

Swiss Research Centre for Rationalization in Building and Civil Engineering (CRB)

The Swiss Research Centre for Rationalization in Building and Civil Engineering or CRB (the abbreviation stems from the original French name «Centre Suisse d'études pour la Rationalisation du Bâtiment») is the competence centre responsible for standardization in Switzerland's construction sector. For over 60 years, it has worked to improve communication between clients, designers, contractors and suppliers. It collaborates with construction professionals and practitioners as well as partner organizations to develop tools, which are made available in the form of catalogues, web applications and data for software programs. Clear terminology, a uniform system architecture and structured data formats pave the way for the industry-wide exchange of information. CRB's products facilitate the optimization of processes, the uniform calculation and analysis of life-cycle costs for construction facilities, the specification of works, and the clear definition of colours and building materials.

To fully exploit the opportunities unlocked by digitization, an innovative approach to the new challenges is essential. That is why CRB continuously refines its standard tools while working intensively to put in place a continuous, end-to-end information management system.

Founded:	1959
Headquarters:	Zurich
Branches:	Bellinzona, Fribourg
Headcount:	78-strong staff in its offices plus numerous external workers with hands-on construction experience

Management

President:	Amadeo Sarbach
Chief Executive Officer:	Michel Bohren

Core products

To meet the needs of the Swiss construction community, CRB offers reliable, up-to-date standard tools for use across the entire life cycle of a building or structure – from design and construction to facility management: the **Catalogue of Standard Descriptions (CSD)**, the **Element-Based Cost Classification for Building Construction (eCC-BC)** and **Civil Engineering (eCC-CE)** plus complementary publications, **werk-material.online** (platform with uniformly defined cost rates), **ProLeMo** (revised facility management process and service model, now available in e-book form) and **pbFM** (practical guide to facility management-supported building design and construction).

CRB is also the exclusive **Natural Colour System (NCS)** distributor in Switzerland and offers **continuing professional development** tailored to a variety of demands.

All CRB tools are available in German, French and Italian.

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