

# Global Update



April 2024

## News from WorldGBC

Delighted to welcome  
to our network



Ukrainian GBC

Joining our  
Europe Regional  
Network

20+  
national  
GBCs

7  
regional  
partners



### Welcome to the network Ukrainian GBC

We're proud to announce that the Ukrainian Green Building Council (UGBC) has joined our global network of over 80 Green Building Councils (GBCs) as a Prospective member.

Founded in 2023, UGBC connects with a range of national stakeholders to make green building practices mainstream — from building and construction professionals, to policy makers and academia.

It inspires us that despite operating against a backdrop of war and humanitarian crises, organisations such as UGBC are continuing to drive action for change.

[Find out more >](#)



## **We're calling on EU policymakers to take decisive action on the built environment**

With the 2024 European Elections on the horizon, Europe faces a golden opportunity for politicians to implement more robust initiatives and incentives to secure sustainable buildings across the continent.

On 16 April 2024, WorldGBC launched the European Manifesto for a Sustainable Built Environment, featuring sustainable building policy recommendations. Developed by WorldGBC in collaboration with 24 European Green Building Councils and supported by seven regional partners, the manifesto sets out our vision for how sustainable buildings can be at the heart of a prosperous and equitable future for Europe.

[Read the manifesto >](#)

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## **Across the regions**

**Asia Pacific Leadership Awards in Green Building**

ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL NETWORK 

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### **Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards 2024**

WorldGBC and our Asia Pacific Regional Network are proud to announce the launch of the Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards (AP Leadership Awards).

The Awards offer an unparalleled opportunity to showcase achievements, learn from peers, and contribute to the global movement for more sustainable, resilient and equitable building practices.

[Find out more >](#)

## Our work in sustainable finance gains momentum


WorldGBC has been appointed as an Observer of the Platform on Sustainable Finance for its second mandate, running until December 2024. We will advise the EU Commission with regards to the consolidation and completion of the EU sustainable finance framework and EU Taxonomy relating to the construction and real estate sectors.








[Platform on Sustainable Finance >](#)


## EU policymakers approve deal to decarbonise Europe's buildings

In April, the European Parliament voted to approve an update to the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), in a crucial step towards accelerating climate action on buildings. We are pleased that the new EPBD includes measures to drive the renovation of Europe's buildings and, for the first time, measures to address the Whole Life Carbon impact of buildings.

[Read our reaction to the vote >](#)



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### Build Green Now conference, 3 May 2024

The Irish Green Building Council (IrishGBC) hosted Build Green Now, their flagship event of 2024. Speakers and panellists took a deep dive into new legislation such as the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and the EU Taxonomy for sustainable activities, all of which will shape our industry in the years ahead.

[Find out more >](#)

### Future Cities Africa Green Building Summit 2024

The theme of the 2024 event is 'Building Resilient Futures: Integrating Carbon Neutrality, Circular Economy, and Inclusive Urban Development'. Register to discuss green buildings and sustainable cities in Nigeria, and explore potential strategies and policies for further development.

[Register here >](#)



## Going full circle

The Circular Buildings Coalition (CBC) has launched the report 'Four circular building pathways towards 2050' at the World Circular Economy Forum in April in Brussels.

This report marks a significant milestone in our journey towards a circular built environment in Europe.

[Read the report >](#)

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## Take action



### Look for solutions in actions: WorldGBC's Case Study Library

Our [Case Study Library](#) features examples of the world's most cutting edge sustainable buildings. Each building has demonstrated enhanced performance in health benefits and net zero operational carbon, as verified by established certification schemes, rating tools or other verification systems.

[Submit your case study >](#)



### #NZCCommitment news roundup

The Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment (the Commitment) is recognised as a key initiative for the delivery of the [Buildings Breakthrough](#).

Our Commitment signatories are taking accelerated leadership action to decarbonise their building portfolios today.

[Read the latest Roundup >](#)

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## Learn



### In case you missed it!

You can catch up on our recent webinars here:

- [Keeping on track: Transforming the built environment to meet the SDGs](#) (25 January 2024)

- [Taxonomies and green buildings: How far have we come?](#) (11 April 2024)

[View our YouTube channel here >](#)

### Find the latest events on our calendar

Don't forget to visit our calendar, which features sustainability and building events from across WorldGBC and our global network of Green Building Councils, partners and more.

[View our events page >](#)

### Swire Properties releases 2023 Sustainability report

WorldGBC Corporate Advisory Board members Swire Properties have released their impressive [Sustainability Report 2023](#), as well as [2023 Highlights](#).

[Read the report >](#)

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## Final thought...

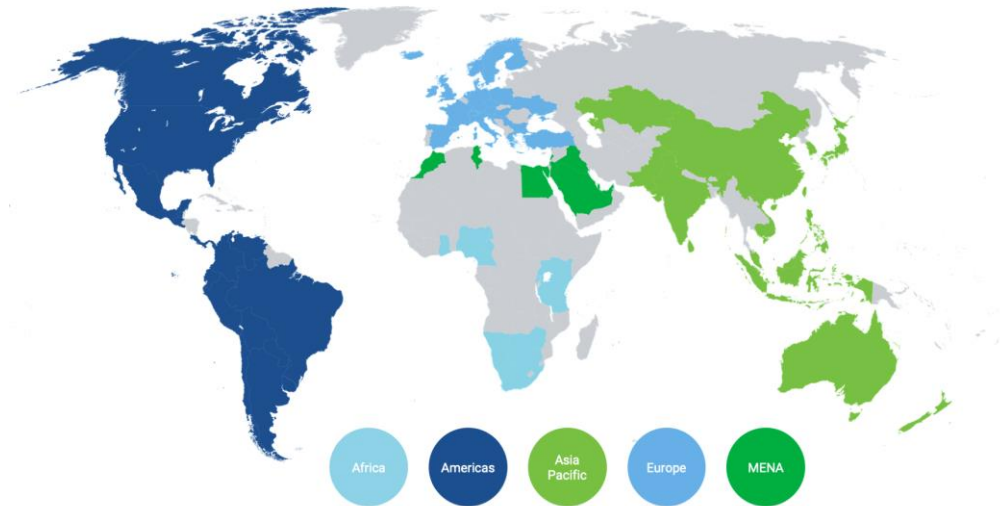


### ...Cristina Gamboa, CEO, WorldGBC

The countdown has begun to the WorldGBC Leadership Summit 2024 (24-27 June) and Global Solutions Forum, Tuesday June 25, in London. This is going to be an incredible opportunity for us to shift mindsets, innovate and recalibrate together. More details coming soon!

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## Global network



Find out more about our global network of Green Building Councils around the world.

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