

CROATIA GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (CGBC) Status March 2016.

Who are we?

- CGBC was formed in 2009 by 24 reputable companies and institutions as a non-profit organisation
- With over **105 current members**, the association is considered for a valuable source of information, contacts, knowledge and all other forms of support for stakeholders active in segment of green economy, sustainable development, green building, energy efficiency, climate change and environmental protection
- We are members of the World Green Building Council (www.worldgbc.org) and the European regional network of Green Building Councils in which together we represent the largest global professional community for the promotion and implementation of the principles of green building in the world
- Fields of activity of our members include: professional and expert areas - engineers, architects, consultants, lawyers, designers, auto industry; sectors of finance, energy, construction, hotel industry, manufacturing, transport, information and communication technologies, research organizations and academic society; local governments; development agencies; consulting companies; governmental institutions and organizations; owners and users of buildings and individuals
- The business of the association is stable in a significant increase from its inception until this moment
- In 2016. has been signed the Memorandum of Understanding with European Bank for Regional Development (EBRD) as well MoU with Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Nachhaltiges Bauen (DGNB; Germany)

Objectives of the association:

- Participation and application on tenders of the EU funds in the role of the applicant and / or partner in the area of green economy, sustainable development, green building, energy efficiency, climate change and environmental protection
- Promotion of green building program, products, technologies and services included in the circular economy
- Education of all market stakeholders on the principles of green building and international certificates of green building
- Transformation of the Croatian construction and real estate market towards sustainability
- Active participation in strengthening the capacity for green building of neighbouring countries of Croatia

Project activities in which we can participate:

- Professional support on topics in the field of green economy, sustainable development, green building, energy efficiency, climate change and environmental protection
- Cross-sectoral dialogue on initiatives in the field of legislation (green public procurement, public private partnerships, ESCO models, law on Construction, the law on renewable energy sources, law on materials etc.)
- Providing information and education for expert and general public
- Organization of symposiums, seminars, workshops, round tables, conferences and annual meetings
- Participation and organization of campaigns with an aim of raising public awareness about the importance of green building
- Starting green jobs and creating new trends in construction
- Cooperation with the private and public sector in the field of application of principles of sustainable building practices

Our best known educational programs for promoting of green building:

Green Building Professional – in 2011 CGBC, in cooperation with other European Councils, has launched the year-round educational program: Green Building Professional. In four years of organizing training program GBPro enrolled **150 students**, of which 90 have already received, after successfully passing the exam, international certification Green Building Professional, which gave them a competitive advantage in the labor market at home and abroad in the context of construction, but also more other areas of the green economy. The aim of the Green Building Professional Education Program is to raise a generation of multi-disciplinary experts in the field of green building, design and financing of green buildings.



LEED, BREEAM, DGNB trainings - CGBC promotes the most famous international certification systems for green building (LEED, BREEAM, DGNB) in Croatia. In September 2015, within the World Green Building Week, CGBC organised **LEED & DGNB training** which was attended by 50 participants. Currently, in collaboration with the Green Living Education, CGBC offers professional **online training** for those who want to learn more about the LEED® certification or for those who wish to become accredited LEED® Green Associate. The aim and purpose of the LEED program and training is strengthening and development of the green building market through applications based on "consensus-based" standards and provide clear criteria for measuring the impact on the building during and after construction.



Better Building Brunch – CGBC organizes the event called "Better Building Brunch" for executives and top management from all segments of the economy, public administration, and academic and diplomatic society in Croatia. This event traditionally brings together high-level representatives as keynote speakers presenting the most important topics in the field of sustainable development to the assembled participants, as well as the media and the general public. In 2016 CGBC executed the **8th consecutive "Better Building Brunch"** with the Croatian President, Mrs Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, as keynote speaker, speaking on the topic: "Whether and how to influence the future of Croatian historic meeting on climate change Paris - COP 21? "



EU project in implementation:

We are members of a consortium of 13 countries on the „**BUILD UPON**“ program Horizon 2020. The aim of this innovative project is to encourage the creation and implementation of a long-term framework for a proportional increase in energy-efficient renovation. The project is worth 2.35 million euros and brings together more than 1,000 organizations in 80 diverse events in 13 countries in 2016-2017 period.



Why being a partner with CGBC on EU projects?

- ✓ We have the capacity and experience in the implementation of EU projects
- ✓ Expertise from a wide range of economic and scientific topics
- ✓ Recognition and networking
- ✓ EU and world wide availability of information and transfer of *know-how* in the field of green building and sustainable development as well LEED, BREEAM or DGNB certification system

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