



Applications of AI in the building industry:
Potential for sustainability and CE

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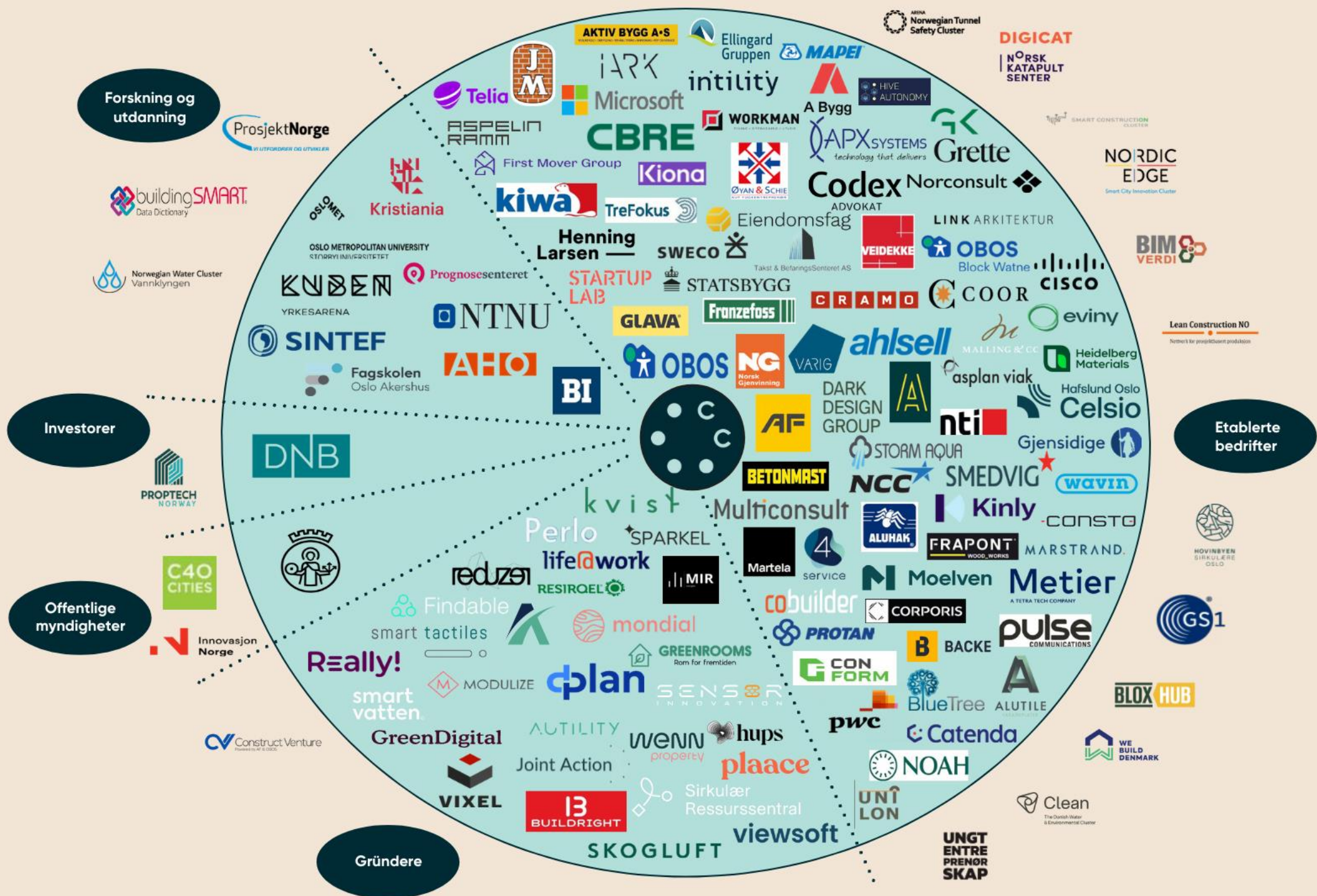


Construction City Cluster

Background: In 2018 OBOS, AF Gruppen, and Betonmast took the initiative to establish Construction City Cluster (CCC).

