

Annual Report 2018
BICC Advisory Board
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The BICC Advisory Board met 6 times during 2018. The main items discussed were the following:

1. **National Green Infrastructure Plan** – The BICC endorsed a proposal put forward by Perit Charles Saliba on behalf of the Malta Business Network, based in the UK, for the promulgation of a National Green Infrastructure Plan. While the Kamra tal-Periti is of the opinion that this Plan should be spearheaded by ERA and PA, it is of the opinion that this sort of Plan is sorely needed. A presentation to the Ministers responsible will be made in the coming weeks.
2. **Consultations** – The Advisory Board took part in various consultations carried out by various Ministries / Departments. In most cases, these involved presentations by the entity concerned to the BICC, direct feedback given at the meeting itself, and follow up feedback from the various entities submitted subsequently. The following consultations were undertaken:
 - (a) Terms of Reference for the Preparation of Environmental Noise Impact Study – For Development and Industrial Permit Proposals (ERA)
 - (b) Construction Site Regulations (OHSA)
3. **Ecobuild website** – The Ecobuild website was a good initiative, however it is no longer functional. The BICC had embarked on this project with the purpose of informing the public about different types of building interventions and providing building industry professionals with a wider range of information and tools to implement better energy performing buildings. Although funding had been received from the EU amounting to €80,000, and with the obligation to maintain the site for 5 years, the research officer engaged to maintain the site had resigned, and has not been replaced. The BICC is in discussions with the responsible Minister to ensure continuation of this project.
4. **Miscellaneous** – Various other matters were discussed at the BICC Advisory over the year, including:
 - (a) Registration of contractors
 - (b) Building height limitations
 - (c) Establishment of a National Geological Service for Malta
 - (d) Demolition and Construction Waste