

World Green Building Council, Europe Regional Network

Charter of Cooperation, Support & Development

This Charter only addresses enhanced collaboration and actions between the ERN GBCs and does not alter any existing World GBC guidelines and governance processes related to Regional Networks and how GBCs collaborate.

Purpose & Participation:

The Europe Regional Network (ERN) of the World Green Building Council (WGBC) comprises over 20 national GBCs both from within and outside the EU. – and its shared purpose is to foster greater and closer collaboration and cooperation towards a radical improvement in the sustainability of the built environment across Europe and beyond.

Composed of GBCs of varying stages of market maturity, and operating across both the industry and political landscapes, the ERN's shared vision is of a mutually reinforcing network of individual, but cooperating, GBCs that meaningfully collaborate, mentor, advise and aim to integrate their workstreams for amplified outcomes across Europe's buildings sector.

We recognise that individual GBCs all occupy a unique position in their own market, but that through common regulatory systems and market approaches, – and our geographical and cultural closeness – and by working together we can bring progressive common positions across Europe.

Principles and Priorities

The network core priorities may evolve over time, but we agree to engage with each other in a transparent manner, with the intent to prioritise and practice the following guiding principles:

1. We are non-profit and recognise that mutual support enables all ERN GBCs to grow their position in their domestic markets, which in turn provides mutual reinforcement to the growth of green buildings across the wider European sector
2. We will always seek to support the development of other GBCs where practical, whether through specific technical or other assistance
3. We recognise that agreed common positions on policy, and the alignment of tools, will help eliminate confusion and bring clarity to the market across Europe
4. We understand that through partnership we can often deliver stronger, shared outcomes, and hence when considering new workstreams, we will operate on a collaborate-first principle, whereby we consider potential partnerships across the network
5. We recognise that resources across GBCs are limited, and we will aim to avoid duplication of efforts where possible by seeking to build on each other's work to accelerate market transformation. In building on the work of other GBCs we will recognise the origination of the work, its authorship, copyright, fair use, and will avoid infringing their business model.
6. We will communicate learning experiences as expeditiously as possible with each other, seeking to optimise the knowledge transfer process.
7. We recognise that for GBCs at all stages of maturity; organisational stability, growth, income diversification and resilience are eternal challenges, and we will seek to share opportunities to embed financial and organisational resilience across GBCs in the network where possible and appropriate.
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Governance & Coordination

The ERN GBCs make decisions by consent and consensus.

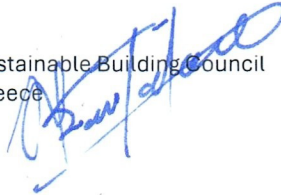
Leadership of the group is delivered via an elected Chair and Vice-Chair, drawn on a revolving basis from the CEO network of the ERN.

Signed on behalf of:

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Council (ÖGNI)



Sustainable Building Council
Greece



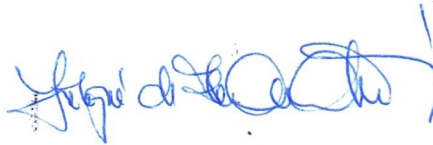
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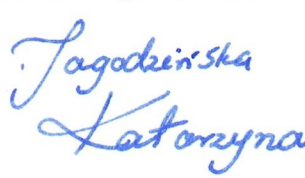
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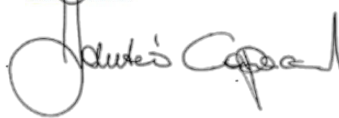
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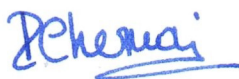
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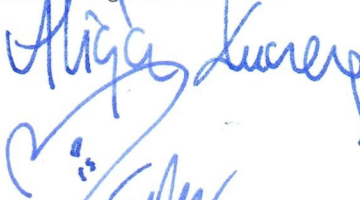
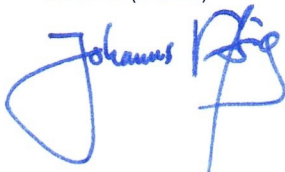
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