

From asbestos to **B**est



We build better together

The increased focus on sustainability in both the business community and the public sector is pleasing, and not least crucial for the promotion of a healthy planet. For us, it has always been a central feature of our operation – a fundamental principle since the beginning almost twenty years ago. Byggarubedömningen has an important role to play in the creation of safe environments in which to live and spend time, and the need for this is both clear and lasting.

The number of members, assessments and logbooks is continuously increasing, highlighting the power of collaborations to **simplify the opportunity to make, conscious, sustainable material choices**. We contribute to long-term, non-toxic construction that promotes a healthy planet with safe environments that assume responsibility for both current and future generations.

Our motivation is very clear: we shall enable and drive the development of sustainable construction that should cause no harm to people who live in or visit a property, nor to the surrounding natural environment. I am proud of what we have built up since 2006 – **a vast, unique database** containing hundreds of thousands of articles that have been assessed and tens of thousands of logbooks.

It is thanks to you – our customers, members and other stakeholders in the construction and property industry – who make it possible. Through our database for making sustainable, long-term decisions, and by entering these into our logbooks, it is *you* who ensure a sustainable, toxin-free Sweden. **Now and in the future.**



Katrin Dahlström, VD

Strong together!

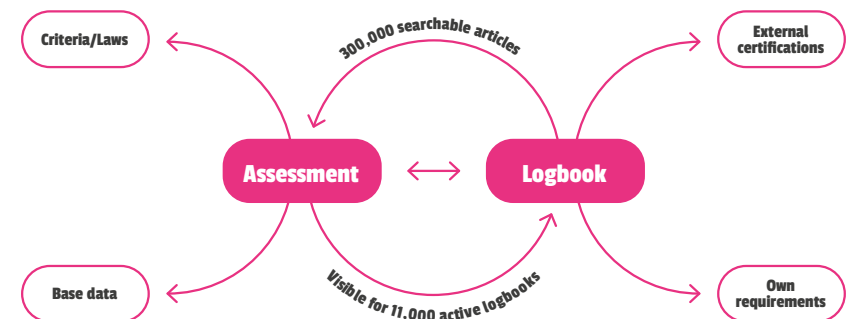
As previously mentioned, we are a non-profit economic association consisting of a mixed group of actors. Anyone from architects, developers, municipalities, regions, property companies and government agencies to contractors, all coming together to make construction even better.

When you join us as a member, you have the opportunity to influence Byggarubedömningen's operations in the form of:

- Criterion development – chemical content and life cycle
Criterion development – sustainable supply chains
System development
Pricing
Business development
- Sharing of knowledge in the form of member forums, external monitoring of issues relating to products and logbooks, etc.
- Free training courses open to all, regardless of relationship with us, at several locations across Sweden.
- Strategic advice and support at an organisational level, e.g. on implementing the Byggarubedömningen system in your own organisation.

We make it easier to build sustainably

The assessments provide a sound basis for making good material choices. Our logbook tool is where users go to collaborate on product choices in projects and to log building materials used. It helps us track and manage substances, assuming responsibility for both current and future generations.



We give you better chemicals at work

Logbook

The logbook is like a digital workplace where clients, contractors, designers, architects, suppliers, property managers and others can meet up. It's a place where you can manage and log all the products used in the project you're working on.

The logbook then remains available until the property management stage, and not least in the future as we acquire new knowledge about the materials used today. As no two projects are alike, you can also be extremely specific about different criteria

In addition to various adaptations to the search results, our logbook also has several ingenious features. These include a reminder function and the ability to create your own tags to label products with.

Assesment

At the beginning we focused on chemicals. But down the years, more elements have been drawn into the assessment. Such as how we can create more sustainable supply chains, with a focus on issues such as human rights, working conditions and corruption. So in 2016, we launched social criteria for our assessment on behalf of our members

Whether it's complex matters such as chemical content, a product's life cycle or sustainable supply chains, it has to be easy to understand what we mean.

That's why we present our assessments using the levels Recommended (green), Accepted (yellow) and To be avoided (red). It must be easy to make the right choice.

