



Housing for All Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration

10th July 2025 2.30pm-4.00pm
DETE Offices, Kildare Street, Conference
Room 13A

1. Introductions, updates and matters arising

The Minutes from the previous meeting on 30th April were agreed.

Matters Arising from the previous meeting were discussed.

- DHLGH confirmed that industry inputs had been received into the Housing Strategy.

Action

- **EI will present at the next meeting on engagement with MMC Ireland to promote LEAN and other supports and will provide a case study of LEAN in practice.**

DETE also provided some updates since the last meeting:

- Work is underway on drafting the Government's Housing Strategy; publication will be subsequent to the NDP Review.
- Ministers Burke, Lawless, and Browne, and Minister of State Harkin travelled to Mount Lucas on 9 June 2025 to celebrate the launch of the MMC Action Plan and the sod turning on Phase 1 of the MMC National Demonstration Park.
- Enterprise Ireland has held two workshops for public officials on Lean manufacturing processes, including site visits on the 17th and 20th of June.
- NSAI has developed and launched their MMC toolkit for Agrément Certification. The link to this toolkit has been circulated to the group.
- On 17 June, Construct Innovate held an in-person workshop as part of their STANDARDIZE project, which is jointly led by DHLGH. The project will identify standardised construction details for, initially, one category/ material for MMC.
- DHLGH held a workshop on 2 July to discuss dissemination of their Standardised Design Approaches Study. The study will be due for publication in July 2025 and Éadaoin will provide a detailed update today.

Actions:

- **NSAI will present on the NSAI Toolkit at the next meeting.**
- **Construct Innovate will present on their STANDARDIZE project at the next meeting.**

2. Update on MMC Initiatives

The Chair invited updates to ongoing MMC related Government initiatives:

DFHERIS provided an update:

- The **MMC [skills] Action plan** has been published, containing 58 actions over 8 Thematic areas. An Oversight Group led by EGFSN will oversee implementation of the plan the first meeting will take place on 23 July.
- The **MMC Demonstration Park**: First units are expected be complete by the end of 2025. Discussions on designs and categories of MMC are ongoing. Next steps are to consider mechanisms for its future operation.
- The **MMC Accelerate** platform was launched in May. 36 Job profiles have been completed, and work has commenced on a further 40.
- The **Design Guide for Student Accommodation** was published at the end of June.
- The **MMC Essentials Course** has now been established in the National Construction Training Centre, and DHFERIS are to develop a dedicated Training and Innovation space at the Centre.

Action: DFHERIS to engage with NSAI in relation to content updates for the Skillnet MMC Accelerate platform

Enterprise Ireland:

- The **Built to Innovate** programme will continue to work with offsite manufacturers, contractors and designers and client participants are growing in relation to Lean supports. The support of DHLGH in promoting the Lean offer was acknowledged.
- On **Construct Innovate** there are now 104 companies involved in the centre and 11 Research Performing Organisations. There are now 15 placements under the Work Ready graduate programme. An interim review of the Centre is due later this year.

D/Public Exp provided an update on Build Digital:

- Build Digital and SCSi hosted an event on 21 May on Adopting and implementing International Cost Management Standards (ICMS), for efficient cost and carbon reporting and continue to promote the Build Digital offerings.
- They also reported positive collaboration between OGP and NSAI in relation to BIM.
- The Build Digital Annual Conference is to take place on the 9th of October in Galway.

3. Standardised Design Approaches Study update

DHLGH outlined that the Minister for Housing will introduce a single stage approval process for all social housing projects under €200 million, to increase – and speed up – the delivery of new homes. The Minister has also mandated the use of specific design layouts contained in the Department of Housing’s “Design Manual for Quality Housing”.

DHLGH presented on their “Standardised Design Approaches Study” which will be published shortly. A dissemination strategy is being devised in collaboration with public and private sector training bodies to ensure its inclusion in relevant CPD and other training.

4. Housing For All/ Government Housing Strategy update

DHLGH updated the Group on progress in relation to the Government’s new Housing Strategy and next steps. The publication date will be subsequent to the NDP Review.

Action: DHLGH will be in touch with Departments in relation to further engagement on the new strategy.

5. AOB & next meeting date

Actions:

- **Enterprise Ireland to follow up with relevant Departments on future demonstration site visits to Ballyvolane on Lean construction.**
- **DFHERIS to consider any available MMC promotional video material for circulation to the LIG.**

The next meeting has been rescheduled for 16th October, to facilitate members to attend an industry event.

MMC industry representative bodies will be invited to this meeting.

Attendees

John Newham DETE
Céline McHugh DETE
Sandra O'Reilly DETE
Alison Mannion DETE
Paul McDonnell EI
Neil Kerrigan EI
Tom Maguire EI
Sean Armstrong DHLGH
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Apologies

Alannah O'Donnell DETE
Martin Searson NSAI
Sarah Miley DFHERIS
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