



Built Environment European Summit 2026

19-20 October 2026



Technical Visit to The Ellinikon

Date: **19th October 2026**

Time: **from 9am 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.

Pick up will be arranged from a location (TBC) from the city centre

Arrival for pickup of tour: between 9-9:15am (buses will leave on a rolling basis)

Exact details will be given soon.

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

Limited places. Registration needed.

Networking lunch at The Ellinikon Experience Centre

Time: **around 12 noon EET**

For those who are unable to get on the tour as it is full, you are still welcome to join the lunch as well as the workshops post lunch.

Workshops post Lunch

Start time: 1pm EET – 3pm EET

More details to be revealed soon

2 workshops one after another:

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

Same time as the 2 workshops above: **Invite only workshop looking at 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**

19:30 **Return to Terrace of Acropolis Museum**

Welcome drinks

20:10 **Welcome speech**

Justin Young, CEO of RICS

20:15 **Gala Dinner starts**

Live Music Performance

Keynote speech: History in Stone: How Buildings Remember

22:30 **End of Gala Dinner**

Morning Run (For enthusiasts!)

Get an energizing start to the day!

Athens at first light — ancient stones softened by the morning sun, quiet streets opening slowly to the day, and the Acropolis standing timeless above it all. A few kilometres through history, before the city stirs.

Date: **20th October 2026**

Time: **06:30 am EET**

Meeting point:

Electra Metropolis Athens

(Mitropoleos 15, Athina 105 57, Greece)

Run Master: Sander Scheurwater@ RICS

*No registration needed. Just show up to the lobby/front of hotel **at least 5 minutes before 06:30 am.**

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Venue: Technopolis City of Athens

08:30	General Registration and Networking Coffee
09:00	Opening remarks by Stefan de Goeij, MRICS, Chair of RICS European World Regional Board Welcome Note
09:10	Opening Keynote
09:25	Keynote presentation Hubert Joachim, Global Head of Investments and Asset Management, Amundi Immobilier
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. Moderator: Cecile Babcock, Principal Advisor, Global Investment, Sustainable Real Estate Forum (SREF) Speakers: Hubert Joachim, Global Head of Investments and Asset Management, Amundi Immobilier Dominique Moerenhout, CEO, EPRA Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Secretary General, European Mortgage Federation-European Covered Bond Council (EMF-ECBC) James Halstead, MD, Chief Investment Officer for European Value-Add Real Estate, BlackRock
10:20	Keynote fireside chat Raising the Standard: Regulation and Professionalism in Europe's Built Environment Moderator: Nigel Clarke, Chair of RICS Standards & Regulation Board Speakers: Chris Alder, Senior Executive Officer, RICS Regulation Nick Maclean FRICS, President RICS Petros Mikallos MRICS, President Cyprus Quantity Surveyors and Construction Economists Association Adamantia Phoca MRICS, Chair of RICS in Greece & Operational Real Estate Senior Director, LAMDA Development S.A.
10:40	Networking 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.

Presentation: Hannes Matt, Independent Climate Risk Advisor

Moderator: Susanne Eickermann-Riepe FRICS, RICS Senior Vice President

Speakers:

Constantin Sorlescu MRICS, Director of Professional Standards and Sustainability, INREV

Roger Baumann MRICS, COO, Zurich Insurance

Edward Pugh, Director | Head of Investment Management Sustainability, PATRIZIA

Daniel Chang, Managing Director, European Head of ESG, Hines

Hannes Matt, Independent Climate Risk Advisor

Samuel Depraz, Head of Research, ESPI

11:55

Keynote presentation

EPBD in Action: Turning European Ambition into Building Transformation

Oliver Rapf, Executive Director, Building Performance Institute of Europe (BPIE)

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.

Moderator: Ji-Soo Yoon, Policy Analyst, OECD

Speakers:

Katerina Papavasileiou, Sustainability & Responsibility Director, Federated Hermes

Cristina Ramos Reira, EU Projects & Sustainability-Asset Management, Amazon

Ana Bachurova, Energy Efficiency Lead, UNEP-FI

Hannah Stern, Chief Commercial Officer, Rocogizer

Danai Frantzi-Gounari, Sustainability Director, LAMDA Development

13:00	Networking Lunch
14:00	Keynote fireside chat Show Me the Money! Unlocking the Capital Behind Sustainable Real Estate Moderator: Linda Zeilina-Cross, CEO, International Sustainable Finance Centre Speakers: Peter Cosmetatos, CEO, CREFC Europe David Zuckenfels, Senior Vice President Legal, Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry (ALFI) Tamas Mark MRICS, Global Head of Real Assets, IQEQ
14:20	Panel 4 Where Heritage Meets Innovation: Greece's Urban Development Story Moderator: Eleftheria Riga MRICS, Partner, Deputy Real Estate Leader, Deloitte Speakers: Hilda Alisandratou, Director Investment Promotion (Tourism, Real Estate, Creative Industries), Enterprise Greece Theodora Antonakaki, Director of the Climate Change and Sustainability Centre, Bank of Greece Panagiotis "Peter" Giannakis MRICS, Founder & Managing Director, PMD Real Estate Network Evangelia Mitsiakou, Principal Sustainability Consultant, AECOM
15:00	Keynote Fireside Chat Cooling the Cloud: Balancing Performance and Power Constraints in the AI Era Moderator: James Garner MRICS, Head of Data & AI, Gleeds Speakers: Menatallah Abdel Azeem, Senior Solution Engineer - Cloud AI & Apps, Microsoft Neal Shah, Senior Director, Global Design, Greystar Nelson Pinto de Magalhaes, Procurement & PMO Director, Start Campus
15:30	Afternoon Presentation From Ambition to Action: What the UN Global Status Report Means for Buildings and Construction Hanane Hafraoui, GlobalABC Programme Manager, UNEP

15:45	Networking Coffee
16:15	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. Moderator: Frank Hovorka MRICS, RICS Board member, Sustainability Chair Speakers: Steffen Szeidl, CEO, Drees & Sommer Ramy Sedra, Senior Vice President, Global Sales & Marketing – evoZero & evoBuild CC, Heidelberg Materials Tomas Kelly FRICS, President of SCSi Martha Tsigkari, Senior Partner & Head of Applied Research + Development, Foster + Partners
16:50	Closing Fireside Chat: The Trillion Dollar Housing Transition The capital exists. The constraint is underwritable transition pathways, valuation frameworks that can't price verified retrofit plans, and investment processes that treat housing as a passive balance-sheet position. Moderator: Raúl García Rodríguez, Financial advisor, UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group Speakers: Nico Dehnert MRICS, Co-Founder & CCO, Optiml Jeff Rupp, Director of Public Affairs, INREV Hanane Hafraoui, GlobalABC Programme Manager, UNEP
17:10	Closing Keynote Nicholas Maclean FRICS, RICS President
17:20	Reveal for 2027
17:30	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: **6:15pm**

Starting destination: From the Technopolis City of Athens

End destination: Somewhere in the Plaka area

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