

EVENT



Built Environment European Summit 2025

20 & 21 October | Budapest, Hungary



Danube Boat Cruise

Date: **20th October 2025**

Time: **1:10 pm – 3.30pm**

Location : **Carl Lutz Rakpart, dock 0, Budapest 1137**

The Danube boat cruise offers a unique perspective on urban regeneration, infrastructure projects, and sustainable waterfront developments taking shape along one of Europe's most strategically significant waterways. It highlights how cities are transforming their riverfronts to support economic growth, tourism, and climate resilience.

Limited places. Registration needed.

RICS Exclusive Gala Dinner at the House of Music Hungary

20th October 2025

17:30	Arrival of guests
17:45	Guided tour of the House of Music Includes Sound Dome and Creative Sound Space experiences
19:30	Return to Foyer of the House of Music Welcome drinks
20:00	Welcome speeches Justin Young, CEO of RICS Adam Banai MRICS, Executive Director and Chief Economist of Magyar Nemzeti Bank
20:15	Gala Dinner starts 'Art Encased in Bricks' – The Relationship between Art and the Built Environment ' - Gábor Zoboki, Professor Director, Lead Architect, winner of the Kossuth- and Ybl Prize
22:30	End of Gala Dinner



RICS Built Environment European Summit 2025

21st October 2025

Venue: Hungarian Central Bank (Buda Centre), Budapest

Address: Krisztina körút 55, 1013 Budapest

07:45

Workshop Registration

*Workshop is limited and strictly by registration only. (Select 1)

08:00 –
09:15

Morning Breakfast Workshop I

Financing the transition: understanding the changing landscape and KPIs of financing real estate projects

As regulations and policies changed and investor expectations evolve, real estate financing is undergoing a fundamental shift. This workshop aims to bridge the gap between banks, developers, and investors, providing clarity on financing expectations and identifying collaborative pathways to ensure sustainable, compliant, and investable real estate projects.

Some key themes:

- Bank Perspectives: How financial institutions interpret and integrate regulatory requirements into their lending and investment strategies.
- Changing KPIs: What metrics matter most in real estate financing today, and how they are evolving.
- Impact on Developers & Investors: The challenges project developers and investment funds face in securing financing under new criteria.
- Mobilizing Capital: Concrete examples and innovative solutions that enable different financial players to unlock funding and accelerate the transition.

Chaired by: Linda Zeillina-Cross, CEO of International Sustainable Finance Centre (ISFC)



Morning Breakfast Workshop II

ESG in Real Estate Valuation - Paving the Way Forward

This workshop will explore the acceptance of ESG impacting (future) real estate valuations and how to deal with incorporating the ESG data list within the valuation process.

Corporate and investment requirements relating to sustainability; resilience; and ESG factors are becoming increasingly significant in global financial markets. As regulatory pressures mount and stakeholder expectations evolve, the importance of ESG in property valuations has grown considerably. Effective risk management and long-term value creation now hinge on the integration of these factors.

This workshop will provide insight on how companies that prioritize ESG across their portfolios not only protect themselves from future risks but also enhance their reputation and strengthen relationships with stakeholders. Consequently, this proactive approach can contribute to long-term value creation by aligning business practices with the growing demand for sustainability and social responsibility.

By incorporating ESG factors into analyses, it is possible to identify potential risks and provide more accurate valuations, since some of them already have a direct impact on valuations, whereas others may have an impact at some time in the future.

Chaired by: Stefan de Goeij MRICS, Partner; Head of Sustainability & ESG, CEE, Cushman & Wakefield

Morning Breakfast Workshop III

Addressing Skills Gaps & Attracting the Next Generation

The built environment is undergoing rapid transformation, driven by technological advancements, regulatory demands, and evolving workforce expectations. However, a growing skills gap threatens the sector's ability to meet future challenges. This workshop will explore strategies to upskill existing professionals as well as to attract, train, and retain the next generation of talent in real estate, construction, and urban development. This workshop will bring together industry leaders, academia, and policymakers to discuss practical solutions for addressing workforce shortages and ensuring that the built environment remains an innovative, skilled, and future-ready sector.

