# Unleashing the potential of openBIM

openBIM for Architects in Design, Collaboration and Statutory Submission

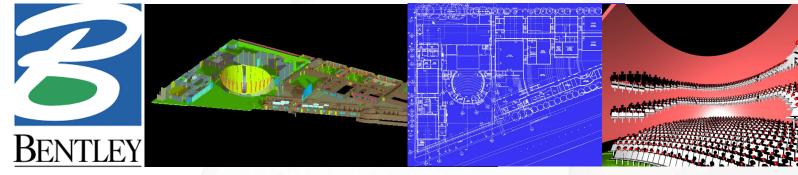
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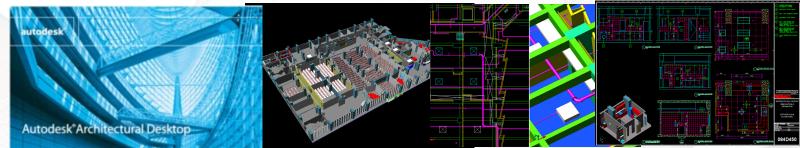
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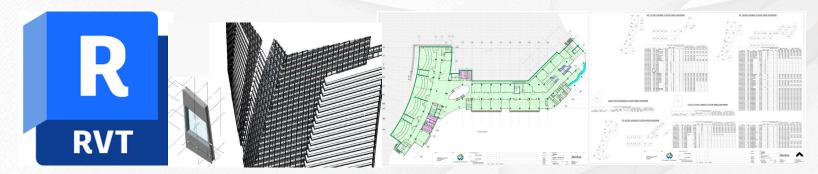
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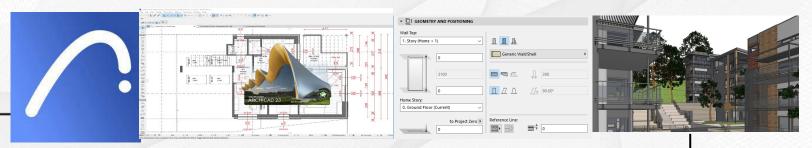
2001 Architectural Desktop



2005 Revit



2020 ArchiCAD



Long BIM History in HK and worldwide – 30+ years

3D BIM Model > Drawing Production > Paperless (BIM Model Only) > Automation, Al (Legal and Contractual)

Reality > Virtual > Reality

(Scanning) (BIM Models) (Real Construction/ Asset)

- Many Standards ISO, National, CIC, Organizational, Project Level ......
- Many Specific purposes Design Authoring, Submission, Tender, QTO, 4D, Medical, Civil, Landscaping ......
- Many BIM Platforms Revit, ArchiCAD, Tekla, AecoSim .....
- Multi-Collaboration platforms PMS, CDE, DMS, CQMS, FM, BMS ......

#### Result in:

- Software do NOT talk to each other
- Data loss during conversion
- Not Backward compatible e.g. cannot not save as Revit 2020 to Revit 2018
- Different disciplines hard to talk
- Information Flow interrupted
- Upgrade every year?
- High digital maintenance cost
- Upgrade every year?
- Digital Dark Age



### Thus industry needs one open format



- alliance of construction and facilities management organizations established to standardize processes, workflows and procedures for building information modelling (BIM)
- Proactively facilitate with key leaders the active use and promulgation
  of standards enabling civil infrastructure and building asset data and life-cycle processes to be
  seamlessly integrated openBIM standards, improving the value achieved from investments in
  the built environment and enhancing opportunities for growth.
- Vision: Sustainable Building Industry

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20 December 2021

#### Development Bureau Technical Circular (Works) No. 2/2021

#### Adoption of Building Information Modelling for Capital Works Projects in Hong Kong

#### Scope

This Circular sets out the policy and requirements on the adoption of Building Information Modelling (BIM) technology.

2. This Circular applies to works either by government staff, consultants or contractors.

#### **Effective Date**

This Circular takes effect on 1 January 2022.

#### Effect on Existing Circulars and Circular Memoranda

4. This Circular supersedes DEVB TC(W) No. 12/2020.

**BIM Software** 

25. Specific brand names and models of BIM software shall not be stated in tender specifications of consultancy agreements and works tenders. Notwithstanding considerations on compatibility, product makes and models should not be specified. WDs shall ensure that tender specifications must be performance and function based to align with the software-neutral policy. An open BIM strategy should be adopted as far as practicable.

#### **Production of Two-Dimensional Drawings**

26. The industry used to adopt two-dimensional (2D) Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) drawings and WDs have been following the "CAD Standard for Works Projects (CSWP)" for 2D CAD drawings. For BIM projects, 2D drawings shall be generated from the 3D BIM model. WDs and their engaged consultants/contractors shall cease producing 2D drawings by other platforms if those drawings can be generated from the 3D BIM model. 2D drawings which are generated from the 3D BIM model need not follow CSWP if technically impracticable.

# 基礎設施與標準 (Infrastructure and standards)

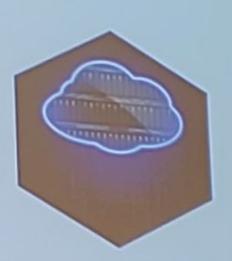
屋宇署會委託顧問進行研究、並讓相關持份者參與其中、就全面

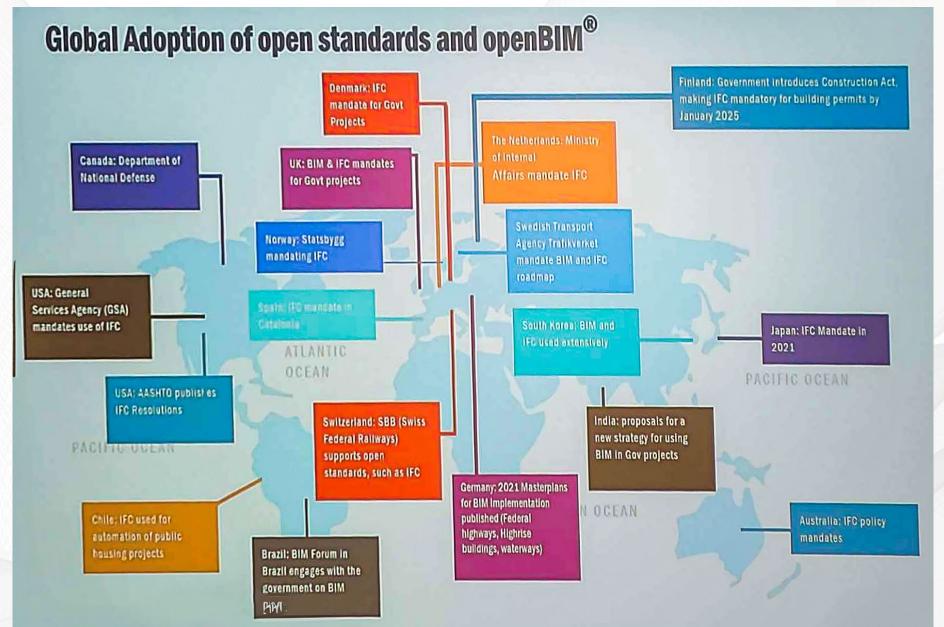
按照顧問研究結果和持份者的意見,持續制定和更新BIM的標準

#### 持續推展

「開放式BIM」(openBIM)

研究應用「開放式BIM」標準以及設立核查平台 (checking platform)·作為基礎支援套件的開發





5.2 **BIM** use

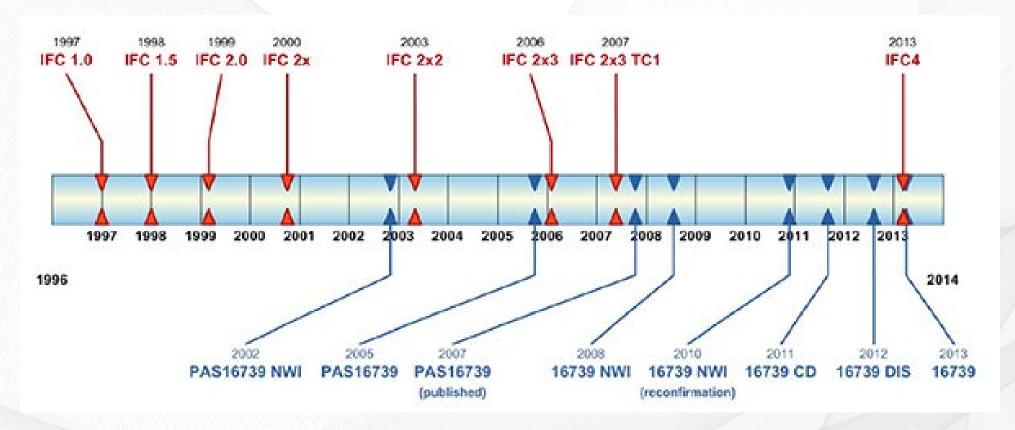
	BIM Use	Investigation, Feasibility and Planning	Design	Construction
1	Design Authoring	M <sup>h</sup>	M	M
2	Design Reviews	$M^h$	M	M
3	Existing Conditions Modelling	M <sup>i</sup>	M	M
4	Site Analysis	Mi	M	
5	3D Coordination		M	M
6	Cost Estimation	О	M <sup>a</sup>	M <sup>b</sup>
7	Engineering Analysis		$M^l$	$M^l$
8	Facility Energy Analysis		О	О
9	Sustainability Evaluation	О	$\mathbf{M}^{\mathrm{j}}$	$\mathbf{M}^{\mathrm{j}}$
10	Space Programming	О	M <sup>c</sup>	
11	Phase Planning (4D Modelling)		$\mathbf{M}^{\mathrm{d}}$	M
12	Digital Fabrication		$\mathbf{M}^{\mathbf{k}}$	Me
13	Site Utilization Planning			$M^{f}$
14	3D Control and Planning			M <sup>m</sup>
15	As-Built Modelling			M
16	Project Systems Analysis			О
17	Maintenance Scheduling			Mg
18	Space Management and Tracking			О
19	Asset Management			$M^n$
20	Drawing Generation (Drawing Production)		M	M

**Different Design Phases** 

**Different Disciplines** 

Production

IFC has been in development by an industry consortium since 1994



### IFC – Levels of Maturity

IFC5 IFC6 & IFC4 Unknown Growing up beyond Looking ahead to IFC2x3 (includes infra) A new paradigm The peak of a bright future arrives. OpenBIM Learning to play openBIM will have to give (all in place) IFC2x way to next generation schema. First trials to stand up IFC1 & IFC2 First trials to move S.Keenliside T. Liebich F.Grobler ©2012

#### What is "openBIM"?

Software Support - 37+ International Vendors, 50+ Applications





- ... a universal approach to the <u>collaborative design</u>, realization and <u>operation</u> of <u>buildings</u> based on open <u>standards</u> and workflows (ref <u>BuildingSMART</u>, Technical <u>vision</u>)
- allows <u>project team</u> members to participate in <u>building information modelling</u> (<u>BIM</u>) regardless of <u>software tools</u> they use.
- a transparent and <u>collaborative</u> open workflow, creates a common language for widely referenced processes, and provides enduring <u>project</u> <u>data</u> for use throughout the <u>asset</u> life-cycle.
- Open BIM allows <u>building information modelling</u> to focus on workflow compatibility rather than
  the <u>data</u> compatibility and means that <u>project team</u> members can be selected based on their
  capability rather than their use of a particular <u>brand</u> of <u>software</u>. As a result, <u>team</u> members can
  use the <u>software</u> that best suits their needs, and are better able to retain control over their
  own <u>design data</u> while still being able to <u>collaborate</u> with others.
- It also means that smaller <u>software</u> vendors are better able to compete with larger vendors.

