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# GLOBAL UPDATE

Dear GBCs, partners and sustainable building advocates,

**Welcome to the WorldGBC May Global Update.**

As many of you will know, 2022 marks 20 years of WorldGBC and our global network.

To mark this anniversary, we invite you join us for [WorldGBC+20 Global Solutions Forum - Accelerating Decarbonised and Sustainable Built Environments](#).

This event will take place in London on **Tuesday 28 June**, as part of WorldGBC+20 Leadership Summit, and alongside London Climate Action Week.

This event will bring together leaders and changemakers from across our network, showcasing our sector's solutions to keep the 1.5°C scenario within reach.

Please [register here](#) to learn more.

**Here are the highlights from this month's update:**

- Register for [WorldGBC+20: Global Solutions Forum](#) for Accelerating Decarbonised and Sustainable Built Environments, 28 June 2022
- Save the date, **World Green building Week 2022**, 12–16 September
- WorldGBC launches a [bold new policy plan for the European Union](#) to accelerate progress on decarbonising buildings and construction
- Join us on the 1 June for "[Net zero solutions around the world in 24 hours](#)"

Best wishes,  
Cristina Gamboa, CEO, World Green Building Council

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# GLOBAL SOLUTIONS FORUM

28 June 2022  
London, UK

***It's time to accelerate a decarbonised and sustainable built environment for everyone, everywhere***

To mark 20 years of WorldGBC, we're hosting **WorldGBC+20: Global Solutions Forum for Accelerating Decarbonised and Sustainable Built Environments** on 28 June in London.

The Forum will bring together progressive leaders and special guests from across the WorldGBC network, to share insights and accelerate decarbonisation and sustainability now.

**Why join us in person:**

- **Reconnect** with the largest local-regional-global action network advancing decarbonisation and sustainability in the built environment for everyone, everywhere
- **Discover** solutions that are ready to scale by 2025
- **Celebrate** 20 years of accomplishments

***This event is made possible by the generous support of UKGBC and our sponsors:***

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*Please note that this is a paid event with a limited number of tickets.*

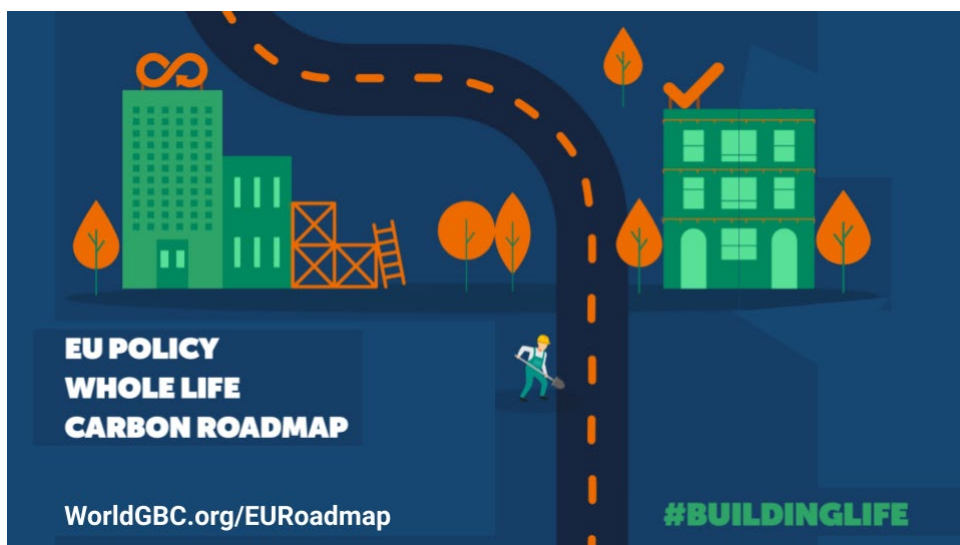
[Register here, 28 June](#)

# 2 WORLD GREEN 2 BUILDING 2 WEEK 12-16 SEPT

**Save the date, World Green Building Week, 12–16 September 2022**

World Green Building Week (WGBW) is our annual flagship campaign that empowers our community to advance sustainable built environments for everyone, everywhere.

Stay tuned for the announcement of this year's campaign theme, **6 June**.



**Construction leaders from across Europe launch the EU Policy Roadmap towards climate neutral buildings and construction by 2050.**

On Tuesday 24 May, World Green Building Council launched a bold new policy plan for the European Union to accelerate progress on decarbonising buildings and construction, one of the most heavily emitting sectors in the world.