Key Themes:

- Current & future Skills: Identifying the critical competencies needed for tomorrow's built environment workforce.
- Talent Attraction: How to position real estate and construction as attractive career paths for young professionals.
- Industry & Education Collaboration: Bridging academia and industry to create more relevant training programs.
- Innovative Learning & Upskilling: Exploring new education models, apprenticeships, and digital learning tools.



09:00	General Registration and Networking Coffee
09:30	<p>Opening remarks by Susanne Eickermann-Riepe FRICS, Chair of RICS Europe World Regional Board</p> <p>Welcome Note by Zoltán Kurali, Deputy Governor, Hungarian Central Bank</p>
09:40	<p>Opening Keynote</p> <p>Simon Durkin, Global Head of Real Estate Research and Strategy, BlackRock Real Assets</p>
10:00	<p>Keynote Fireside Chat – The Future of Real Estate: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities in a Changing Market A Conversation between CEOs</p> <p>Moderator: Susanne Eickermann-Riepe FRICS, Chair of RICS Europe World Regional Board</p> <p>Dominique Moerenhout, CEO, EPRA Casper Hesp, CEO, INREV</p>
10:20	<p>Panel 1 Building the Future: Unlocking Value Through Decarbonisation</p> <p>As buildings account for nearly 40% of global emissions, decarbonising the built environment is both an urgent challenge and a significant economic opportunity. This panel explores how decarbonisation strategies in real estate are not only reducing emissions, but unlocking new forms of value—through innovation, efficiency, resilience, tenant demand, and regulatory readiness.</p> <p>With perspectives spanning real estate development, design, technology, finance, and policy, the conversation will explore how decarbonisation is fast becoming a business imperative and a source of long-term competitive advantage in the built environment.</p> <p>Moderator: Stefan de Goeij MRICS, Partner; Head of Sustainability & ESG, CEE, Cushman & Wakefield</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruno Blavier, Head of ESG Real Estate, Swiss Life Asset Managers • Daniel Chang, Managing Director European Head of ESG, Hines • Jorg Quentin MRICS, Managing Director at Pfandbrief Bank • Artur Garcia, Managing Director, Zero Consulting by Accumin • Hanane Hafraoui, GlobalABC Programme Manager, UNEP



11:05

Panel 2

Managing Physical and Transition Risks: Strategies for a Resilient Future

The European Union (EU) faces a significant challenge in boosting investment in climate change mitigation to achieve its ambitious climate targets. The amount of investment required to reach net zero emissions by 2050 is estimated to be around 2 ¾ percent of gross domestic product (GDP) annually.

The panel will explore strategies for mitigating physical risks, such as extreme weather events and resource scarcity, while navigating transition risks related to evolving regulations, market shifts, and technological advancements. Discussions will focus on integrating resilience into business models, infrastructure planning, and policy frameworks. The panel will provide actionable insights into risk assessment, adaptation measures, and collaborative approaches to ensure a sustainable and resilient future for businesses, communities, and ecosystems. It will also explore the topic of financing for the climate transition in Europe as well as risk financing and insurance solutions.

Moderator: Robbie Epsom, Independent ESG Consultant

Speakers:

- Hans Vrensen, Managing Director |Head of Research & Strategy, AEW
- Roger Baumann MRICS, COO and Head Product Development Global Real Estate, Zurich Insurance Group
- Constantin Sorlescu MRICS, Standards Director, INREV
- Senior Rep. from Hungarian Central Bank
- Dirk Rathlev, Partner, Ernst & Young Real Estate GmbH

11:50

Networking Coffee

12:10

Fireside Chat

Tackling the Affordable Housing Crisis in Europe

This fireside chat examines the urgent challenge of addressing Europe's affordable housing crisis in the face of demographic shifts, growing urbanization, economic inequality, and environmental pressures. Experts will explore innovative policies, financing mechanisms, and design solutions to create accessible, sustainable, and resilient housing. Key topics include leveraging public-private partnerships, integrating energy-efficient retrofitting, and optimizing land use for social and environmental impact. The role of technology and community engagement in fostering inclusive housing development will also be discussed. Join us for a deep dive into actionable strategies to ensure affordable housing for all, while advancing Europe's broader sustainability goals.