Our assessment icons



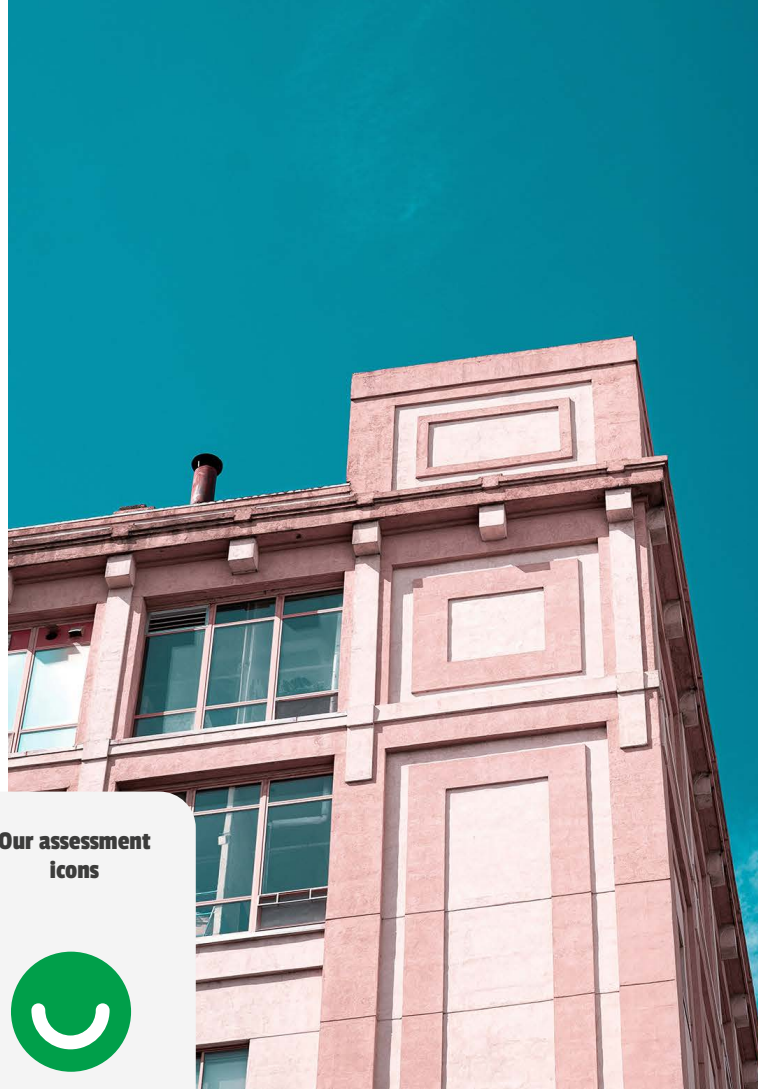
Recommended



Accepted



Avoided



“A simple choice for us!”

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Our vision is to be the most sustainable property company in the Nordic region. To achieve this, we need to work with others who are also fighting to improve the way we build sustainable properties. So it's pretty much a given that we should choose Byggvarubedömningen, which has been working on these issues for almost 20 years. For us at Castellum, it's important that new production projects and major renovations that we work on have sustainability certification, and of course this is easier when you can keep track of every single detail. That's why we use a logbook from Byggvarubedömningen in all projects, to make sure that the materials we use are sustainable from both an environmental and a health perspective.



- Filip Elland, Chief Sustainability at Castellum

Check out our training courses

Are you curious, do you want to find out more?

It doesn't matter where you live in Sweden, we offer digital training courses on everything from our criteria in the area of chemical content, life cycle aspects to environmental assessments and sustainable supply chains. You can find more information about the range of courses and how to register on our website: byggvarubedomningen.se

Byggvaru- bedömningen in number

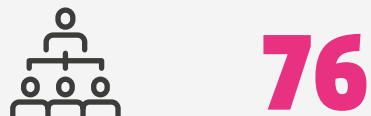
Has been around since



Number of unique users



Number of member organisations



Support for 3 certifications



Number of active logbooks



Available all over Sweden



Number of training courses/year



The future has a long history

We were formed almost twenty years ago, because we realised that the construction industry needed solutions if it was to **become more sustainable**. The industry was facing major challenges, health risks and expensive remediation measures linked to substances such as asbestos and PCBs. And the level of awareness was low at the time.

Byggvarubedömningen is a **non-profit economic association** that assesses and provides information about sustainable materials. We are owned by 70 or so of **Sweden's biggest actors**, who all share the same goal. And that goal is quite simply to make it simpler and more efficient to build sustainable buildings.

Why we're good for you as a property owner or client

We have over 300,000 articles that have been assessed, which means one thing: **it makes your work easier**. By accessing our logbook tool, you reduce administration in your environmental and sustainability work, and you get a **bird's eye view** of all the materials you need.

Why we're good for you as a supplier

If you're a supplier, manufacturer or wholesaler, you've probably wondered how you can **reach an even wider audience** with your products. All products assessed by Byggsvarubedömningen are visible and selectable to Sweden's actors in the construction and property industry who have chosen to use our system. We have 11,000 active logbooks with products that have been assessed, so our system can be seen as one of the av **industry's best marketing spaces!**