- OPEN BIM supports a transparent, open workflow, allowing project members to participate regardless of the software tools they use.
- OPEN BIM creates a common language for widely referenced processes, allowing industry and government to procure projects with transparent commercial engagement, comparable service evaluation and assured data quality.
- OPEN BIM provides enduring project data for use throughout the asset life--cycle, avoiding multiple input of the same data and consequential errors.
- Small and large (platform) software vendors can participate and compete on system independent, 'best of breed' solutions.
- OPEN BIM energizes the online product supply side with more exact user demand searches and delivers the product data directly into the BIM.

OpenBIM <> Conversion nor



Revit

> ArchiCAD

nor





**AecoSIM** 



#### 2023 ASD Project

Architecture ArchiCAD



Structure

**Tekla** 



**MEP** 

Revit



Landscape

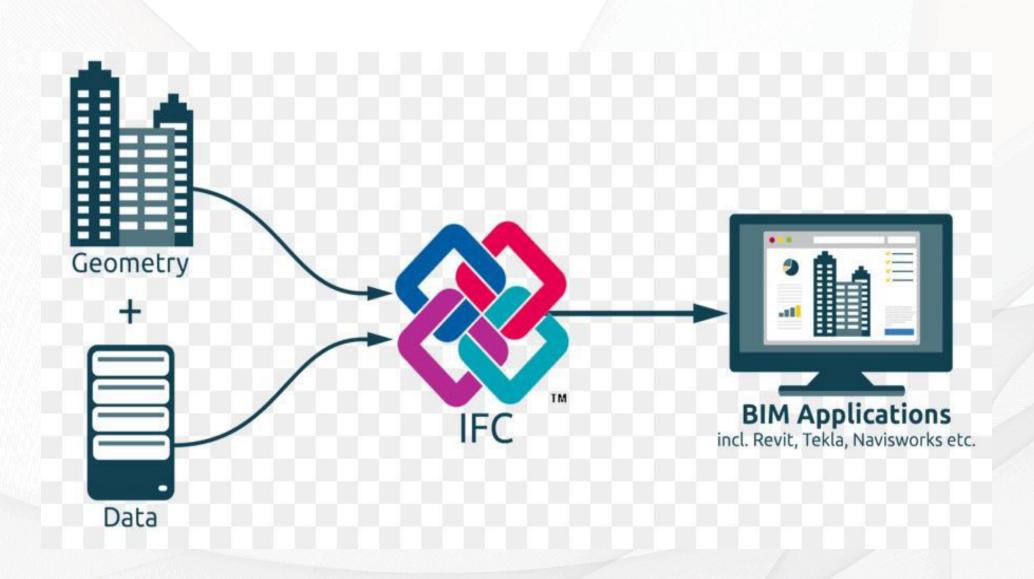
Revit/ ArchiCAD



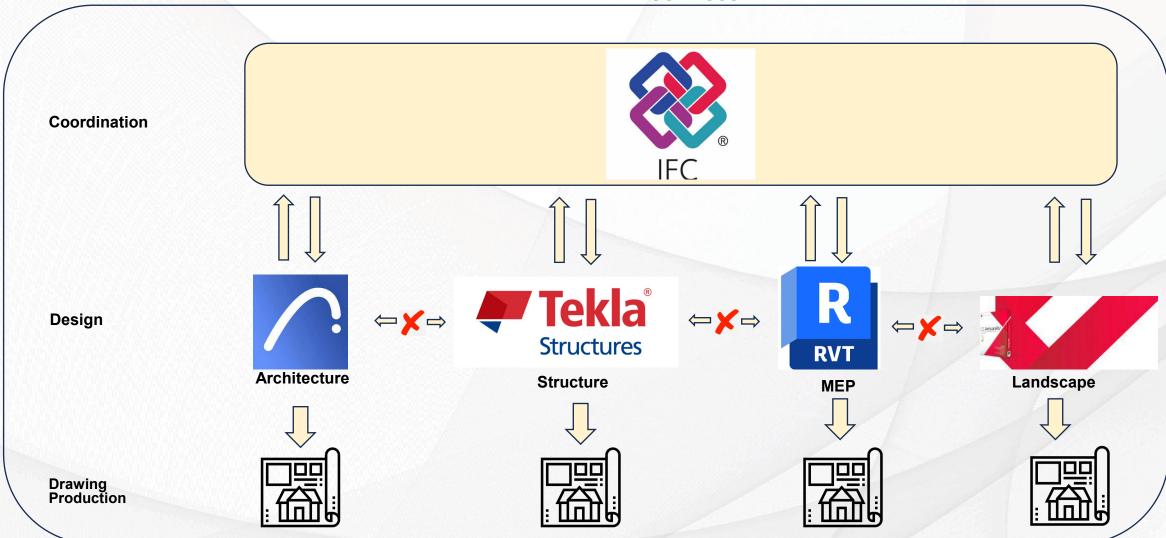
**Common Data Environment** 

**Trimble Connect** 







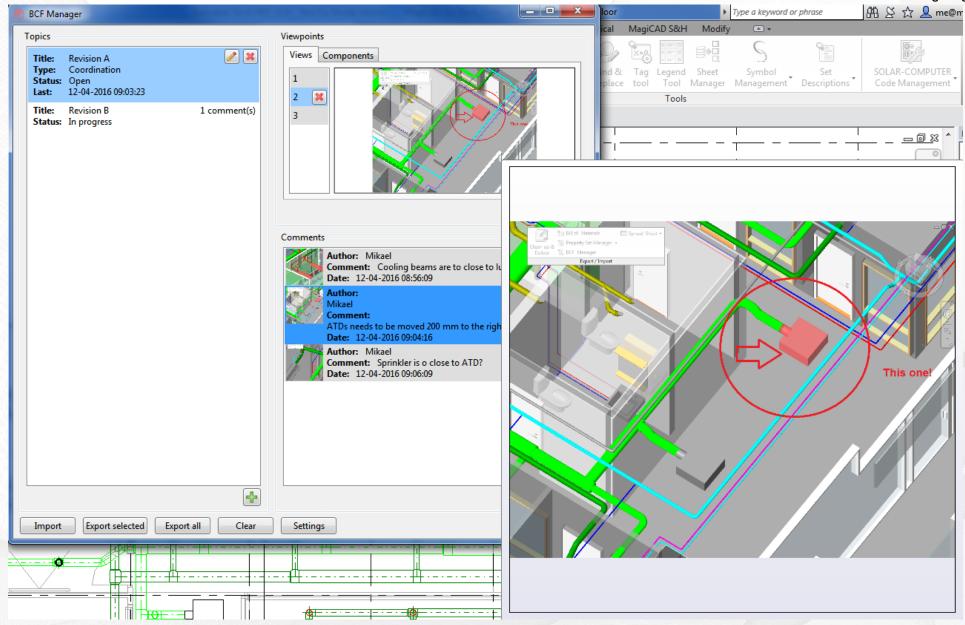


- BCF BIM Collaboration Format: Track, Identify and resolves issues
- Communicate model-based issues with each other



https://bimtrack.co/blog/blog-posts/what-is-a-bcf

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> Client documents requirement in data base in whole project life cycle