Moderator: Raul Garcia Rodriguez, Financial advisor, UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group

Speakers:

- Barbara Steenbergen, Head of liaison office to the EU, UIT (Union of Tenants)
- Luca Bertalot, Secretary General, European Mortgage Federation - European Covered Bond Council (EMF-ECBC)
- Andrea Colantonio, Lead Urban Development Specialist, European Investment Bank

12:45

Networking lunch



13:40	Surprise performance
13:50	<p>Panel 3 Scaling Sustainability on a Neighbourhood Level: Brownfield Redevelopment – Lessons learnt from Budapest</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Regő Lászki. State Secretary for Architecture, Ministry of Construction and Investment</p> <p>Moderator: Attila Jenei, Partner, EY denkstatt / EY könyvvizsgáló Kft</p> <p>Speaker: Miklós Gyertyánfy, CEO, Granit Polus</p>
14:40	<p>Afternoon Keynote Speaker/ Keynote fireside chat</p> <p>The Role of Data in Real Estate: Unlocking Insights and Managing Security Risks</p> <p>In this engaging fireside chat, industry leaders will discuss how data is transforming the built environment—from investment decisions and asset management to sustainability performance and tenant experience—while also exploring the growing importance of managing security risks.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Jens Hirsch, Chief Scientific Officer, BuildingMinds</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Csongor Csukas MRICS, Global Head of Asset Management, BNP Paribas Real Estate • Cecile Babcock, Head of Distribution, Edge
15:00	<p>Debate</p> <p>Maximizing on-site renewables vs. grid-reliance – the right level in the light of energy security and profitability</p> <p>The panel brought together experts from various backgrounds to explore the strategic considerations behind the shift toward on-site renewable energy generation, and how to balance it with grid dependency in a fast-evolving energy landscape.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr Sven Bienert MRICS, Director Competence Center of Sustainable Real Estate - University of Regensburg</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Van Rompaey, Global Responsible Investment Manager – Real Estate Equity and Debt, AXA Investment Managers • Joost Leendertse, CEO, Verusol • Viktor Sverla, Vice-President, MOL Group • Anita Simon, Deputy CEO for sustainability and circular economy, ALTEO Plc
15:40	Networking Coffee



16:00

Panel 4

Repurposing Buildings and Land: Blending Heritage with Modern Innovation

This panel will look into the growing trend of adaptive reuse and land repurposing, where old buildings and sites are transformed to meet the needs of modern society while enhancing their resilience. From converting industrial factories into cultural hubs to revitalizing historic landmarks for residential or commercial use, and from reimagining vacant land to redeveloping brownfield sites, the discussion will highlight how European cities are preserving their heritage while embracing innovation.

Panelists will explore the environmental and economic advantages of reimagining existing structures—reducing waste, conserving resources, and addressing urban challenges. Discussions will highlight successful case studies, design innovations and the process of navigating regulatory hurdles. Audience will gain insights into navigating funding challenges and identifying resources that support the transformation of existing structures into vibrant, functional spaces while achieving financial viability.

Moderator: Jens Bohnlein MRICS, Global Head of Real Estate, Siemens Healthineers

Speakers:

- Peter Cosmetatos, CEO, CREFC Europe
- Anthony Methenier MRICS, Head of Real Estate Europe-Africa & Mediterranean-Western Asia, Heidelberg Materials
- Gergely Pókos, Managing Director, OTP Bank
- Prof Ezio Micelli FRICS, Full professor, Iuav University of Venice

16:40

Closing Keynote

Nick Maclean FRICS, RICS Acting President

16:50

Reveal for 2026

17:00

Closing Networking Drinks

Hauszmann Programme Private Guided Walking Tour

Date: **21st October 2025**

Time: **6.30pm**

The Hauszmann Programme in Budapest is a major national restoration and redevelopment initiative revitalizing the historic Buda Castle District. This private walking tour offers exclusive access to key sites within the project, showcasing Hungary's architectural heritage and its integration into a modern civic and cultural vision. An exclusive experience not to be missed.

Limited places. Registration needed.

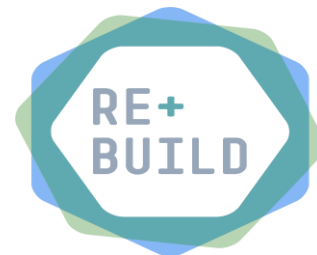


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