms' business
- performance, economic analyses in the field of construction (process) innovation, procurement policies, risk management and corporate strategies.

### Status and organisation

The EIB institute was founded in 1956 as an independent, non-profit organisation. A supervisory council, which consists of representatives of the Dutch employers' organisation, the trade unions in the construction industry and clients, safeguards the interests of the institute and the achievement of its objectives, but without interfering in

the scientific research itself.

The scientific activities of EIB are concentrated in three research programmes. The first group focuses on market analysis and housing, in the second group the major emphasis is given to construction companies and innovation, while the third group concentrates on research in the field of the construction labour market and schooling. The staff mainly consists of economists, statisticians and sociologists and comprises approximately 30 persons.

### Financial resources

The institute is partly financed by contributions from the Education and Development fund for the construction industry. Other resources come from funds for special projects and from contract research. A substantial share of these commissions originates from the Dutch government.

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