Who we are: CCC is a national industry-cluster that facilitate the development of innovative and sustainable solutions within the building, construction, and real-estate industry. We cover the entire value chain from start-ups to large contractors/property companies and academia. We aim for a greener, more efficient and attractive industry.

What is in it for me: CCC is a place to share insights, establish collaborative and innovative projects and build networks.





AI in the building industry

There is potential in the use of AI in the building industry, but how?

- AI is a system with the “*ability to perform tasks in the complex environment without constant guidance by a user*” (University of Helsinki 2018, in Bang 2023).
- Four categories for AI in the construction context: machine learning techniques; knowledge-based techniques, evolutionary algorithms, and hybrid systems (Akinade 2017, Bang 2023).





Opportunity with AI

There is potential in the use of AI in the building industry, but how?

AI is about increasing productivity throughout a building life cycle and contribute to improve sustainability:

- Acquisition and storing of data for existing building.
- Optimization of building design and planning.
- Optimization of construction sites and work routines (robotization and automation).
- Improve information flow and connect to BIM.
- Condition monitoring and predictive maintenance





AI implementation and challenges

- Understand “why”.
- How the AI systems are integrated into existing procedures and workflow within an organization or a project.
- Technological, legal, business, and people challenges.





Construction City

PhD om kunstig intelligens i byggebransjen

Forsker Sofie Bang tror kunstig intelligens kan bidra på mange felt innen byggebransjen. Nå har hun startet på en PhD om kunstig intelligens, eller AI, ved Construction City i Oslo.

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[Construction City](#)

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Sofie Bang har forsket på kunstig intelligens i den norske byggenæringen. Foto: Thomas Østrem/Holte Consulting

Flere muligheter og fallgruver med KI i byggenæringen

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En ny doktorgradsavhandling ved NTNU ser nå konkret på hvordan byggenæringen skal gå fra ambisjon til praksis når det kommer til kunstig intelligens.

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Doctoral theses at NTNU, 2023:426

Sofie Bang

Applications of AI in Construction

From ambition to practice

Doctoral thesis

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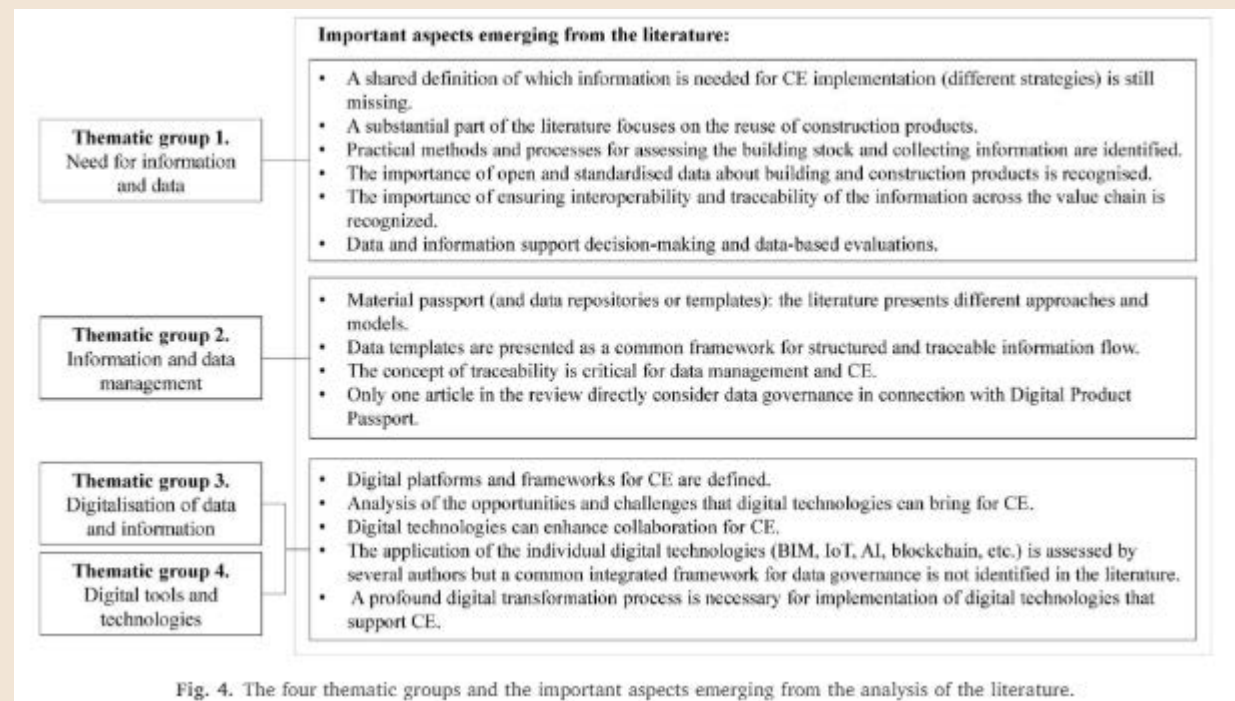
[PhD-thesis](#)



