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News from the GlobalABC Secretariat

18 NOV • BUILDING TO NET-ZERO TOGETHER

[DON'T MISS] Join us at the #RaceToZero Dialogue on Built Environment - 18 November 9:30 - 15:30 CET

Under the lead of the GlobalABC, in collaboration with WorldGBC, WBCSD, and jointly with multiple supporting organizations, the Race To Zero Dialogue on Built Environment will take place on 18 November, 9:30-15:30 CET, and will explore the built environment’s potential and pathways to Race To Zero. It will focus on radical collaboration along the buildings value chain, asking ‘what can you do to meet your responsibility in decarbonizing this essential sector’.

Join our exciting speakers including Ministers, CEOs, CSOs, Mayors, and Executive Directors and check out the full programme here.

Register in the link below ⬇⬇⬇

GlobalABC Member & Buildings News
The European Renovation Wave: From Words to Action

The Renovation Wave published by the European Commission on October 14, 2020 recognises that the status quo is not sustainable and introduces a range of actions to “make renovation a win-win for climate neutrality and economic recovery”. But while a vision to decarbonise the building sector is taking shape, success will depend on how well it is turned into action in the coming years. This assessment sets out BPIE’s views on the key elements of the strategy, and how they can be put into action.

BPIE assessment’s of the Renovation Wave

This assessment sets out BPIE’s views on the key elements of the strategy and provides suggestions how they can be put into action. For example, BPIE argues that a much stronger focus on deep renovations is needed to achieve full decarbonisation of buildings by 2050 and this should be reflected in the upcoming legislative processes and respective supporting instruments.

From the news:

News articles
- The construction sector can pave the way for a green economic recovery - WBCSD
- An Open Letter to the UNFCCC - Architecture2030
- Cement industry aims to become carbon-neutral by 2050 - One Planet Network
- The SE 2050 Commitment Program Launches - Carbon Leadership Forum

Reports:
- From Linear to Circular - First Global Mapping of Circularity in the Built Environment - One Planet Network SBC
- Health and Social Equity in Real Estate - ULI Americas
- Performance of distributed energy resources in three low energy dwellings during the UK lockdown period - Oxford Brookes University

Upcoming Events

[Oct - Nov] OID webinars in French
- [Started 9 Nov] Début du MOOC Bâtiment et Biodiversité
- [19 Nov] Rediffusion conférence immobilier et prospective
- [1 Dec] Quelles implications de la Taxonomie européenne des activités vertes pour le secteur de l’immobilier?
[19 Nov] IFC webinar
Accelerating Investments in Green Real Estate with Technical Assistance
Learn how financial institutions can advance their green real estate programs by providing technical assistance to developers and by using EDGE. With EDGE as a part of the eligibility process, banks can access a more diversified pool of international green finance and accelerate the deployment of investments.

Register now

[19 Nov] Rising to the Challenge of a Warming World: Financing Net Zero Cooling
Over the coming 30 years, energy needs for space cooling could triple, especially in hot and tropical countries. However, the cooling sector needs to shift to net-zero emissions by 2050 to provide a climate safe world. This will require improved sustainable cooling policies, incentives, tools and approaches, together with proactively shared knowledge and innovation that mainstreams sustainable cooling.

Register now

[23-25 Nov] 2020 REN21 Academy
The REN21 Academy will be held virtually, as an interactive laboratory that creates space for exchange, collaboration and problem solving.

The shift to renewables must happen now*. But what is preventing us from making this shift? And, what if the disruption caused by COVID-19 really is our last chance?

The agenda for the main days of the REN21 Academy is organised around three thematic blocks:
- **Policy**: Making Renewable Energy a Political Priority
- **Markets**: Renewables Everywhere - Bridging Demand and Supply
- **Society**: Building Societal Support for Renewables

Read more about it [in this link](#).

Register now

[24-26 Nov] ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum 2020
The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) will be hosting the fourth edition of the annual ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum (ESEF) on 24-26 November 2020.

Register now

**Calls, Initiatives & Funding**

[01 Dec] Crossing Boundaries - Call for Full Papers
Accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a full paper. In case you have not submitted an abstract yet, please note that you are heartily invited to send in your full paper.
The deadline for submitting a full paper is December 1st, 2020.
You will receive a notification of your paper on January 18th, 2021.

Learn more

[26 Jan 2021] Accelerating the green transition and energy access Partnership with Africa
The call’s ambition matches the magnitude of the...
task: its goal is to use research and innovation to kick-start the environmental, social and economic transformations required to tackle the climate challenge, while helping the EU recover from the Covid-19 crisis, and increasing its resilience and capacity to respond to such novel threats in the future. Science, knowledge and evidence – not short-term crisis contingencies – provide the compass for charting the path towards more resilient economies, societies and governance systems, and for designing a new, green growth strategy for the EU, embracing digitisation and enhancing Europe’s competitiveness.

Read more

[26 Jan 2021] Building and renovating in an energy and resource efficient way

With rising focus on the building sector (e.g. the ‘renovation wave’ initiative of the European Green Deal) in view of the full decarbonisation by 2050, the built environment remains a strategic domain for R&I. The priority is the design and construction of new or retrofitting of existing buildings as zero-emission/zero-pollution[1], positive energy-houses in sustainable green neighbourhoods.

Read more

WorldGBC Online Case Study Library

WorldGBC’s interactive digital case study library map showcases some of the world’s most cutting-edge sustainable buildings. Launched in November 2019, it recognizes the growing market demand to highlight the ‘best in class’ buildings that excel in key areas of sustainability, and the role of certification schemes to provide third party assurance of performance. Click the button below to learn how to submit a case.

Learn more

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GlobalABC Flagship Products

- 2019 Global Status Report
- Regional Roadmaps for Buildings and Construction 2020-2050
- A Guide for Incorporating Buildings Actions in the NDCs
Executive Summaries in other languages in this link.

Read full report

Pathways to decarbonization of the buildings and construction sector by 2050. It presents a comprehensive approach to emission reductions from the built environment along the full life cycle, towards achieving zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction by 2050.

Need for further extending the scope and ambition of building sector actions in NDCs. Developed with and through GlobalABC member countries.

Read full report

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