> design Consultant design according to need

> Objects from project Library

> Design Authoring software

> Input Information eg. Dimension, material, U value

> Design Production

> Coordinate disciplines, cost, environment

> Authority Approval

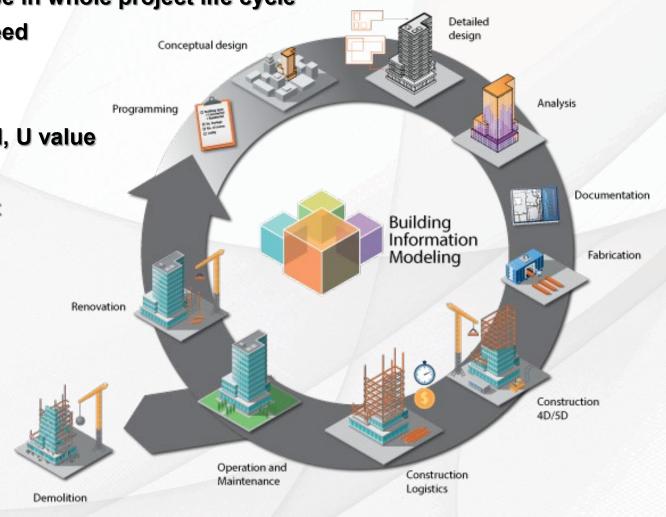
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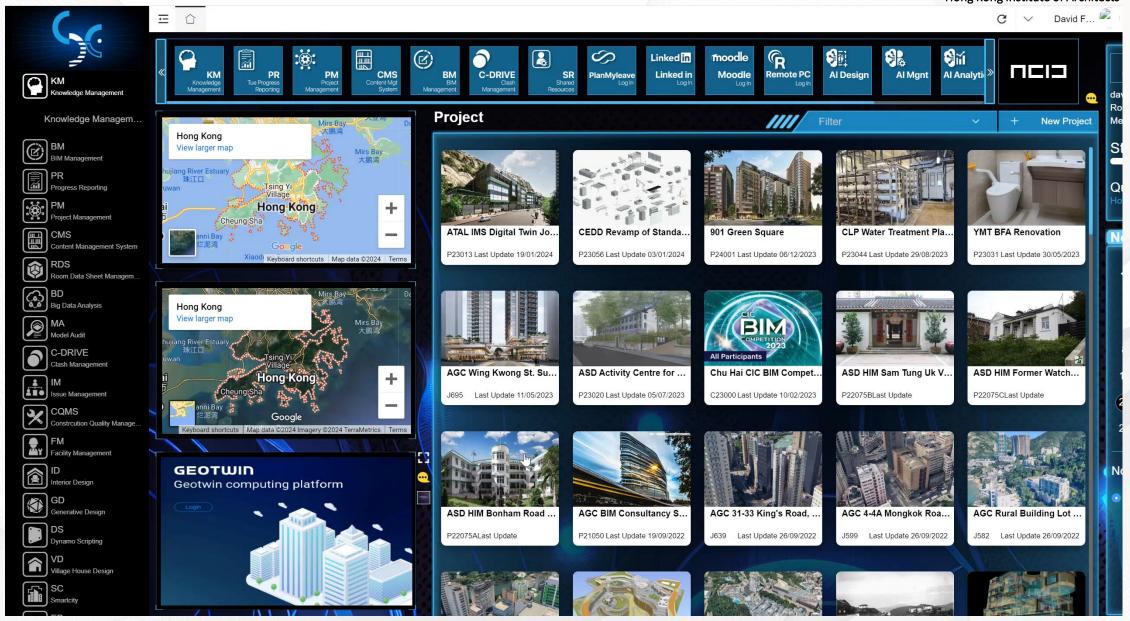
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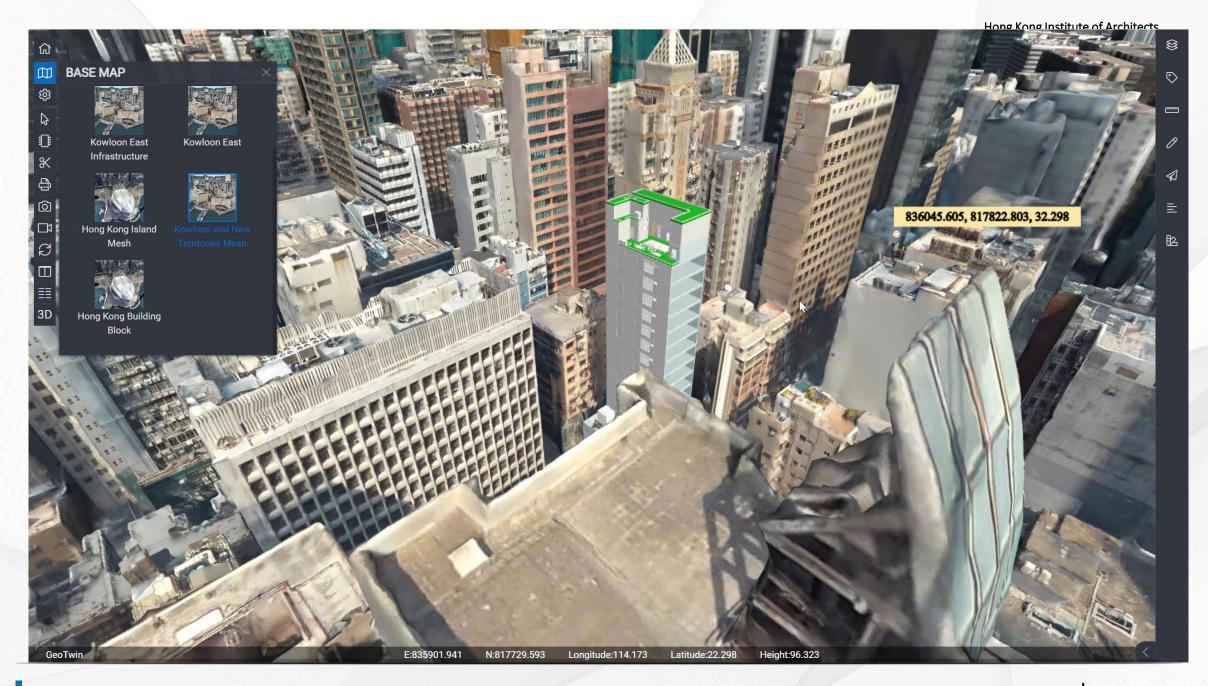
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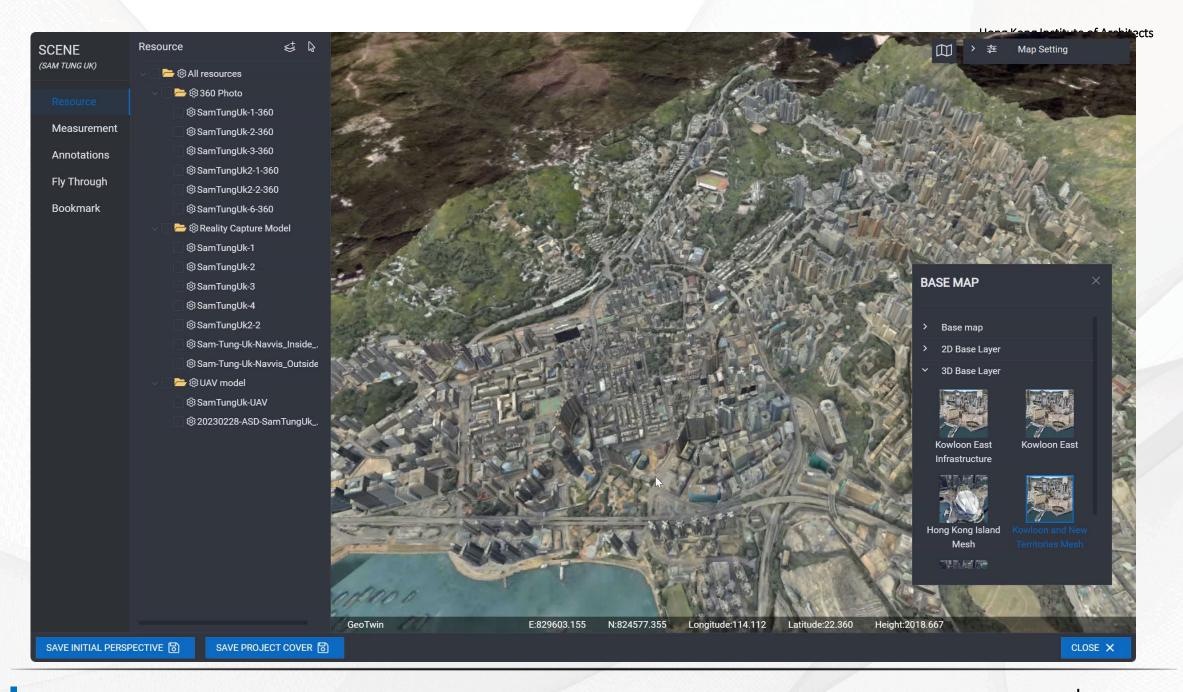
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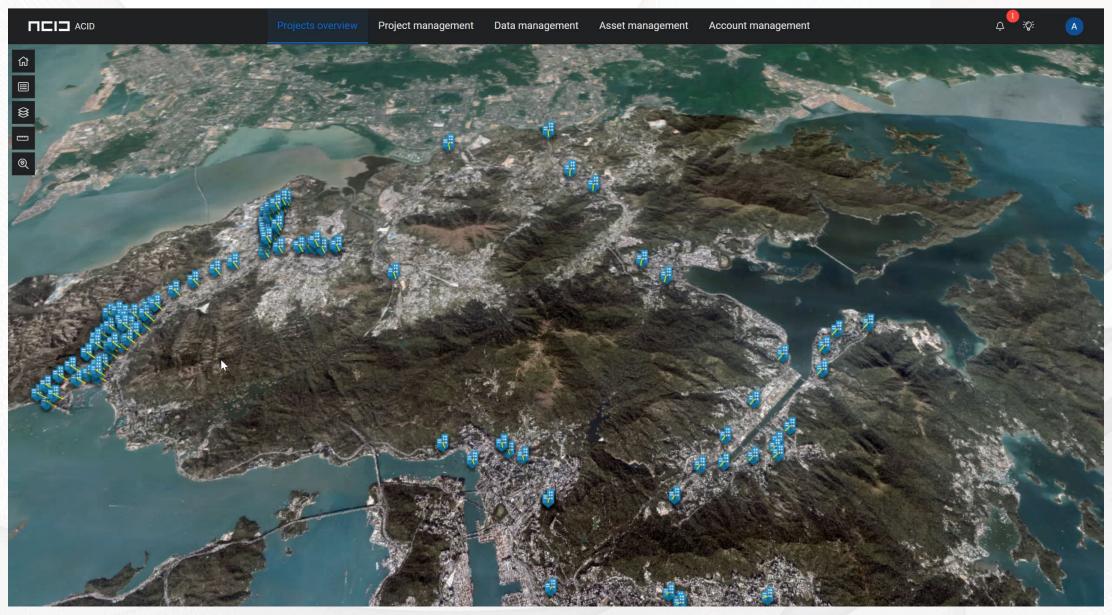


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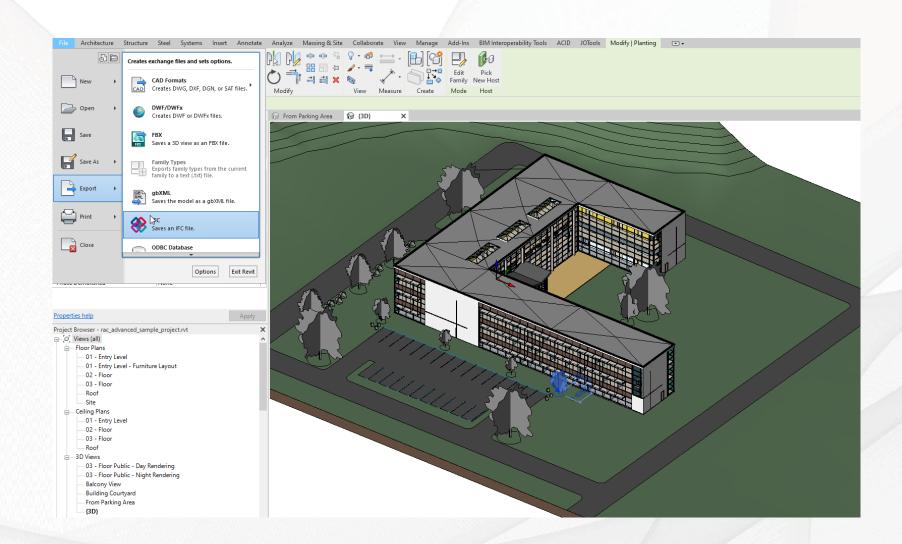


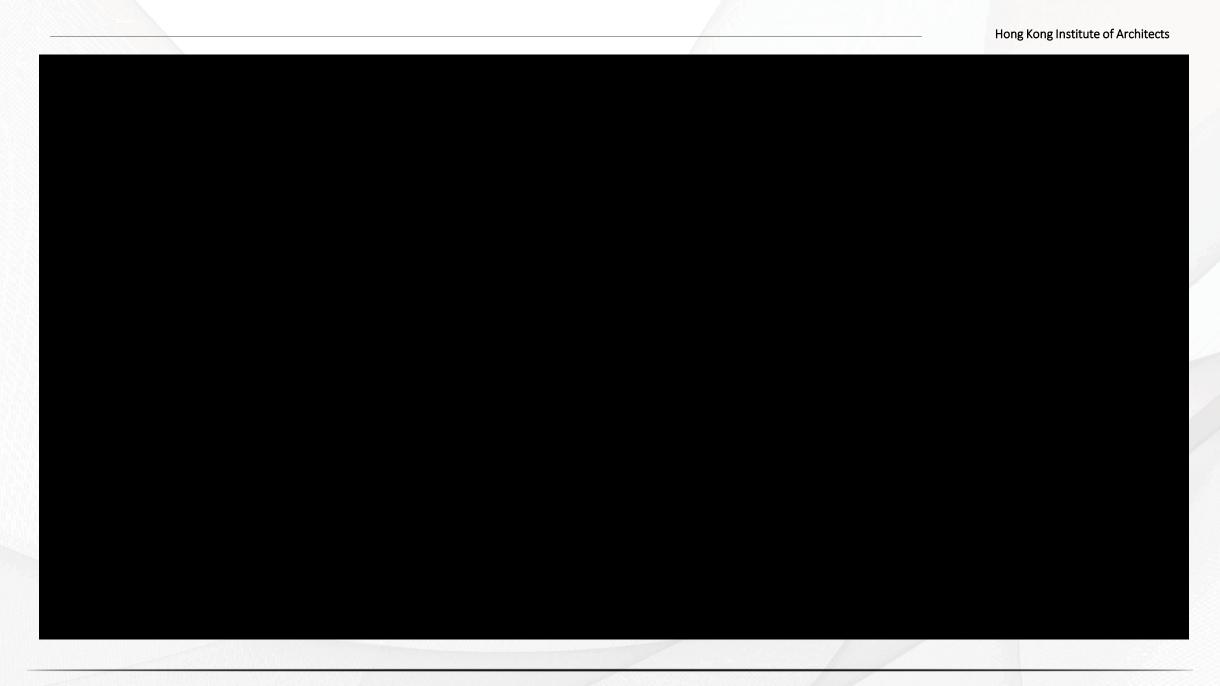




#### **C Viewer**

# OpenBIM Software





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Statutory Approval in ..... ONE Second

#### e-Submission common guideline for introduce BIM to building process

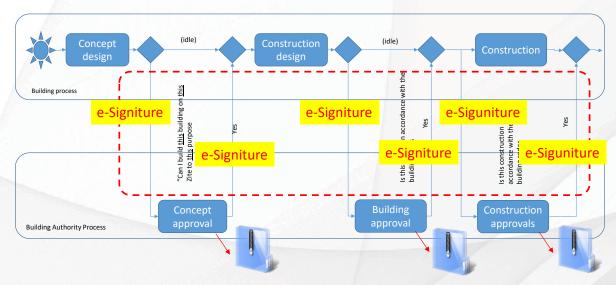
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- 2.2 Level of Development for BIM e-submission

