

DECLARATION
on the Improvement of the Latvian Long-term Strategy for Building Renovation for 2014–
2020 with 43 recommendations approved on
17 February 2017

On 17 February 2017 the final BUILD UPON conference in Latvia “Society participation and involvement – the foundation of successful Latvian Long-term Strategy for Building Renovation” with over 60 participants took place at the National Library of Latvia. During conference the Declaration on the Improvement of the Latvian Long-term Strategy for Building Renovation for 2014-2020 with 43 recommendations was approved and signed by 60 stakeholders representing professionals of building sector, representatives of regional governments, financial institutions, higher education establishments, NGOs and others.

The conference was opened by the Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Economics of Latvia Mr. Edmunts Valantis, who emphasized an importance of dialogue with stakeholders during the BUILD UPON project and expressed gratefulness to the Latvian Sustainable Building Council for contributing to energy efficiency and deep renovation. The Associated Professor of the Latvian University and the Director of the National Center of Baltic University Program Dr. Džineta Dimante gave a presentation on resource efficiency and circular economy in the construction sector. Other conference speakers focused on topics related to construction quality, current and future trends for renovation and energy efficiency market, power of good practices, ESCO financing model, cultural heritage and others. Among distinguished conference speakers were the Director of State Construction Control Office Mr. Pēteris Druķis, Dean of the RISEBA Architecture and Design Faculty and Expert of the Ministry of Culture of Latvia Mr. Jānis Dripe, Director of RenEsco Ltd. Mr. Dzintars Jaunzems, Deputy Executive Director of the Liepāja City Council Mr. Mārtiņš Tīdens and representatives of Latvian Sustainable Building Council – Chairman of the Board Mr. Gints Miķelsons and Expert Ms. Maija Križmane.

Goals of the Declaration on the Improvement of the Latvian Long-term Strategy for Building Renovation are the following:

1. To promote quality and cost-efficient building renovation on a large scale that complies with high energy efficiency standards, thus providing for restoration of the Latvian residential, commercial and public building stock in high quality.
2. To improve quality of the construction process starting from the procurement until the building is put into operation and including ensuring planned energy efficiency.
3. To boost the standard of living in Latvia by improving building quality and increasing energy efficiency, along with more active engagement of the society in building renovation and management and raising public awareness of the advantages of energy-efficient and sustainable buildings.
4. To encourage application of new models and initiatives for financing renovation, including by attracting private investment as a source of additional financing in order to promote targeted

investments in building renovation in Latvia for at least the coming 10–20 years and in order to ensure successful energy efficiency politics in the long run.

5. To guarantee a considerable increase in building energy efficiency and quality in order to comply with the EU goals for 2030, to reduce the energy cost gap between Latvia and other Baltic Sea countries and to ensure stable energy price and delivery in the long term, thus increasing Latvia's energy independence.

6. To foster State's more active participation in renovation by developing and introducing a step-by-step action plan for the implementation of the Latvian Long-term Strategy for Building Renovation and by providing for a simple and understandable legislative basis for an effective realization of renovation.

The Declaration has been submitted to the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, which is responsible for drafting a new National Long-term Strategy for Building Renovation.

Full text of the Declaration and recommendations in English are available here: <http://ibp.lv/lv/musu-projekti/deklaracija-latvijas-eku-renovacijas-ilgtermina-strategijas-pilnveidosanai/>

Conference photos are available here:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/libporg/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1350311205025629

Our website www.ibp.lv provides an overview of BUILD UPON project workshop cycle as well as additional information on the process and resources.