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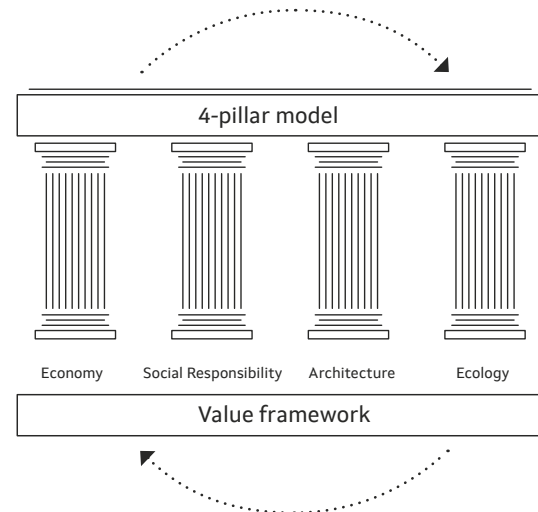
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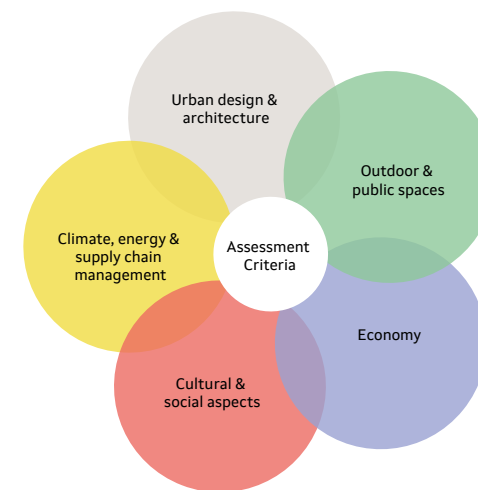
Quality Assurance

The submitted projects are assessed according to the criteria outlined in the 4-pillar quality assurance model. The focus is both on overall quality and balance between all quality pillars:

- **Economy:** Cost of land, overall construction costs, costs for occupants and contractual conditions, cost impact of fixtures and fittings
- **Social responsibility:** Suitability concerning everyday use, reduced costs through planning, community living, homes for changing needs
- **Architecture:** Urban development, housing mix, building structure, design
- **Ecology:** Climate-friendly and sustainable construction, supply-chain management, healthy and environmentally conscious living, quality and utilisation of good quality outdoor areas, including green spaces

The projects are also assessed according to the common value framework, which forms the basis of the assessment criteria for all four pillars. This means projects should be resilient, sustainable, inclusive, innovative and feasible.

Details of assessment



Assessment Criteria

As outlined in the 4-pillar model, projects are assessed according to predefined assessment criteria. In order to reflect the specific challenges even more clearly, the ecology pillar is divided into two areas – 'climate, energy & supply chain management' and 'outdoor & public spaces'.

- **Climate, energy & supply chain management:** climate protection and climate change response, resource conservation, efficiency, renewable energy systems, environmentally conscious construction
- **Urban design & architecture:** architectural design and appearance, the interplay between public spaces and buildings, floor plans
- **Outdoor & public spaces:** design of green spaces, protection and preservation of the existing tree population, development of sustainable management and maintenance concepts
- **Economy:** affordability, cost structure, quality of fittings
- **Culture & social aspects:** suitability for everyday use, communal facilities, user-friendliness, housing types for special needs, social diversity

The Land Committee



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Innovative & climate-friendly
Affordable & socially responsible



‘The Land Committee plays a central role in ensuring quality in subsidised housing. It continuously evaluates eligible development projects comprising hundreds of residential units in Vienna. To date, more than 1,000 housing projects have been realised through the committee’s future-oriented evaluation process. Many of them have made their mark on Vienna’s housing history – through technical and social innovations or by introducing new sustainable solutions.’

Elke Hanel-Torsch
Executive City Councillor for Housing, Housing Construction, Urban Renewal and Women’s Issues
President of wohnfonds_wien

Quality Assurance for over 200,000 Residents
The Land Committee was established in 1995 together with the Property Developer’s Competition. Together with the Quality Committee, which was introduced in 2021, these three instruments are designed to ensure that subsidised housing in Vienna remains affordable and offers the highest possible quality. By 2025, the Land Committee alone had assessed projects consisting of over 92,000 flats for over 200,000 residents.



The Land Committee

If a property developer owns a piece of land and intends to use it for a residential construction project with fewer than 500 residential units (exceptions are owner-occupied homes, allotment garden dwellings and loft conversions) with subsidies from the Province of Vienna, they must have the quality of this project assessed by the Land Committee. The Land Committee meets monthly at wohnfonds_wien. However, for subsidised projects with over 500 residential units or for properties owned by wohnfonds_wien, a Property Developer’s Competition is held.

The Land Committee is, so to speak, the ‘sister’ of the Property Developer’s Competition. As Property Developer’s Competitions have established themselves as hotbeds of innovation for subsidised housing construction, the quality improvements achieved in them are also used as guidelines by the Land Committee. The transferal of knowledge and sharing of best practice between these two initiatives is ensured by the partial overlap of personnel involved both in the jury of the Property Developer’s Competition and the Land Committee.

More information



The Assessment Committee

Projects are assessed by a committee, consisting of ten experts from the following fields:

- Architecture
- City planning
- Ecology
- Business
- Structural engineering
- Social responsibility
- Housing law (advisory member)

And one representative each from

- the City of Vienna
- and wohnfonds_wien

Details about the committee



The Process

Applicants submit their project documentation to the Land Committee office, which is located at wohnfonds_wien. Following a successful preliminary review and initial consultations with the relevant departments of the City of Vienna, the projects are assessed during the next scheduled meeting of the Land Committee.

If the assessment is positive, a recommendation for funding is given. For quality assurance purposes, the implementation of the assessed qualities must be demonstrated before the start of construction (interim report) as well as after completion (final report). The Department of Technical Urban Renewal (MA 25) conducts on-site inspections to confirm the project has been correctly executed, from a technical perspective.

More about the process