#### 3. Conclusion





**High Level Building Application Process** 

- a) Establish e-submission platform
- b) Initiation of BIM to paperless process as trial
- c) Adaptation of guideline of preparing BIM model for submission
- d) Step by step mandatory e-submission
- e) Seeking further efficiency

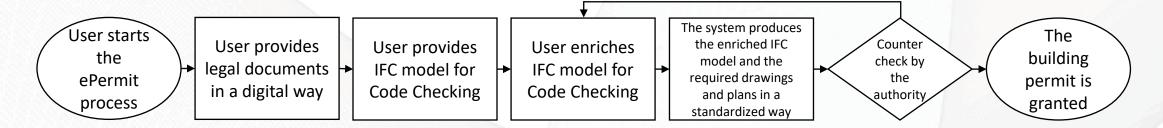


#### openBIM ePermit and Code Checking





#### Building ePermit simplified process:

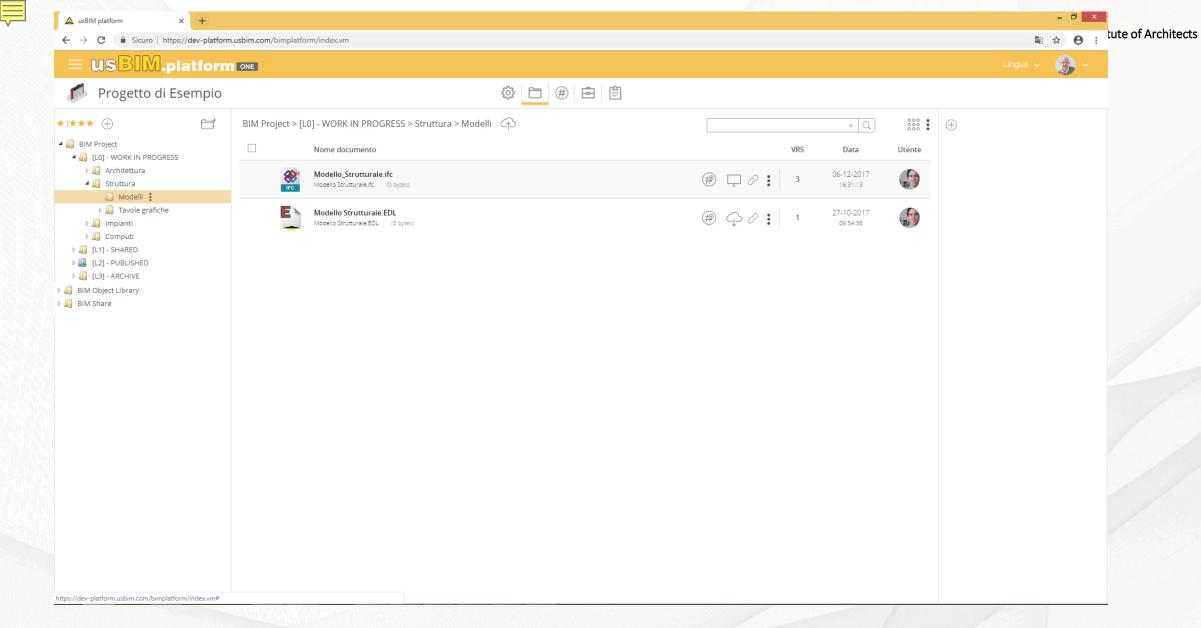


#### Keypoints:

- All the data will be exchanged using open formats
- All the data will be gathered in one single place, where also the communication between the
  actors will occur

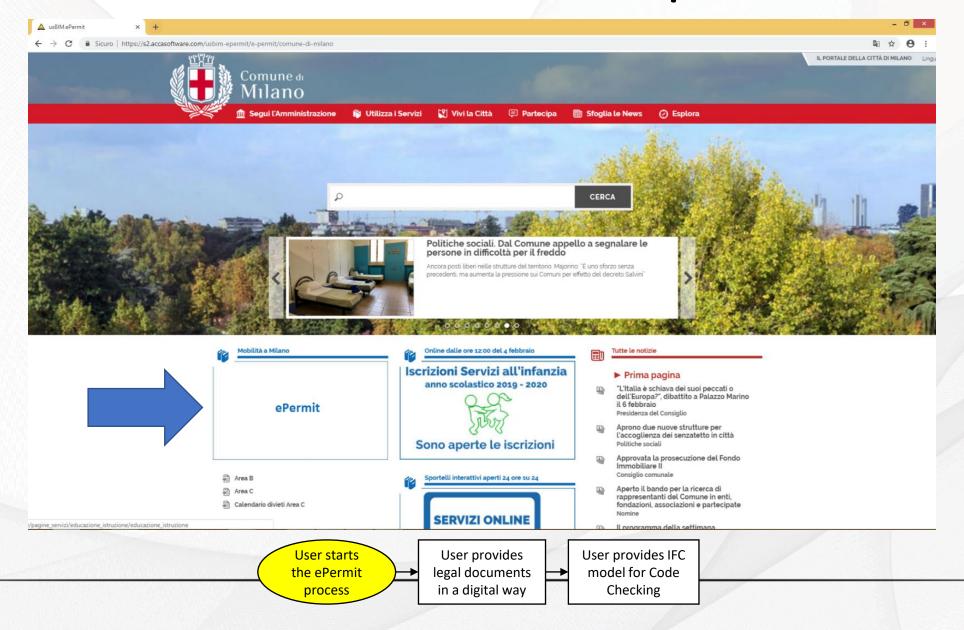
This means that it will be easy to combine all the available open data and make further analysis and it will be evidence of how useful the open formats really are

The keypoints aims to give an **EVOLUTION** of the current process and procedures rather than a REVOLUTION from the actors point of view, using tools and instruments already available today



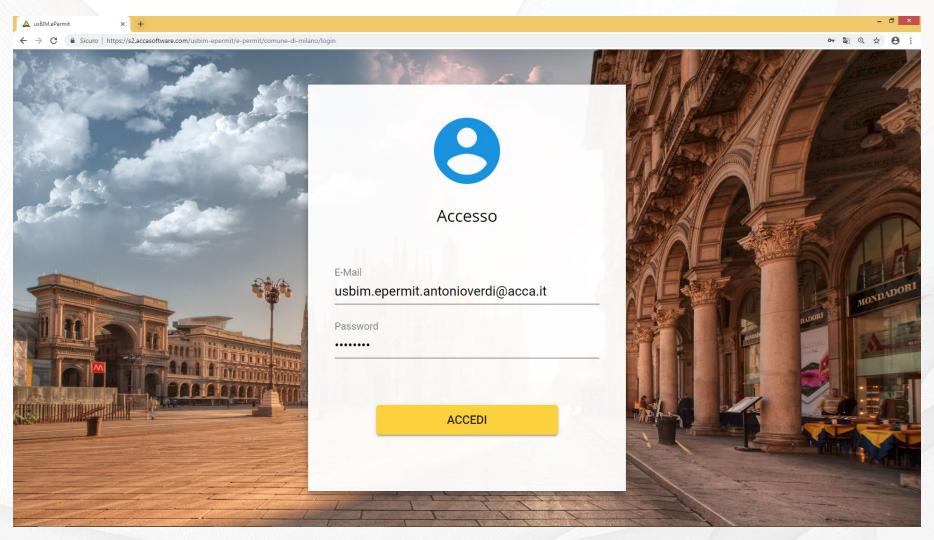


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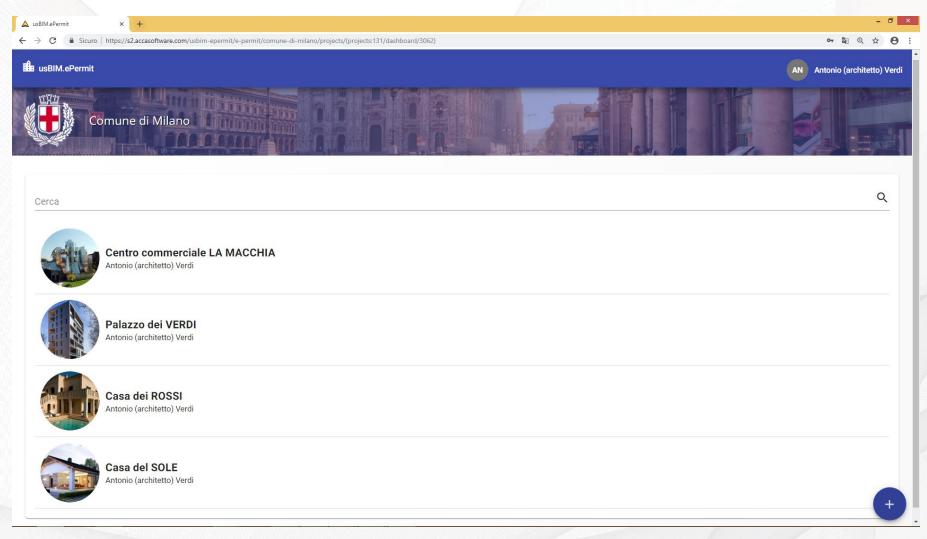


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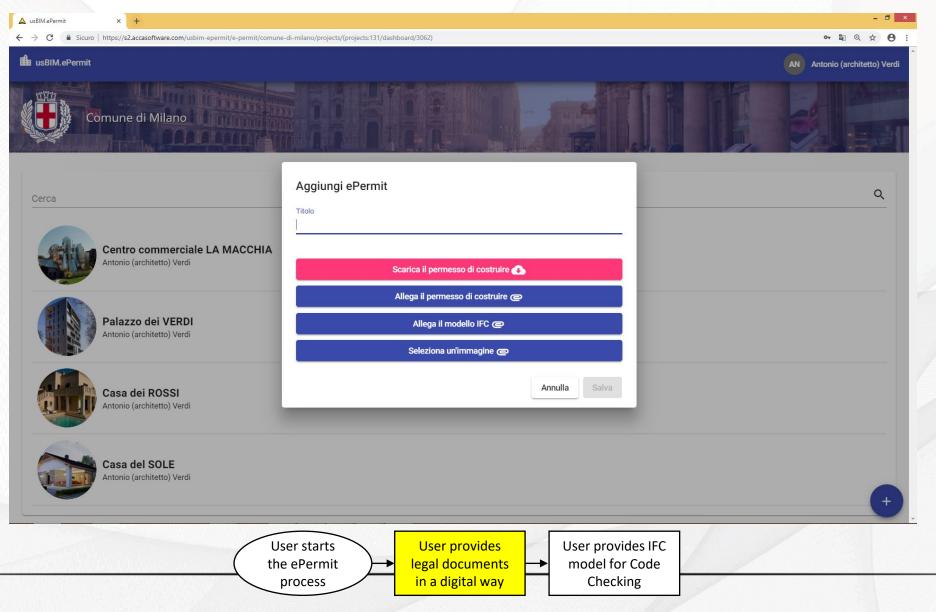


