From zero to heaven: first five years of siBIM

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Abstract:

Global impact of digitalization on professional society does not guarantee its widespread use beyond the early adopters. This is very characteristic for the AECO sector. Therefore,
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  \item Early adopters must get organized to create a critical community of practice (a BIM Association) to “digitally evangelize” the AECO sector,
  \item Independent nature of a BIM Association generates more power than any other vendor supported professional association can achieve,
  \item Interdisciplinarity is the key for success of a BIM Association because it involves stakeholders from the whole built environment sector.
\end{itemize}

BIM Association Slovenia (siBIM) was founded in 2015 by thirty-two engineers and experts from the fields of civil engineering, architecture, information technology, mechanical and electrical engineering and academia from all over Slovenia. The siBIM’s mission was to “become main horizontal and vertical driver for BIM in Slovenia”. After five years, several achievements were accomplished by the siBIM:
\begin{itemize}
  \item Guidelines for Elaboration of Terms of Reference for Implementation of BIM approach in Construction Projects (prepared for The Slovenian Chamber of Engineers),
  \item Action Plan for digitalization of Built Environment in Slovenia (prepared for the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology),
  \item Technical Committee for BIM at Slovenian Institute for Standardization (relation to CEN),
  \item BIM Dictionary – first set of terms translated from English to Slovenian,
  \item Steps towards buildingSMART International.
\end{itemize}

Novelty - Value
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  \item Clear (annual) actions plans related to different contexts of BIM and their successful execution,
  \item Best professional community of practice around the theme of BIM in Slovenia (and in the region),
  \item Continuing cooperation with SI Government, Slovenian Chamber of Engineers, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, Slovenian Smart Specialization Initiatives etc.,
  \item Slow but smart growth of siBIM for BIM leadership in region.
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