

Zagreb,
10.04.2017

Dear Mr./Mrs.,

On behalf of BUILD UPON, we would like to thank you for your contribution and the support you have provided to Croatia Green Building Council in the process for the definition and implementation of your national renovation strategy.

Thanks to your support, the national dialogue in CROATIA on the importance of having a long-term national renovation strategy is **far stronger and more inclusive than ever before** – engaging different levels of government, industry and civil society. This wide engagement is critical for the implementation of ambitious renovation strategies.

Over the last two years BUILD UPON has built a high impact renovation strategy community throughout Europe (see overleaf). The support that this community has provided has been welcomed by governments, cities, regional authorities and energy agencies across the continent. The project was profiled by the UNFCCC during COP-21 negotiations as **one of the key international partnerships for tackling energy efficiency in urban environments**, and praised by European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič as **a true community of leaders**. All of this is thanks to leaders like **you**.

BUILD UPON started life as an EU Horizon 2020 project two years ago, and the project officially ended in February. However, we are very pleased to let you know that all the BUILD UPON team have agreed to continue to work on this process across their respective countries, as well as at European level.

We will update our community about upcoming plans and events in the next months, but one of our first and most important actions is to make political decision-makers aware of the large cross-sector community who support ambitious building renovation strategies – and who are ready to support their implementation.

To draw attention to the strategies due on 30 April 2017, and show support for strong renovation strategies in the new Energy Performance of Buildings Directive text that is currently being negotiated in Brussels, **we invite all BUILD UPON participants across Europe to support BUILD UPON's 'Common Vision' statement:**

“Our vision is a Europe that leads on the building renovation challenge – meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement and improving the lives of millions of citizens through better buildings.

To achieve this, all countries must establish ambitious national renovation strategies – setting out roadmaps to 2050, with clear targets, milestones and measures that support local action.

We commit to unite across sectors and nations to support this vision, and to support the design and implementation of the renovation strategies.”

On 24 April the BUILD UPON project will publish a press release communicating the large and diverse community of organizations across Europe who supports ambitious national renovation strategies. We will also communicate this to Energy and Finance Ministers across the region, to help empower them to support strong national renovation strategies in the EU's new Energy Performance of Buildings Directive that will help us meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

If your organization wishes to support the above Common Vision statement, please send your organization's logo to buildupon@gbccroatia.org before 20 April 2017. If you are aware that we already have your logo, please, send us just the confirmation that you support this Common Vision statement.

Relying on your continued support, we remain yours sincerely,

Snježana Turalija
CEO Croatia GBC



Emilio Miguel Mitre
BU Coordinator GBC Espana

James Drinkwater
Regional Director, Europe GBC Network

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

Across Europe

2,000

Key organisations working together

BUILD UPON'S work disseminated to over

100

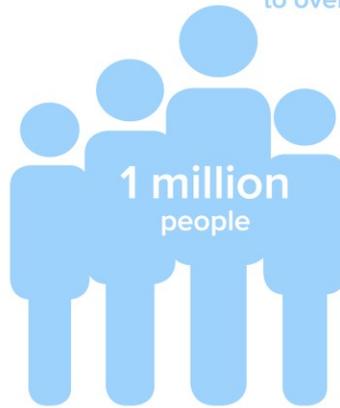
Events

over 750

Initiatives



Great examples of solutions supporting energy efficient building renovation across Europe in our RenoWiki platform to inspire one another.



1 million people

Support provided by BUILD UPON welcomed by **over 50 Governments, cities, regional authorities and energy agencies across Europe**



Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ

“BUILD UPON is a true community of leaders – we are counting on your leadership to create a renovation revolution across Europe.”

Maroš Šefčovič. European Commission Vice-President for Energy Union

BUILD UPON in CROATIA

„We have been consistently impressed by the leadership shown by Croatia on the national renovation strategy agenda“

J. Drinkwater, Regional Director

Mr. Lovro Kušćević, Minister, in front of the Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning in Croatia - main institutional partner of the project, has welcomed all present participants on the last conference of BUILD UPON held in Zagreb on February 10th and has referred to the importance of the project BUILD UPON as well as cooperation with the Croatia Green Building Council and all stakeholders of the project BUILD UPON. He was very thankful for the exchange of knowledge and experience regarding the national buildings energy renovation strategy between the 13 member states of BUILD UPON consortium.



Reach - Over 450 000 People in Croatia

170

Involved stakeholders

18

Events

68

Initiatives



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