## User panel





# User provides legal documents in a digital way



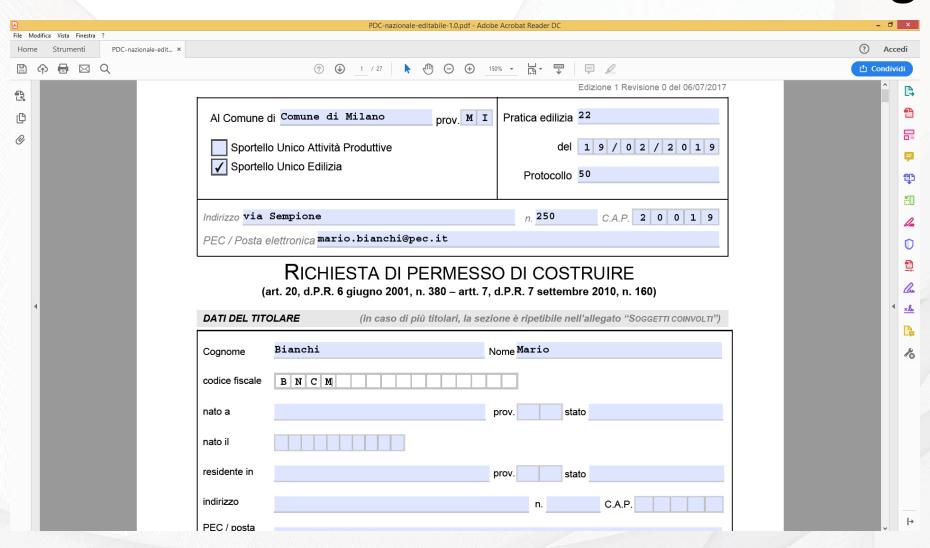


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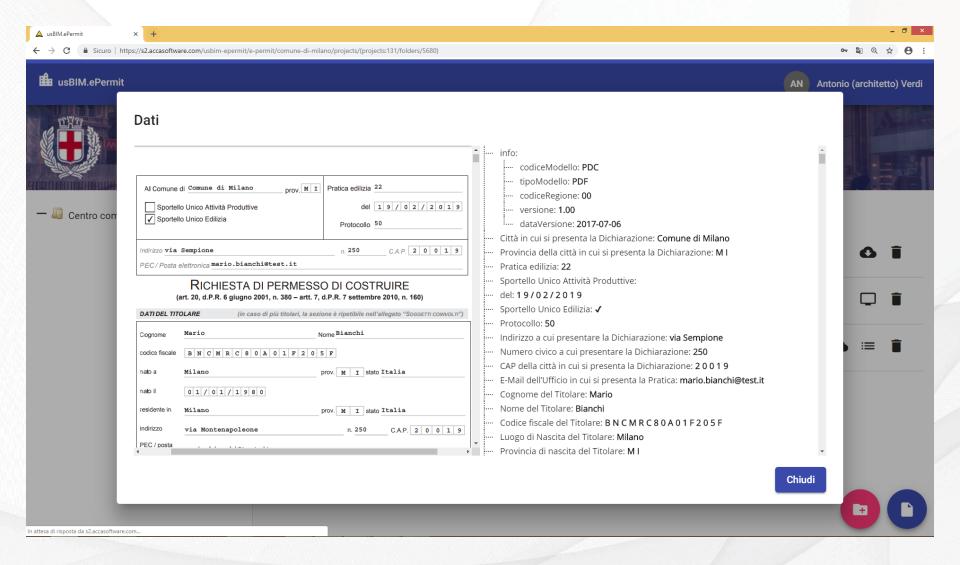


## National standardized PDF model filling



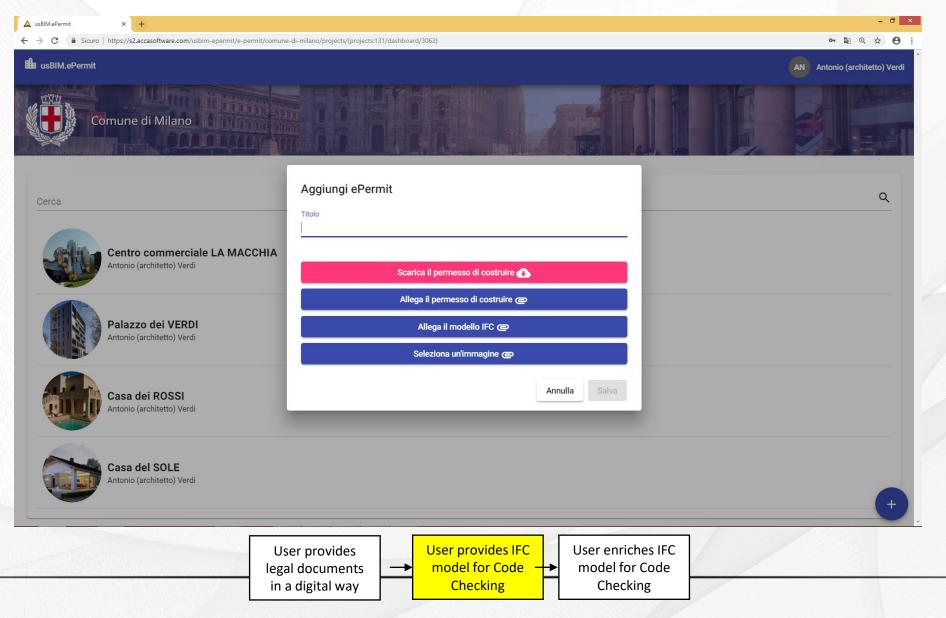


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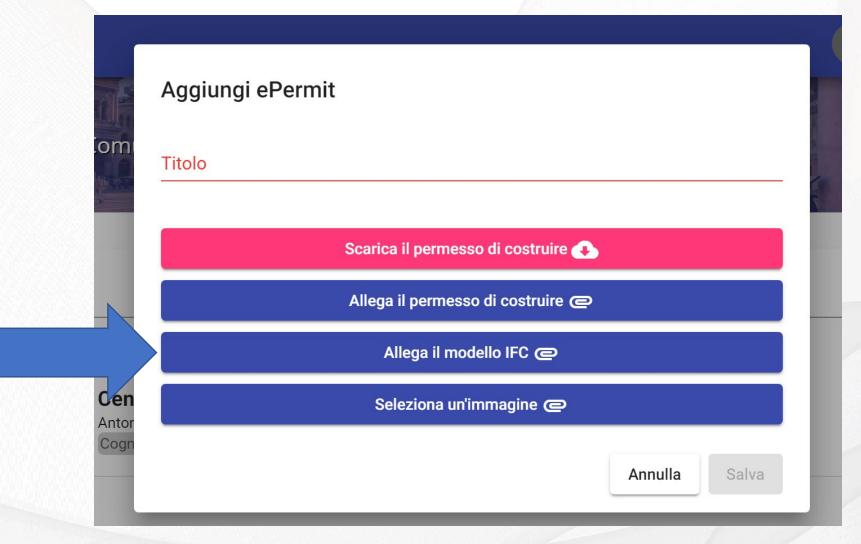


# IFC model upload





# IFC model upload



DEFINIZIONI

α: angolo di apertura



# Code Checking in IFC (in theory)

DESCRIZIONE

For a hinged or pivot window that opens 30º or more or for parallel sliding windows (e.g. vertical

#### **MILAN Buidling Code**

ARGOMENTO	ART.	DESCRIZIONE	PARAMETRO	U.M.	REGOLA	DEFINIZIONI
SCALE	Art.89.1	Le scale di uso comune sono disciplinate, quanto a larghezza, dimensioni e chiusure, dalla normativa nazionale e regionale vigente in materia di barriere architettoniche e di prevenzione incendi. Deve in ogni caso essere garantita la corretta fruibilità e la possibilità del trasporto di soccorso delle persone.  Le rampe delle scale possono avere massimo 12 alzate consecutive negli interventi di nuova costruzione e 14	CAD	CAD	N° <sub>alzate</sub> ≤ 12	<b>N°</b> alzate: Numero di alzate consecutive
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**APPENDICE** 

**ARGOMENTO** 

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**REGOLA** 

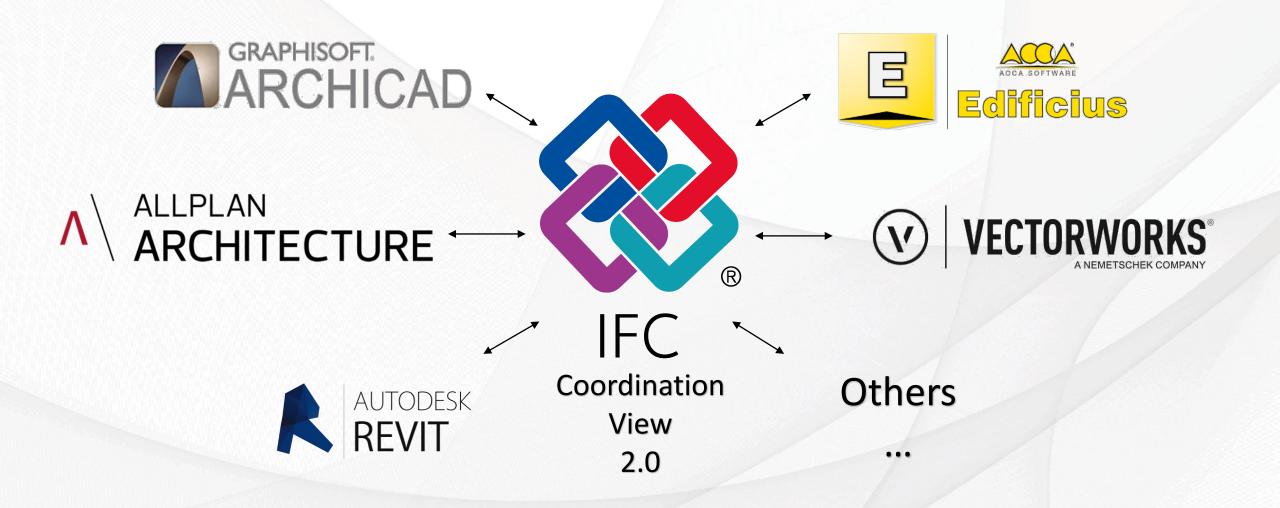
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		dovranno avere una larghezza dell 80.			
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cui i			If the room contains more than one openable window, the areas of all the opening parts may be added to achieve the required proportion of the floor area. The required proportion of the floor area is determined by the opening angle of the largest window in the room.	SUPERFICIE	ma	Sw=ΣSwn	<b>Swn</b> : Superficie apribile di una singola finestra
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## The situation today





# Code Checking in IFC (in practice)

### **PROBLEM**

Do we really think that all the BIM Authorings will be compliant with all the MVDs produced by each regulatory body?

