

## APPENDIX Z – Technical Annexes to Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA)

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This document contains the technical annexes of the mutual recognition agreements signed between INIES and other environmental product declaration programmes.

To date, a mutual recognition agreement (MRA) has been signed with:

- DAP Construcción (Spain - Catalonia)

### 1. TECHNICAL ANNEX TO MRA DAPCons

#### Mutual recognition agreement process between

#### INIES and DAP construcción programmes

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Alliance HQE-GBC and DAPConstrucción signed a mutual recognition agreement for their FDES and DAPCons. This document is an appendix of this agreement, it describes the operational process for this recognition. The process applies for FDES to DAPCons and DAPCons to FDES works.

##### **Step 1 :**

The EPD owner (FDES or DAPCons) shall contact the programme operators (PO) or browse the PO website to get the MRA documents:

- Both programme rules
- Requirements on Mutual Recognition of FDES and DAP-Cons based on EN 15804+A2
- Verification protocol templates

For INIES programme:

Contact: [inies@hgegbc.org](mailto:inies@hgegbc.org)

Website: [Notre action à l'international - Inies](#)

For DAPConstrucción programme:

Contact: [sostenible@cateb.cat](mailto:sostenible@cateb.cat)

Website: [www.dapcons.com](http://www.dapcons.com) , [More information about the Programme Operator](#)

##### **Step 2 :**

The EPD owner shall identify the scenario for mutual recognition:

Sc1 : existing EPD in one of the two programme to be adapted (if required) to obtain a recognized EPD in the other programme. (EPD of DAPCons into a FDES or FDES into a EPD of DAPCons)

Sc2 : parallel work to obtain an EPD valid in the two programmes.

For Sc1, the EPD owner shall check the MRA documents to identify if adaptation shall be made before verification in the other programme.

For Sc2, the EPD owner can follow the Mutual recognized rules as far as possible to reduce the EPD making and verification effort.

For both scenarios, both programmes can advice for LCA practitioners to help the EPD owner.

**Step 3 :**

In Sc1: the EPD owner shall choose a verifier authorized in the other programme. The chosen verifier may be the initial EPD verifier if this verifier is authorized by both PO.

In Sc2: the EPD owner can choose a verifier authorized by both PO to reduce the verification costs or choose a different verifier for each programme.

For each EPD made using the MRA process, the following mentions shall be added to the EPD with the programme operator description section (§7.1-e of the EN15804+A2 standard):

On a FDES – In French:

*“Cette FDES a été réalisée en suivant le processus de reconnaissance mutuelle entre le programme INIES et le programme DAPConstrucción ».*

On a DAPCons - In Spanish:

*“Esta DAPcons® ha sido realizada siguiendo el proceso de reconocimiento mútuo entre el programa INIES y el programa DAPconstrucción.”*

On a DAPCons - in English:

*“The following DAPcons® has been developed based on mutual agreement procedure between the Programme Operator INIES and DAPconstrucción.”*

**Step 4 :**

The verifier carries out his verification and delivers a verification certificate to the EPD holder if the verification conclusions are favorable.

**Step 5 :**

The EPD owner shall register to INIES programme for a DAPCons to FDES process or to DAPConstrucción programme for FDES to DAPCons process.

**Step 6 :**

The EPD owner (FDES or DAPCons) shall provide the documents required in the “Requirements on Mutual Recognition of FDES (Alliance HQE-GBC PO) and DAPCons (DAPconstrucción PO) based on EN 15804+A2 to the two Programme operators (PO). The EPD owner can finally records the EPD in INIES or DAPcons database.