



Built Environment European Summit 2026

19-20 October 2026



Technical Visit to The Ellinikon

Date: **19th October 2026**

Time: **10am EET**

Location : **The Ellinikon Experience Park: Elliniko 167 77, Greece**

Located on the grounds of the former Athens Airport, the Ellinikon is Europe's largest urban regeneration project - a world-class destination and a green, smart city on the Athenian Riviera. The visit will include a networking light lunch.

Arrival: 10am EET

Start of tour: 10.15 am EET (approx. 90 minutes)

After light lunch, there will be workshops and discussions at the Ellinikon Experience Centre.

Limited places. Registration needed.

Workshops post Lunch at The Ellinikon

Start time: Approx 1pm EET – 3pm EET

More details to be revealed soon

Topics to cover:

- **Smart cities**
- **Planning the Future City: Housing, Mobility and Sustainable Tourism**

Other:

Invite only workshop on Impact of ESG and Valuation

Exclusive Gala Dinner at the Acropolis Museum

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Dress code: Black tie

18:00 **Arrival of guests**

18:15 **Guided tour of the Acropolis Museum**

19:45 Return to Terrace of Acropolis Museum

Welcome drinks

20:15 **Welcome & Keynote speeches**

Justin Young, CEO of RICS

20:15 **Gala Dinner starts**

Music Performance

Democracy in Stone: History Written in Buildings

Music Performance

23:00 **End of Gala Dinner**

RICS Built Environment European Summit 2026

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Venue: Technopolis City of Athens

08:30	General Registration and Networking Coffee
09:00	Opening remarks by Chair of RICS European World Regional Board Welcome Note
09:10	Opening Keynote
09:25	Keynote presentation
09:40	Panel 1 Market Insights: Capital, Investment and Risk This panel will explore how shifting economic conditions, geopolitical uncertainty, and evolving regulatory requirements are reshaping capital flows and investment strategies across the built environment. Bringing together investors, lenders, and industry leaders, the discussion will examine where capital is being deployed, how risk is being priced, and what this means for real estate and infrastructure markets across Europe. The discussion aims to provide insights into the key drivers influencing investment decisions today and enable the audience to gain a clearer understanding of how capital, investment, and risk intersect, and what this means for the future of the built environment.
10:20	Keynote fireside chat Raising the Standard: Regulation and Professionalism in Europe's Built Environment
10:40	Coffee break

11:10

Panel 2

Real Estate Under Pressure: Navigating Physical Climate Risk

This panel will explore how physical climate risks are increasingly impacting real estate performance, value, and investment decision-making. As climate-related hazards become more frequent and severe, investors, insurance firms, lenders, and asset managers are under growing pressure to understand and quantify exposure across their portfolios. The discussion will examine how physical climate risk is being assessed, priced, and integrated into investment strategies, valuation practices, and risk management frameworks.

Bringing together industry leaders, the panel will also consider practical approaches to mitigating risk—from asset-level adaptation measures to portfolio diversification and long-term resilience planning. With increasing regulatory scrutiny and investor expectations, the session will highlight how the real estate sector can move from awareness to action, ensuring assets remain viable, insurable, and attractive in a changing climate.

11:55

Keynote presentation

EPBD in Action: Turning European Ambition into Building Transformation

12:15

Panel 3

Decarbonizing the Built Environment Supply Chains in an Age of Disruption

This panel will examine how supply chains across the built environment are being reshaped by the urgent need to decarbonize, alongside ongoing geopolitical, economic, and regulatory disruptions.

From construction materials and logistics to energy systems and asset operations, supply chains play a critical role in determining the carbon footprint of buildings and infrastructure. The discussion will explore how stakeholders are working to reduce embodied and operational carbon, increase transparency, and build more resilient and sustainable supply networks.

Panellists will also address the challenges of cost pressures, material availability, and evolving regulation, as well as the opportunities presented by innovation, circular economy approaches, and closer collaboration across the value chain. As the sector transitions toward net zero, this session will highlight how decarbonizing supply chains is not only an environmental imperative but also a strategic priority for managing risk and maintaining long-term value.

13:00	Networking lunch
14:00	Keynote fireside chat Show Me the Money! Unlocking the Capital Behind Sustainable Real Estate
14:20	Panel 4 Where Heritage Meets Innovation: Greece's Urban Development Story
15:00	Keynote Fireside chat Cooling the Cloud: Balancing Performance and Power Constraints in the AI Era
15:20	Afternoon Presentation From Ambition to Action: What the UN Global Status Report Means for Buildings and Construction
15:35	Networking Coffee

16:00	Panel 5 The Good, The Bold & The Innovative: The Future of Construction and Infrastructure in the Built Environment Innovation is reshaping the way we design, build, and deliver the built environment. From new construction technologies and sustainable materials to smarter infrastructure and digital transformation, the sector is undergoing rapid change. This fast-paced session will showcase bold ideas and forward-thinking solutions that are redefining construction and infrastructure. From breakthrough technologies to innovative business models designed to inspire collaboration and spark new thinking, the session will highlight practical solutions that have the potential to transform how projects are delivered and managed.
16:30	Panel 6 The Trillion Dollar Housing Transition The capital exists. The constraint is underwriteable transition pathways, valuation frameworks that can't price verified retrofit plans, and investment processes that treat housing as a passive balance-sheet position.
17:00	Closing Keynote Nicholas Maclean FRICS, RICS President
17:10	Reveal for 2027
17:15	Closing Networking Drinks

Post Summit Event

Walking tour: Discovery of the Old City of Athens - Plaka: From the Antiquity to Today

Date: 20th October 2026

Time: 6:10pm

Starting destination: From the Technopolis City of Athens

End destination: Somewhere in the Plaka area

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