Even if they do, there is no guarantee that all files produced by such BIM Authorings always contains all the required information for Code Checking (i.e. some information may still be missing)



# Code Checking in IFC (in practice)

#### **IDEA: from IFC to IFC**

There should be specific BIM Tools that, starting with a common IFC model (e.g. Coordination View 2.0 files), may enrich it to be compliant with a set of bSDD and IDS specifications required from a specific regulatory body so it will be the regulatory body itself that will be interested and invest in the development of such BIM Tools, other than the interested software houses, and given the fact that we are using an open format, everyone who is interested in the development can contribute aswell





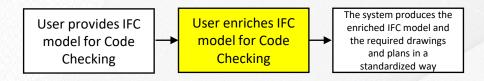
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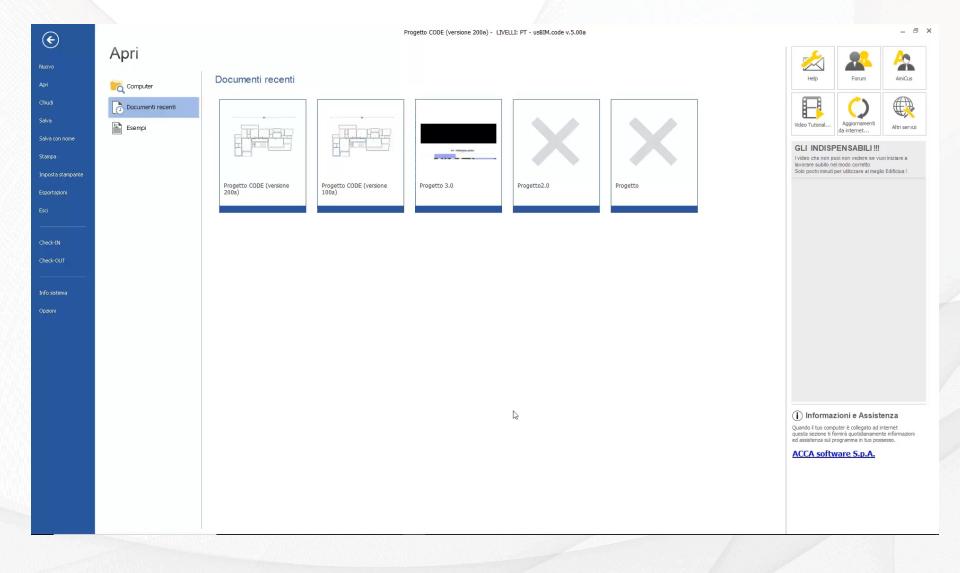
CODEmaker is the BIM Tool that allows to digitalize, in IFC, the required/missing information and save an enriched IFC model



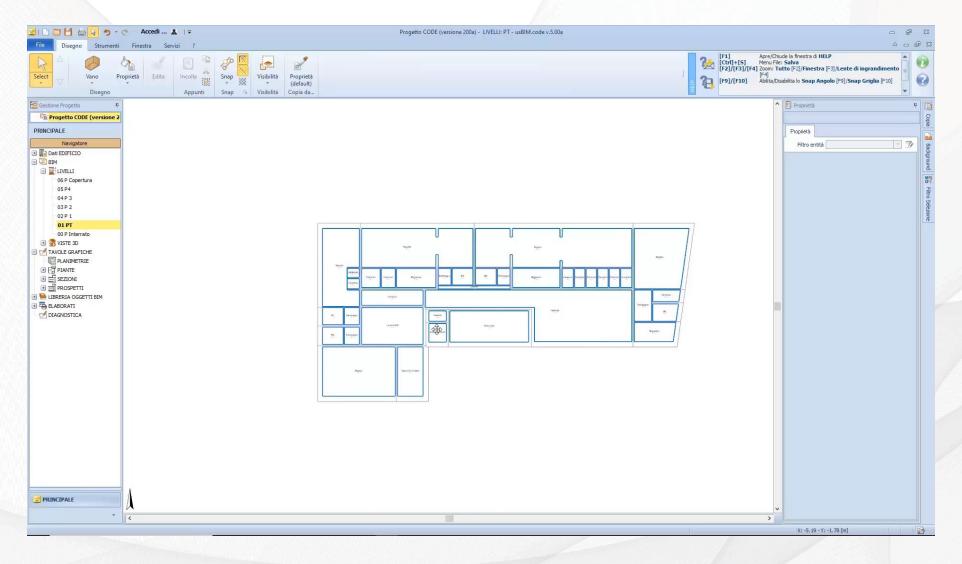
CODEcontroller is the BIM Tool that allows to apply the Code Checking itself using the newly added information



