Green Future Conference 2024

# Net Zero Carbon Building – Ready, Set, Go!

* Date: November 6, 2024
* Location: BMC – Budapest, Mátyás Street 8
* Patron: Embassy of Sweden in Budapest

# Program

* 08:45 – 09:20 Arrival and registration
* 09:20 – 09:50 Opening speeches:
* 09:20 – 09:30 Dr. Éva Hegedűs, host of the event, Secretary-General, HuGBC
* 09:30 – 09:40 Gábor Szarvas, President, HuGBC
* 09:40 – 09:50 Embassy of Sweden in Budapest, Patron of the event
* 09:50 – 10:10 Keynote
* Speaker: Matthew Black, Climate Action Manager, WorldGBC
* 10:10 – 10:20 Keynote
* Speaker: Ákos Koloszár, Managing Director, Drees & Sommer Hungary
* 10:20 – 10:40 Zero Carbon Roadmap for Hungary 2050
* Speaker: József Kolossa, DLA, Lead Sustainability Advisor, HuGBC
* 10:40 – 11:10 Panel 1: Sustainability, Awareness, Commitments
* This panel focuses on how sustainability and zero carbon commitment can become part of the mindset of companies and communities. Experts will discuss the role of social responsibility, economic, and regulatory incentives in achieving carbon neutrality and how to align this with sustainable development goals.  
  Key questions:  
  How can we achieve zero carbon goals with a comprehensive societal mindset shift?  
  What role does corporate commitment play in sustainable strategies?  
  Moderator: Zsombor Barta, Greenbors Consulting Ltd.  
  Participants:
* László Karafa, Quarry & Sustainability Manager, Saint-Gobain Hungary Ltd.
* Dr. Éva Hegedűs, CEO, HuGBC
* Gábor Noéh, Technical Director, White Star Real Estate
* Dóra Diána Szemerédi, Head of ESG and Corporate Relations, Gránit Pólus
* Levente Koczoh, Senior Climate Policy Expert, Green Policy Center
* 11:10 – 11:40 Implementation of the Hungarian Architecture Law
* Speaker: Márk Gombos, Deputy Secretary of State for Spatial Planning and Construction Administration, Ministry of Construction and Transport
* 11:40 – 12:10 Panel 2: Sustainability and Regulation
* This panel discusses how regulations in the construction and urban development industries can be shaped to support energy efficiency and green infrastructure development.  
  Key questions:  
  How can regulations support the integration of renewable energy sources?  
  What challenges do planners face in sustainable urban development?  
  Moderator: Dr. József Kolossa, Lead Sustainability Advisor, HuGBC Participants:
* Márk Gombos, Deputy Secretary of State for Spatial Planning and Construction Administration, Ministry of Construction and Transport
* Gábor Szöllősi, Managing Director, Agrofutura Hungary Ltd.
* Attila Kiss, Kingspan Commercial Ltd.
* 12:10 – 13:00 Lunch Break
* 13:00 – 13:10 Sustainable Construction  
  Speaker: Gergely Litkai, Editor-in-Chief, Writer, and Stand-up Comedian
* 13:10 – 13:30 Zero Carbon Best Practice: SKANSKA Sweden  
  Speaker: Stefan Andersson, Project Development Manager, Skanska Commercial Development Nordic
* 13:30 – 13:50 Zero Carbon Best Practice: Drees & Sommer
* Speaker: Ákos Koloszár, Managing Director, Drees & Sommer Hungary
* 13:50 – 14:20 Panel 3: Opportunities for Zero Carbon Buildings in Hungary  
  This panel explores the current technological solutions and market challenges in realizing zero carbon buildings in Hungary.  
  Key questions:  
  How can renewable energy sources and sustainable materials be integrated into construction processes?  
  What obstacles hinder the spread of zero carbon buildings?

Moderator: Lajos Hartvig, DLA, Architect, Bánáti + Hartvig Architects Ltd.  
Participants:

* Dávid Hoffer, Project Manager, Skanska Commercial Development Europe
* Bálint Bakos, Architect, Founding Partner, Equinox International Ltd.
* Zoltán Radnóty, Managing Director, ÚjbudaOne and BudafokOne Logistics Park
* Lennard de Klerk, Owner, Klunen Hungary Ltd. (Irota EcoLodge)
* 14:20 – 14:40 ESG Law Implementation
* Speaker: Sándor Fehér, ESG Group Leader, MGFÜ
* 14:40 – 15:10 Panel 4: ESG in the Construction Industry  
  The panel discusses how ESG factors can be integrated into projects and the impact of the new ESG law on construction companies.  
  Key questions:  
  How can ESG help ensure the success of sustainable construction projects?  
  What challenges do ESG requirements pose for the construction industry?  
  Moderator: Dr. István Jánosi, Corporate ESG, Circular Business Models, and Economic Innovation Consultant  
  Participants:
* Regina Kurucz, Architect, WELL AP & Faculty
* Gábor Tunkli, Quality and Environmental Manager, Lindab Ltd.
* Áron Horváth, Sustainability Director, Hungary and Central Eastern Europe, CBRE
* Ágnes Deme, ESG Services Manager, KPMG
* 15:10 – 15:40 Coffee Break
* 15:40 – 16:00 EU Taxonomy  
  Speaker: Carolina Larsson, Head of Certification, Sweden Green Building Council
* 16:00 – 16:30 Panel 5: Green Loans in Hungary

This panel examines the role of the EU taxonomy and green loans in promoting sustainable investments. Experts discuss how sustainable projects can be supported through favorable financial tools.

Key questions:

How does the EU taxonomy contribute to achieving zero carbon goals?

What financial tools can stimulate sustainable developments?

Moderator: Gábor Szarvas, President, HuGBC

Participants:

* Anna Bencze, Head of Sustainability, HelloParks
* Emese Kovács, Partner, Managing Director, MN6 Energy Agency
* Gábor Gyura, Managing Director, Aquincum Sustainable Finance
* Balázs Avar, Senior Advisor, OTP Bank Green Program Directorate
* 16:30 – 17:00 Zero Carbon Awards

HuGBC presents the Zero Carbon Awards for the first time at this conference, recognizing outstanding efforts in environmentally conscious construction.

Award categories: Awareness, Building Operation, New Construction, Renovation, Thesis Award

* 17:00 – 18:00 Rapid Connect

This program provides an opportunity for participants to engage in quick professional introductions and discover the latest sustainability solutions in the construction industry.

* 18:00 Closing

# Side Events

Zero Carbon Roadmap for Hungary 2050 / Exhibition

* The exhibition visually presents Hungary’s construction industry’s journey towards sustainability and climate neutrality. It demonstrates Hungary’s green construction achievements and innovations that contribute to the 2050 zero carbon goals through infographics, architectural models, and sustainable building materials.

Consultation Corner

* Participants can receive expert advice on ESG, EU taxonomy, and carbon neutrality topics to help implement sustainability goals in practice.

HuGBC Corner: Trainings and International Projects

* The HuGBC Corner is a dedicated space where participants can meet the Association’s colleagues, who will present the association’s programs, trainings, and international projects.