Data for sustainability and circular economy

1. Four thematic group
2. Barriers for data management as an enabler of circular economy: an exploratory study of the Norwegian AEC-industry ([Bellini and Bang 2022](#)).

1. Lack of data availability.
2. Lack of data interoperability.
3. Lack of competences.
4. Unwillingness to share data.
5. Lack of financial incentives.
6. Lack of harmonization across the value chain.



[Bellini et al. 2024](#)



Projects in CCC



Problem

Et problem/ide du har som best løses i et samarbeid

Frokostmøte

Identifisere utfordringer, åpen dialog, møte likesinnede

Intervjufase

Konkretisere utfordringer og avdekke prosjektideer

Verksted

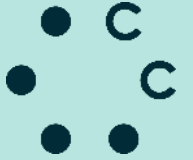
Utvikling av idéer og finne samarbeidspartnere

Prosjekt

Gjennomføre samarbeidet for å løse problemet

Resultat

En løsning som endrer bransjen!



On-going

Cyber security collaboration: How to reduce digital threats together



Problem

Individual companies cannot prevent and combat a cyber attack alone.



Solution

A common Information and Analysis center (ISAC) for the industry



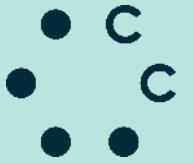
Results

A preliminary project was conducted in collaboration with SINTEF. A team of consultants has now established a cyber security collaboration forum.



Participants

OBOS, AF, Statsbygg, SINTEF, Veidekke og Multiconsult



Completed

Optimized use of materials: How to reduce emissions and costs on raw construction?



Problem

The use of materials in apartment blocks today is excessive. In a market with increasing material prices and requirements for emission reduction, it is desired to investigate whether there is potential to save emissions and costs.



Solution

Experts' assessment and evaluation of greenhouse gas emissions; functions; and adaptability.



Results

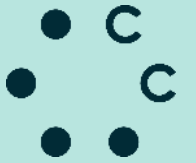
Final report shows which materials and construction types should be considered in the future based on the analyzed parameters: greenhouse gas emissions, costs, functions.



Participants

Norconsult, Veidekke, Moelven, OBOS & Betonmast.

Under development



3D-print and AI for design optimisation



Problem

Improve design through 3D print
and AI



Solution

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Results

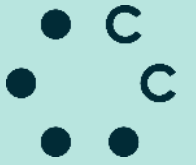
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Participants

Statsbygg, NTNU, Veidekke, and
hopefully more.

Under development



Design for disassembly: sustainable resource use



Problem

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Solution

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Results

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Participants

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Contact us!

Are there any AI-related challenges that should be solved in collaboration with the industry?

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Resources

[Sofie Bang – PhD thesis](#)

[Nasjonal strategi for kunstig intelligens](#)

[SINTEF Fagområde](#)

[KI kurset utviklet av SINTEF og Digital Norway](#)

[Journal article: The role of data when implementing circular strategies in the built environment: a literature review. Bellini et al. 2024](#)

[Conference paper: Barriers for data management as an enabler of circular economy: an exploratory study of the Norwegian AEC-industry](#)

[AI in AEC | AEC AI Hub \(addpotion.com\)](#)

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