

# Agenda

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7 – 8 May 2026

📍 Nicosia Municipality Town Hall

11 Eptanisou Street, 1016 Nicosia



8:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00 – 10:00 SESSION 1

### Welcome

- *Mr Alexis Vafeades*  
Minister of Transport, Communications and Works
- *Mr Kyriakos Koundouros*  
Director of Department of Town Planning and Housing
- *Ms Jutta Kastner*  
Directorate-General Education, Culture, Youth and Sports
- *Mr Daniel Fügenschuh*  
President of Architect's Council of Europe (ACE)
- *Mr Alkis Dikaïos*  
President of the Cyprus Association of Architects

### Introduction

- *Mr Charalambos Prountzos*  
Mayor of Nicosia
- Regenerating Nicosia,  
*Ms Athina Papadopoulou,*  
*Head Nicosia Master Plan Office,*  
*Department of Design and Project Development*

10:00 – 13:30 SESSION 2

## Architecture and Decarbonization: Towards a Climate-Neutral Built Environment

10:00 – 11:30 Panel 2.1.

### Advancing Sustainable Design Beyond Regulatory Compliance

**Moderator: Mr Michael Cosmas**

- *From Policy to Practice: Shaping Europe's Transitions in the Built Environment*

*Dr. Teresa Cuervo, Eduardo Torroja Institute for Construction Sciences (IETcc)*

- *Adaption or Disruption - Recent Projects Informing a "Sustainable" path*

*Mr Tae Young Yoon, Snøhetta*

- *Design for Change*

*Mr Martin Reuter, Ingenhoven Associates*

- *Grounded in Context*

*Mr Eraclis Papachristou, Eraclis Papachristou Architects*

- Panel discussion

11:30 – 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 13:30 Panel 2.2

### Innovation Through Circular Construction & Building Materials

**Moderator: Ms Markella Menikou**

- *National Circular Cities Initiative (InC2) - Supporting and empowering municipalities and their communities in the transition to urban circularity*

*Ms Marta Rodriguez, Ministry of Economy and Territorial Cohesion*

- *Architecture by Harvest: Design Through Making*  
*Mr Jeroen Bergsma, Superuse Studios*
- *Cyprus after the U-value: How addressing materiality can help us move towards more critical and less bureaucratic frameworks for building sustainably*  
*Ms Artemis Theodorou*
- *Title Presentation (Pending)*  
*Mr Francisco Fonseca, Pedrêz Architects*
- Panel discussion

13:30 – 14:30 LIGHT LUNCH

14:30 – 17:30 SESSION 3

- Walking Conference
- Visit to the Cyprus University Campus

17:30 – 18:30 RECEPTION

8:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00 – 10:45 SESSION 4

## Reactivating Architecture: Reusing Buildings & Places

**Moderator: Ms Nicola Matthews**

- *New European Bauhaus*  
*Mr Borut Cink, EU Commission*
- *Creating NEBourhoods together: NEB-guided urban transformation in Munich-Neuperlach*  
*Dr. Sylvia Pintarits, NEBourhoods Coordination*
- *Rock the Block – Integrated Participatory Roadmaps for Affordable Co-Living*  
*Mr Angelos Ploumis, Rock the Block communication officer*
- *The Phenomenal Particularisation of 'Being in the World'*  
*Mr Ciaran O'Brien, OBFA Architects*
- *Protocol for the Assessment of Renewable Energy Implementation in Sites with Cultural Value*  
*Mr Antonio Jesús Antequera Delgado, Coordinator of the National Plan for Cultural Landscapes*
- Panel discussion

10:45 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 13:00 SESSION 5

## Rethinking Architecture as a Catalyst of Cohesion in the Built Environment

**Moderator: Dr. Katharina Erdmenger**

- *Transform! Adapt ! Reuse!*  
*Mr Kostas Pouloupoulos (SQ1)*
- *Desiring Nature*  
*Dr. Myrto Kiourti*

- *Title Presentation (Pending)*  
*Ms Elena Tsolakis, Kyriakos Tsolakis Architects*
- *The City Reimagined*  
*Ms Dana Behrman, UNStudio*
- *Title Presentation (Pending)*  
*Ms Hanna Johansson, BIG – Bjarke Ingels Group*
- Panel discussion (30 min)

## 13:00 – 14:00 SESSION 6

**Moderator: Mr João Bento**

Shaping Policy and Cultivating Architectural Quality Across Europe

- *Affordable and Quality Housing for All*  
*Mr Daniel Fügenschuh, President ACE*  
*Mr Eugen PANESCU, ACE Executive Board Member*
- *Value for Many*  
*Mr Conor Sreenan,*  
*State Architect and Principal Architect, Ireland*
- Round table Discussion

## 14:00 – 14:15 WRAP UP AND CLOSING

*Department of Town Planning and Housing, Ministry of Interior*

## 14:15 – 15:30 LIGHT LUNCH

## 16:00 – 18:00 SESSION 7

- Walking Conference
- Visit to Nicosia City Centre

More information and the registration link can be found on the website of the [Department of Town Planning and Housing](#).