

PRESS RELEASE

***Eco Spot at the eleventh edition of the SOUK in Genova:
RINA is reference assessment body for the Sustainable Building Council "SBC Protocol"***

Genova – Backed by its experience in the energy certification sector, RINA participated in the Eco Spot debate, which took place in Genova during the eleventh edition of the Souk, the Festival of World Cultures, this year focusing on ecology and the world. An event in line with environmental topics, full of informative, educational and cultural meetings on energy-saving, use of recyclable materials and protection of the territory.

In relation to sustainable development RINA, through the activities of its Certification and Services Division, has always played a leading role covering, in its capacity as independent third party organisation, a wide range of services ranging from environmental certification to energy saving, to project validation of greenhouse gas emissions.

In particular, in the sector of existing infrastructures and new buildings, RINA is involved in project verification related to expected technological and plant performance, monitoring of performance and building certification.

"These technical services - said Francesco Medri, Head of the Infrastructure and Construction Sector of the RINA SpA Certification and Services Division – ensure transparency of the construction process, continuous monitoring of the entire chain in compliance with the applicable laws and technical standards aimed at achieving top qualitative standards and respecting environmental issues".

The road to excellence continues with the development of innovative services based on the implementation of international protocols of environmental sustainability certification of buildings ("Green Building methods").

RINA, through its partnership with "SBC Italia" (whose members include, for example, the Regions of Lombardia, Piemonte, Toscana and Puglia, ITC CNR, Intesa San Paolo, Pirelli RE, ANCE), will be the reference assessment body for the "SBC Protocol", of which SBC Italia is the sole representative and will assess a building throughout its life cycle, from design to operation, taking into consideration the site, consumption of resources, environmental loads, indoor environmental quality, service quality and social-economic aspects.

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BUILDING CERTIFICATION: SERVICES

- Energy certification of buildings so as to determine their energy performance as established by the legislation in force, both for existing buildings and those under development (assessment of expected energy performance)
- Plant-energy diagnosis to analyse the efficiency of the building/plant system and identification of improvement options and their technical-economic feasibility in relation to increased value of the building
- Certification of environmental sustainability of buildings
- Technical-authorisation due diligence of buildings able to objectify regulatory compliance of the building
- Environmental due diligence aimed at identifying non conforming situations inside the building which could cause a negative impact in environmental terms (i.e.: gas in the air-conditioning system harmful to the ozone layer, control of the state of preservation of underground tanks containing hazardous liquids, noise, etc.)
- Diagnostic checks on concrete/steel structures and feasibility studies to comply with seismic rules and regulations
- Analyses and controls of concrete/steel structures through semi-destructive techniques and non destructive testing using personnel qualified on the basis of the applicable rules.