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Making sure sustainable buildings will perform as they are planned a quality measure technique (certification) should be considered in the IECC. The certification should be carried out by an accredited third party expert, who review all necessary data. For the international Passive Houses Standard such methodology is already available and proved its value in many projects. Due to the reviews made by the third party expert during the process the risk of planning errors could be reduced as well as well as the construction costs. Additionally, as the building has gone through an independent quality assessment and can prove its energy efficiency, the property value tends to increase in the market and also leads to higher rental rates. Also subsidy measures can be based on such a scheme easily.

Further reading:

<https://blog.passivehouse-international.org/why-is-building-certification-so-important/>

<https://blog.passivehouse-international.org/iphas-qa-with-phi-building-certification-with-corinna-geiger/>

In case you have further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards
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