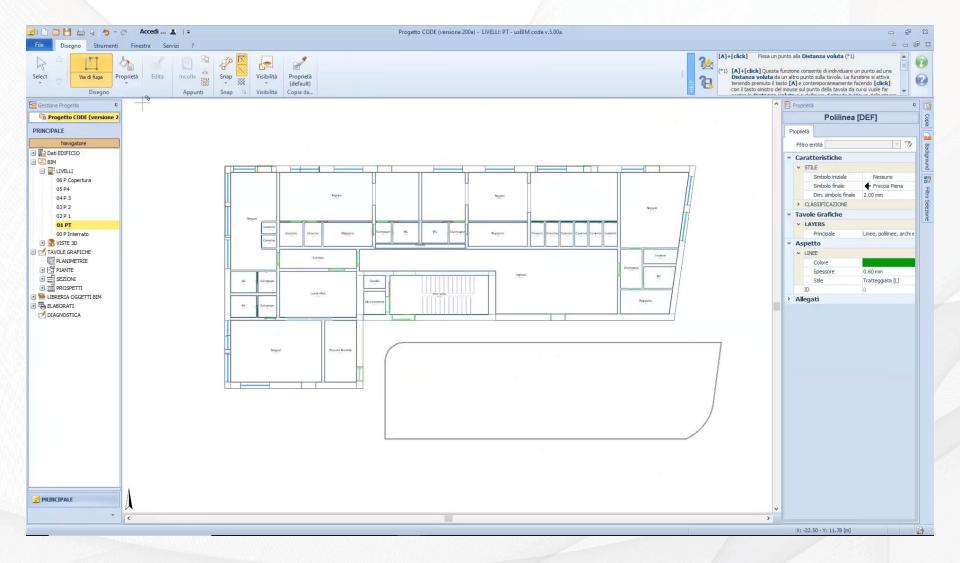




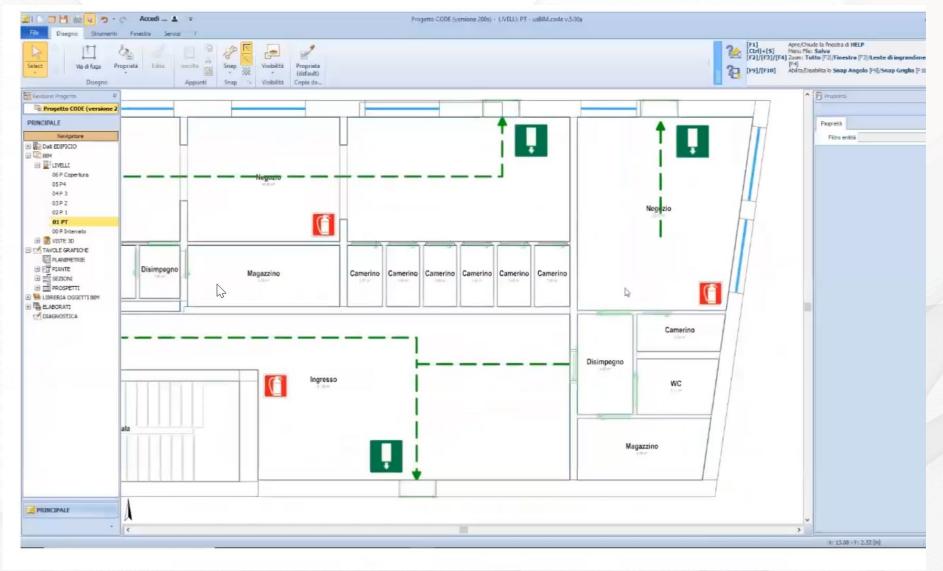




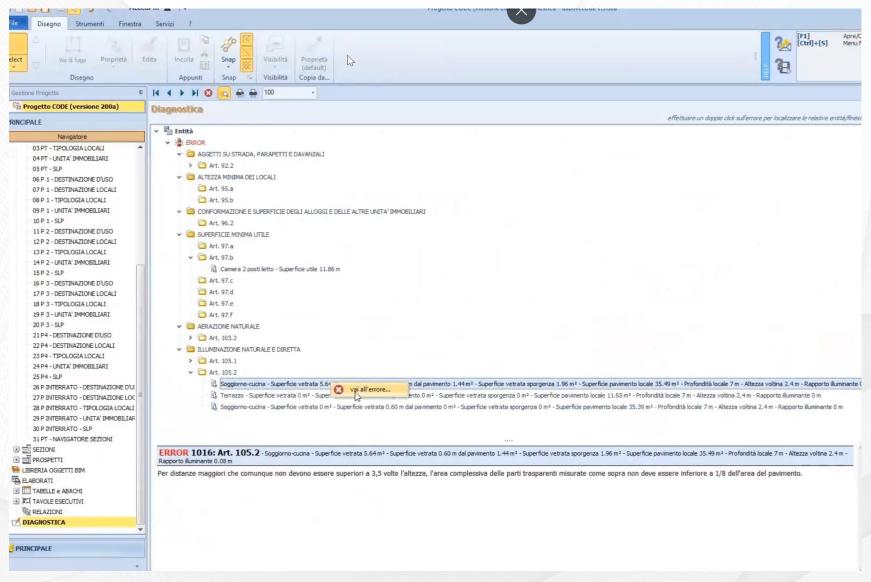




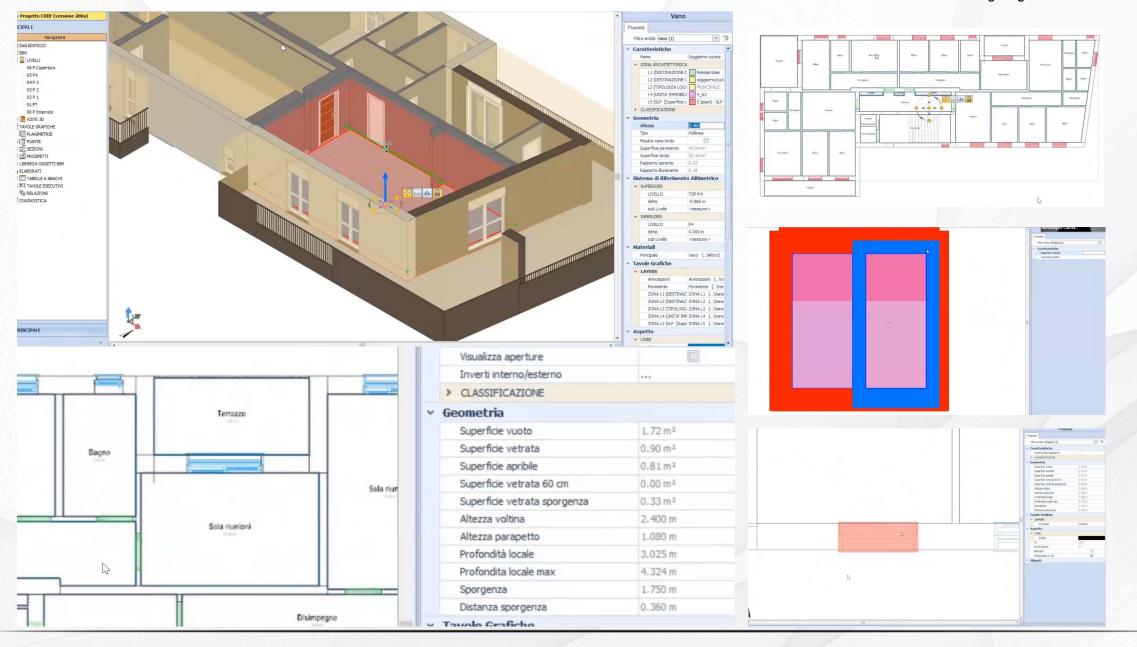




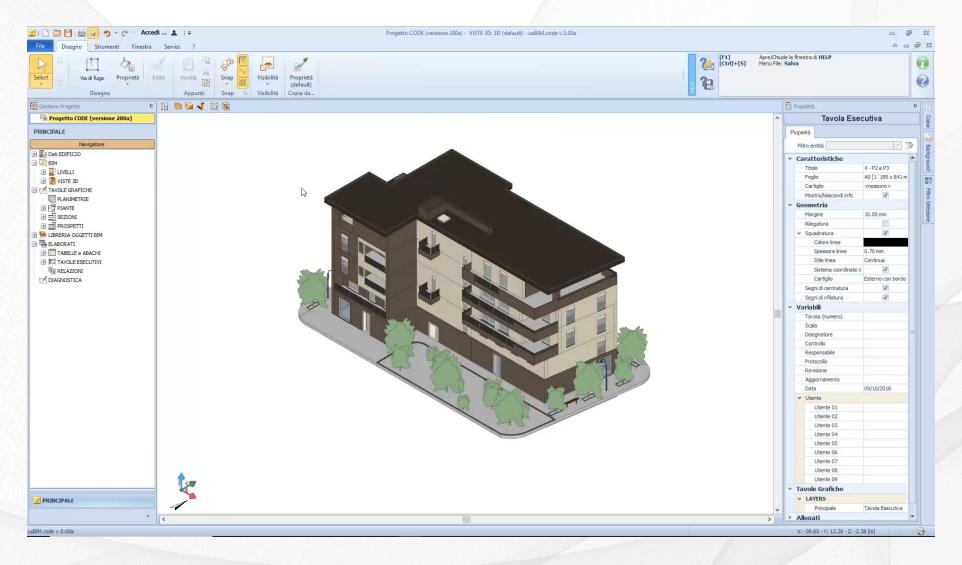




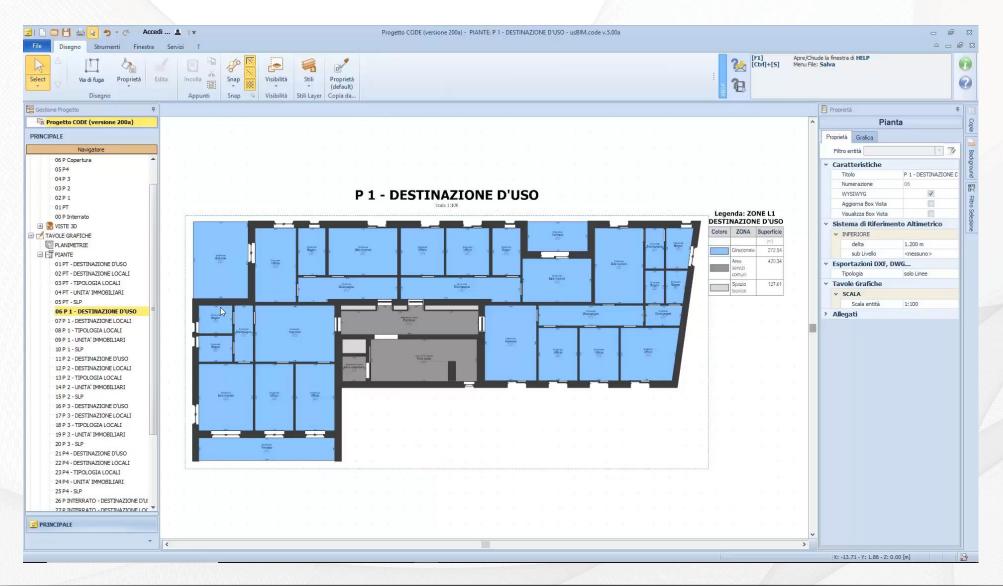






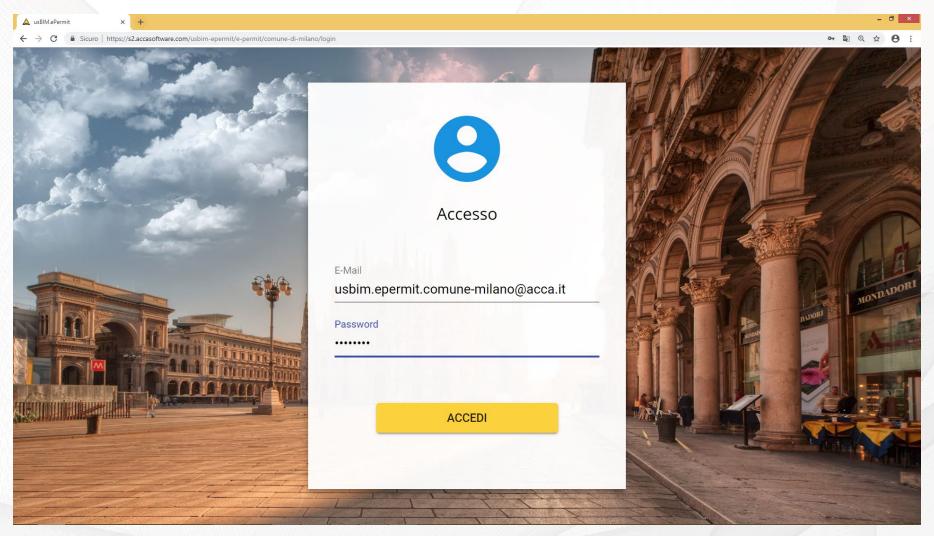






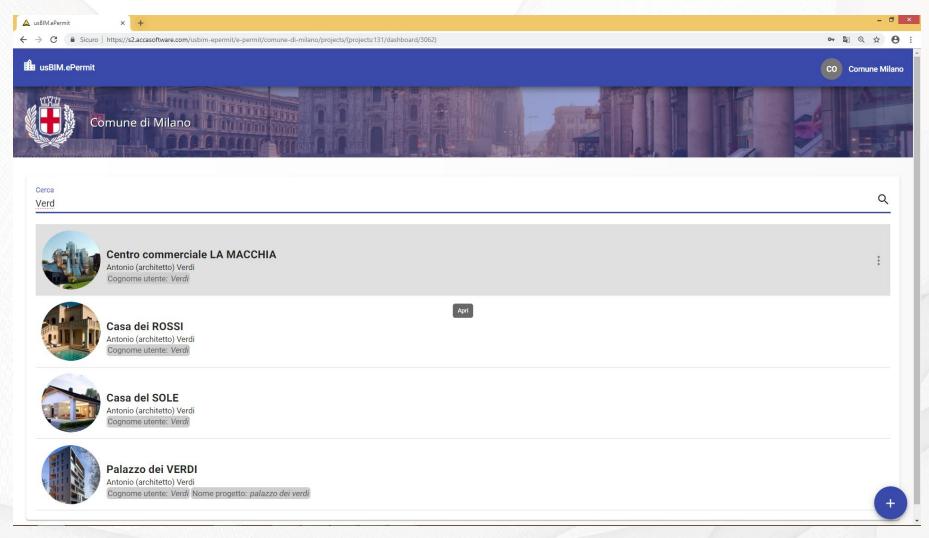


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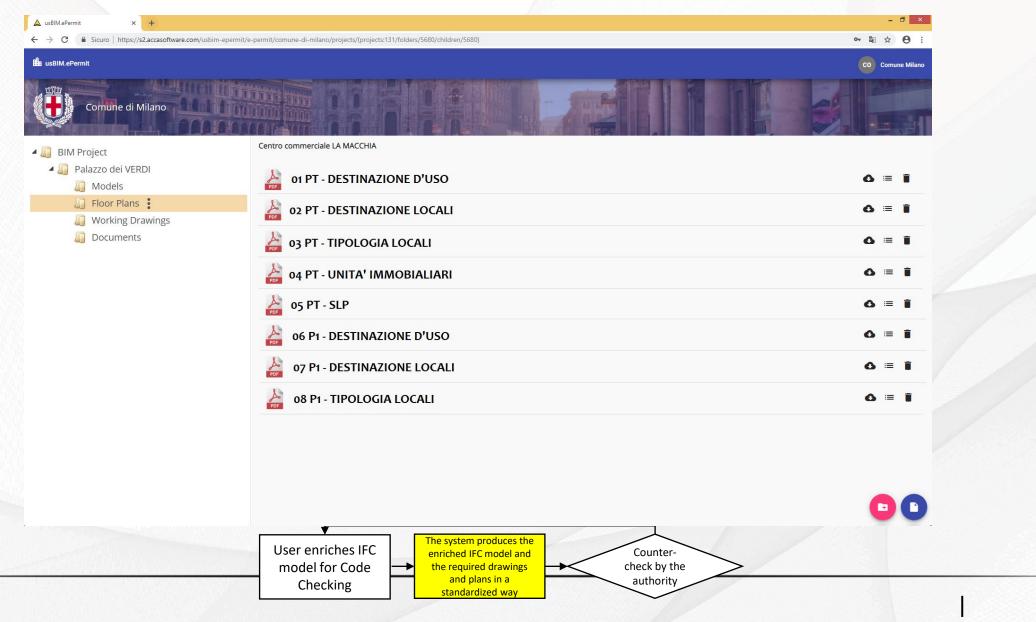


## Regulatory body panel





## System generated folders



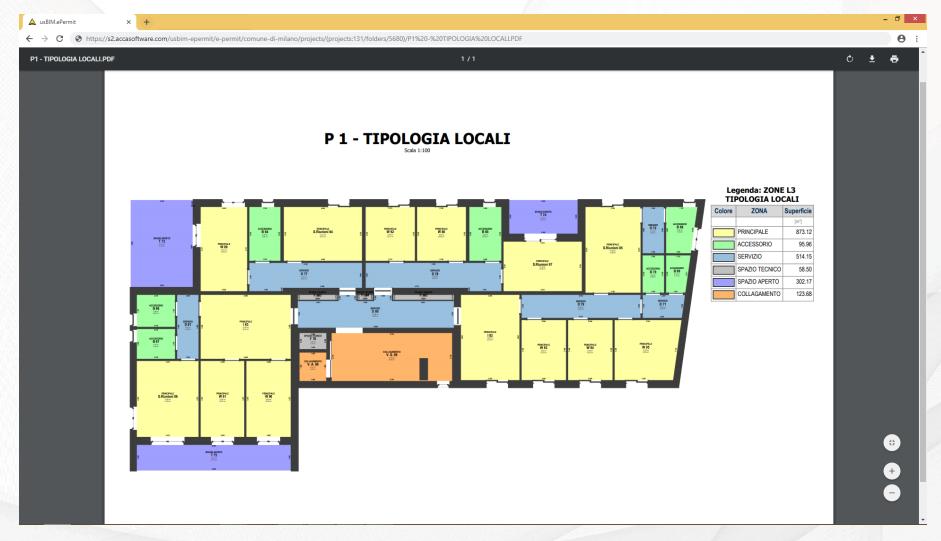
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## System generated enriched IFC model





## System generated plans and drawings





### usBIM.code CODE controller



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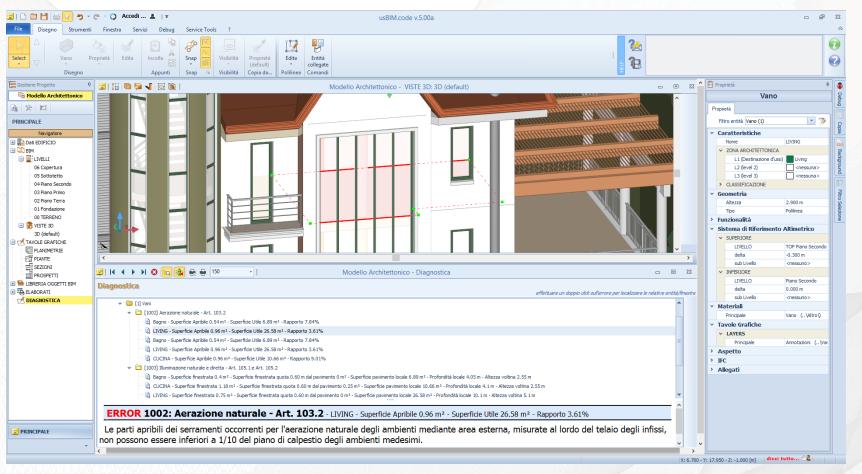


