

CONFERENCE

on the topic:

BUILDING THE FUTURE: EU / US PERSPECTIVES ON INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT, CIRCULAR CONSTRUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

February 17, 2025

Avenue des Arts, 20, 1000 Brussels

AGENDA

13:30-14:00	<i>Guests' arrival & Networking Coffee</i>
14:00-14:30	<p><u>Welcome & Opening Remarks:</u></p> <p><i>Mr. Domenico CAMPOGRANDE</i>, Director General, European Construction Industry Federation – FIEC</p> <p><i>Mr. Kalin PESHOV</i>, Vice-Chairman of the Bulgarian Construction Chamber & Chairman of the Management Board of Glavbolgarstroy (GBS)</p> <p><i>Mr. Symeon G. TSOMOKOS</i>, Founder & President, Delphi Economic Forum & Member of the GBS International Advisory Board</p> <p><i>Ms. Eva MAYDELL</i>, MEP & Vice-Chair EU-US delegation</p>
<p>Panel Discussion: Strategies to Support Circular Economy, Competitiveness, Innovation and Energy Sustainability in the EU and US</p> <p><i>Moderator: Meglena MIHOVA</i>, Managing Partner, EPPA, Brussels</p>	
14:30-15:30	<p><u>EU Perspective:</u></p> <p><i>Ms. Tsvetelina PENKOVA</i>, MEP & Vice-Chair, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), European Parliament</p> <p><i>Mr. Witold STRZELECKI</i>, Managing Director, Business & Science Poland</p> <p><u>US Perspective:</u></p> <p><i>Congressman Larry BUCSHON</i>, U.S. House of Representatives, Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee</p> <p><i>Ms. Donna SHALALA</i>, Former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives</p> <p><i>Mr. Ivan MIHAYLOV</i>, CEO, American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria</p>
15:15-15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>

Circular Construction and Strategies to Support Start-ups & Innovation in the EU / Case Studies through Horizon Europe and partnerships

Chair: Ms. Plamena NENKOVA, Deputy Executive Director "International Affairs & Business Development", Glavbolgarstroy (GBS)

15:45-16:45	<p>The European Commission Perspective on Circularity in the Built Environment and Construction & Demolition Waste Management – Mr. Pablo GUTIERREZ, DG GROW H.1 Construction, European Commission</p> <p>MOBICCON-PRO Project – Closing the Loop in the Construction Sector (Interim Results Highlights) – Ms. Plamena Nenkova (GBS), Dr. Stefania Butera (DTI) & Ass. Prof. Roumyana Zaharieva (UACEG)</p> <p>Case study: REDOL Project – Ms. Paola Mazzucchelli, Brussels Delegate at CIRCE - Centro Tecnológico</p> <p>Case study: RECONSTRUCT Project – Mr. Jeroen Poppe, Project Researcher, VUB Architectural Engineering</p> <p>Case study: DISCOVER Project – Ms. Lies Mertens, Tracimat</p>
16:45-17:00	Closing remarks
17:00-18:00	Networking drinks