

Low Carbon Buildings
Approved proxies for “carbon reduction target”



Netherlands

Property upgrades	
Approved proxy	Evidence of percentage of carbon reduction can be shown via the percentage reduction of the Energy Index (EI) value of the building.
Details	<p>The EI value is a common indicator for the energy performance of existing buildings in the Netherlands. It is used to determine the Energy Performance Certificate of existing buildings, which indicate a label on a scale from G to A(++++).</p> <p>As the EI value is an indicator of energy consumption and performance, a relative percentage reduction of the EI value is a good indication of the relative percentage of emissions reduction. On top of that, as energy efficiency upgrades can also involve a change in the energy mix of the building (e.g. by applying solar panels), the actual percentage of emissions reduction can also exceed the expected emission reduction based on the EI value.</p>