

Let's transform society together!

At Sweco, we believe that creating future societies is a collective effort. That is why we make sure that all perspectives are represented, valued and considered by bringing together different expertise in each project that we take on. We do this to design the best solutions for our clients – and society at large.



WHAT IS DGNB?

DGNB, short for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen, is a German sustainability certification system, considered one of the most advanced in the world. In 2012, the first Danish version of DGNB certification was launched by Green Building Council Denmark with help from more than 150 technical experts. DGNB helps all those involved in construction to implement a sustainable quality, and with a DGNB certified building, users know what they get.

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During her studies in Architectural Engineering, Signe Skovmand Jakobsen worked as a student assistant in Sweco, Europe's leading architecture and engineering consultancy. Upon her graduation in 2017, Signe was offered a full-time position in Swecos Building Sustainability Team.

»It appealed to me that Sweco is a front-runner and a big market player when it comes to sustainability. We have to create a better future,« Signe states. As Sustainability Consultant and DGNB Auditor, she helps Swecos clients construct sustainable buildings.

»We start by mapping the vision and sustainability strategy for the building in regards to environmental, social and economic sustainability. Then we decide which solutions to implement to fulfil the vision. I am in dialogue with the developer, architects, engineers and contractors, and my job is to ensure that all perspectives are integrated until the building is delivered to the client. Having all these technical and creative interfaces is incredibly exciting, and no two days are the same. Some days, I am in the office, other days, I am out on a building site. We share our offices

in Ørestad with our many architect colleagues, which strengthens the cross-functional teamwork,« she tells.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Being a DGNB Auditor, Signe also advises clients on how to achieve sustainable building certifications. »We are quite busy, since Sweco is leading within certifications, and sustainability certifications are increasingly used in the building industry. It is all about making sustainability measurable and comparable,« she explains.

Signe has also contributed to a national report that sets up a baseline for the UN Sustainable Development Goals in Denmark, enabling a more specific mapping of the sustainable development. After only three and a half years of employment Signe has recently taken on a new challenge, as responsible for developing Swecos work and competences within sustainable buildings. »Sweco has some great opportunities for professional development, which is important to me. If you take responsibility and show which way you want to go, everything is possible,« she concludes.