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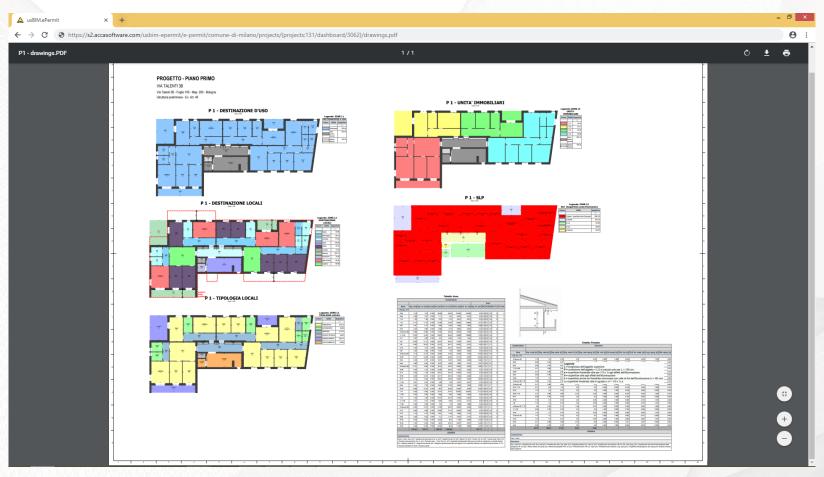
## Focus: CODEcontroller (1/2)



The regulatory body has access to the same diagnosis tool with errors/warnings allowing to trace back the entities that do not respect the required regulations



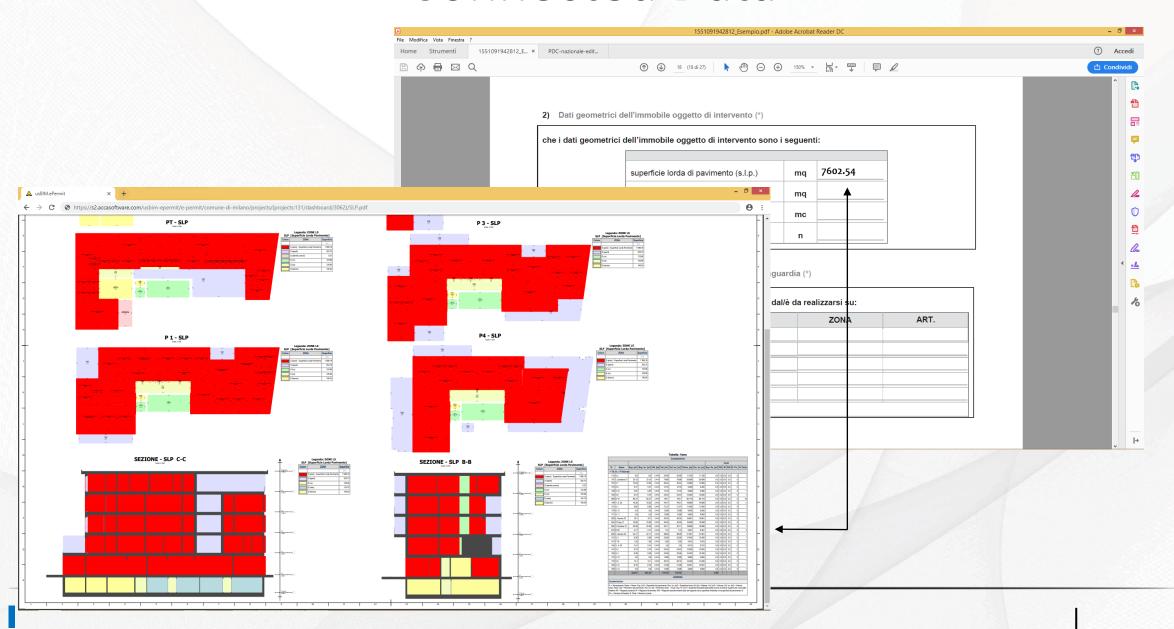
## Focus: CODEcontroller (2/2)



The technician have at his disposal all the standardized drawings and plans for manual inspection

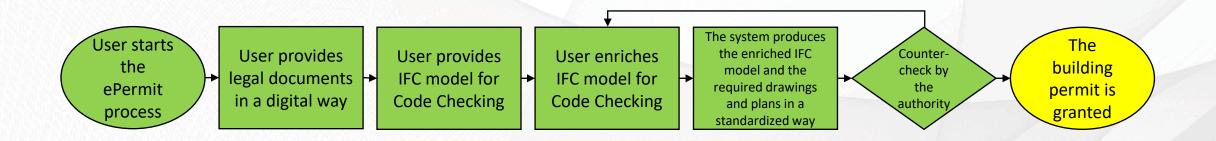


## **Connected Data**





# Regulatory body approval / refusal



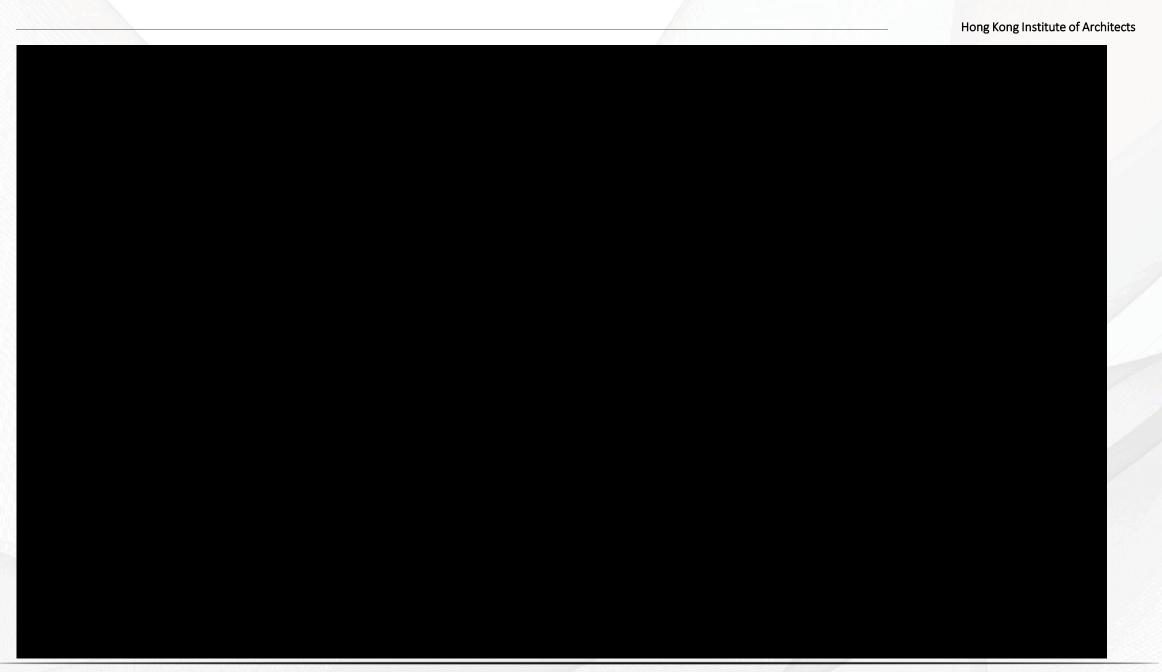


### CONCLUSIONS

- We have seen how we conducted all the ePermit procedure using open formats exclusively (PDF, IFC, etc.) so no proprietary file formats are necessary at all
- All of the data and documents are acquired on the platform as open format and have being used for automatic checks, manual checks and for the automatic, standardized production of other technical drawings
- Again, all the data have been acquired in open format and are available on the platform as open format and hence usable for any other purpose
- Here demonstrated how it is possible to work on an IFC model directly to enrich it in order to start from a common, standard MVD such as the Coordination View 2.0, produced by most BIM Authorings, and be compliant with the MVD required from the municipalities that are specific for Code Checking purposes

# Italy Railway Project No specific BIM System for Railway Project before.







# Knowledge-informed semantic alignment and rule interpretation for automated compliance checking

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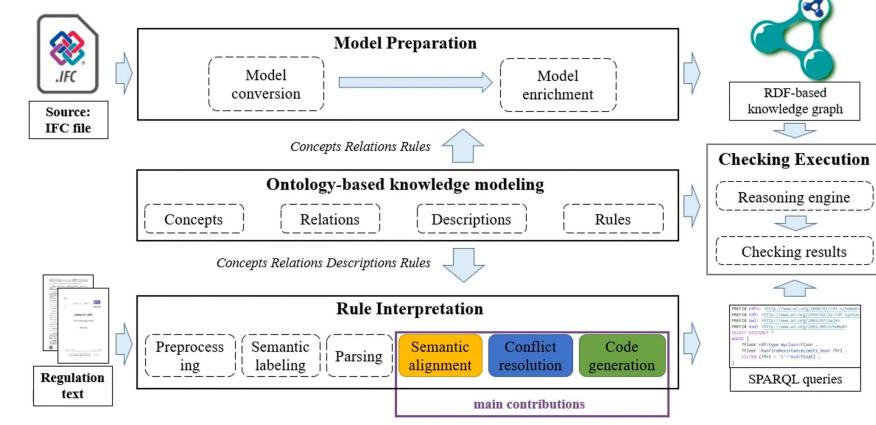
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#### Professional Research

Knowledge-informed rule interpretation and automated design checking based on openBIM

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#### Methodology



#### 1. Function Introduction

#### **Model Quality Checking**

Support the creation of personalized quality cheking specifications to meet data requirements in multiple scenarios.

Provide model quality checking tools for a rapid checking and present complete results;

Locate problem components to ensure model quality, and provide reliable support for subsequent applications.



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Model quality checking results

Model quality checking reports

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#### nical Process Framework

odel records a large amount of 3D geometry and semantic information of design results. By applying the "OpenBIM+" solution in hen, this project has practiced model merging, exporting, model quality checking, building code checking, collaboration and cation, lightweight display in CIM.



Collaboration and optimization

#### **Real-world Project & IFC Files**

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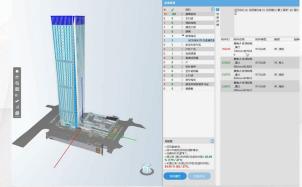
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Our tools and techniques are currently utilized by **172** real-world projects to check the quality of the models, including commercial centers, hospitals, schools, art galleries and residences, etc. and the number of IFC files involved is **4121**.



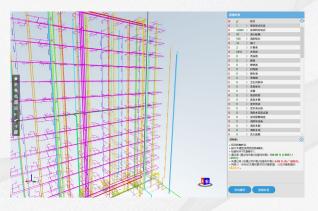














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#### 18:02 - 18:10 HKT

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#### 18:10 - 19:00 HKT

#### Speaker:

Dr. Gao Ge

Research Assistant Professor Beijing National Research Center for Tsinghua

Al based BIM Model Checking and Reconstruction. He published multiple academic papers in the field of Al and BIM. As the main technical leader, He developed two national BIM standards Series in China, including the GB/T 36456 "Shared Information Model for Engineering for engineering" and the "BIM Software National Standards (WIP)".

#### On 24 January 2024 (Wednesday) Live 18:00 HKT

via Zoom Online

This talk is on how openBIM has been applied in the e-permit application of Shenzhen by adopting openBIM technologies and Knowledge-informed rule interpretation technologies. The project won the buildingSMART 2023 Technology Solution Award.

CBIMS is a BIM checking framework that unifies China national standards, Building Dictionary, IFC, MVD (Model View Definition), SNL(Structural Natural Language) and enables a scalable checking solution.

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