Developed with the support of a coalition of over 35 leading industry bodies through WorldGBC's flagship [#BuildingLife](#) project, the [EU Policy Roadmap](#) is the first of its kind at EU scale to address the whole life carbon impact of the built environment, across multiple policy routes.

[Find out more](#)



**Net zero solutions around the world in 24 hours**

From now until our 2030 net zero goal, how many 24 hours do we have?

The answer is 3,000.

Let's use one of these 24 hours to share progress, learn what can be done and what needs to be done to achieve this goal together!

1 June, 9am BST – 2 June, 9am BST

This event will mark the launch of our 6-months [Asia Pacific Network Festival 2022](#).

Register: Net zero solutions around the world

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# SAVE THE DATE

## 29 JUNE

### *WorldGBC Annual General Meeting*

WorldGBC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be taking place on Wednesday 29 June 2022, in London (with the option to join virtually).

This year's AGM will form part of the [WorldGBC+20 Leadership Summit](#).

As [announced earlier this year](#), voting for the appointment of new WorldGBC Board of Directors will now be transferred to our members.

You can find more detail on the updated elections process in the [Board of Directors Members Vote FAQ document](#).

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**Stephen Richardson** on why Europe's buildings can play a critical role in addressing the energy crisis

EUROPE REGIONAL NETWORK 

[Stephen Richardson](#), Director of WorldGBC's Europe Regional Network.

The ongoing war in Ukraine has brought suffering and tragedy on a scale many of us thought, and hoped, not to see in Europe in our lifetimes.

It has also underscored the urgent need to tackle energy security and reduce reliance on fossil fuels on a global scale.

In the wake of the invasion, the EU has published a new energy plan called [REPowerEU](#) to move Europe's energy systems towards a more resilient and green future.

However, the role of buildings and infrastructure in addressing the crisis has been largely overlooked.

WorldGBC is calling on the EU to rectify this oversight, by drawing attention to how accelerating building renovation can massively reduce the EU's energy consumption.

[Read more](#)



### **Elizabeth Wangeci Chege, Vice Chair of WorldGBC Board, at MENA Climate Week**

With increasing population growth and rapid unplanned urbanisation, there is mounting demand for buildings.

Without immediate action, construction of urban housing and its associated infrastructure will significantly deplete global resources.

At [#MenaClimateWeek](#), experts from [World Green Building Council](#), [Reall](#), [Middle East Institute](#) and [Arup](#) discussed the rapid delivery of climate-resilient housing.

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# NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

## *GBCs AND PARTNERS*

### GBCs

- Green Building Council Finland are participating in [New European Bauhaus Festival, 9 June, live in Brussels](#). They will be presenting several projects including [Nordic Networks for Circular Construction](#) and [Nordic Sustainable Construction](#) and have an impressive set of guest speakers.

### Partners

- **Climate Innovation Forum, 28 June** – a flagship event of London Climate Action Week, bringing together senior public and private sector decision makers to accelerate the delivery of net zero commitments. [Find out more and register.](#)
  - **Webinar: Get going with the new Level(s) eLearning programme, Friday 3 June, from 9.30 to 11.15 CEST.** The European Commission will be running a webinar to introduce an eLearning programme designed to help you complete your first building assessment using the Level(s) framework. [Register you place and view the agenda.](#)
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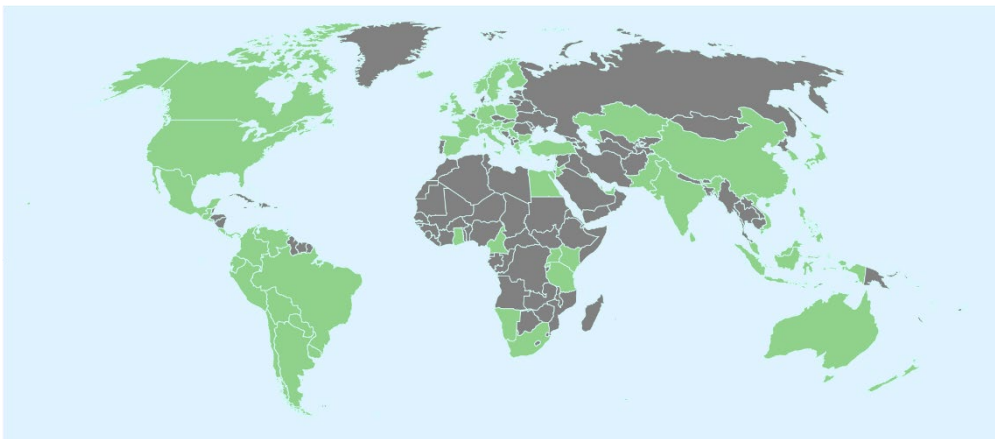
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