

European Union Construction Week 2015 in Latvia









In 2012 the Commission issued a Communication on the “Strategy for the Sustainable Competitiveness of the Construction Sector and its Enterprises” for the EU Member States focusing on facilitating sustainable growth and development in the construction industry. This Communication was accompanied by an Action Plan, commonly known as “[Construction 2020](#)”, which aims to support the construction industry in its adaptation to key upcoming challenges and to promote the sustainable competitiveness of the industry.

The main tasks of the Strategy are to improve competitiveness of companies working in the construction industry, to promote the construction companies raising their qualification, to implement the European challenges in the energy efficiency and sustainability, as well as to modernize the regulation and communication of the construction environment in the EU Member States in the context of internal market.

To implement this Strategy the Construction Week 2015 will be held in Latvia from 2 to 5 June, in the framework of which different activities foreseen for the construction sector will take place.

The Construction Week is organized by the Construction State Control Bureau in cooperation with the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, the Latvian National Standardization Body “Latvian Standard”, the Latvian Construction Contractors Association and other state institutions and non-governmental organizations related to the construction industry.

The program of the Construction Week:

Tuesday 02.06.2015	Wednesday, 03.06.2015	Thursday, 04.06.2015	Friday, 05.06.2015
	09:30 – 11:30	09:00 – 12:00	09:30 – 13:00
	Visit to Energy Efficiency Research Centre “Energy Efficiency Monitoring”	SBS Forum on Standardization “Benefits of Standardization for SME in Construction”	Forum “Future Perspectives for Public Authorities in Construction Control”
			
14:00 – 17:30	13:00 – 18:00	12:00 – 18:30	14:00 – 16:00
Discussion „Energy Efficiency in Multi-Apartment Residential Buildings. How to Get the Society Interested and Involved?”	European Forum for Science and Industry “Construction Standards” ¹	4th European Standardization Summit	Closing of EU Construction Week 2015
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¹ co-organized with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Association for Research and Technology Organizations (EARTO)



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Addition information about the Construction Week events.

First day, 2 June - a day for residents

Experts` discussion: **“Energy Efficiently in Multi-Apartments Residential Buildings. How to Get the Society Interested and Involved?”**

The discussion is organized by the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia within information campaign “Let`s Live Warmer”.

Venue: JSC “Latvian Development Finance Institution Altum”, Doma Square 4, Riga.

Agenda:

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| 14.00 – 14.50 | Opening of the Conference (the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, the University of Latvia, the Association of Apartment Owners) |
| 14.50 – 15.10 | Coffee |
| 15.10 – 17.10 | Discussion “Energy Efficiently in Multi-Apartments Residential Buildings. How to Get the Society Interested and Involved?”

Participants: the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia, JSC “Latvian Development Finance Institution Altum”, Latvian Association of Civil Engineers, Latvian Association of Building Material Producers, Latvian Builders Association, State Labour Inspectorate of the Republic of Latvia, JSC “Latvenergo”, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments, the Association of Commercial Banks of Latvia, Construction State Control Bureau and other. |
| 17.10 – 17.30 | Closing remarks |

The second, 3 June - a day for scientists

How can science support the construction industry and how to use the scientific progress more efficiently in construction and renovation of buildings?

Morning session

Visit for **professionals and scientists** to Polygon of the test buildings of VTPMML (University of Latvia, Faculty of Physics and Mathematics, Laboratory for Mathematical Modelling of Environmental and Technological Processes) at the Botanical Garden of the University of Latvia on 3rd of June, 2015. The professor of the University of Latvia Andris Jakovics has made a tests bench for performance of different tests and the monitoring of energy efficiency (www.eem.lv) since 2011, including those for adoption of the EU Directive 2010/31EU on effective performance of buildings regarding energy efficiency.

The professor Andris Jakovics will present to the guests the methodology of tests done, the thermal comfort and performance measurements used in Latvia, the conclusions made and future perspectives, as well as answers to the question will be given.



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Afternoon session

The Investment and Development Agency of Latvia in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre and the European Committee for Standardization invite the local business people, construction experts and scientists to take part in the discussion “**Construction Standards**”.

Discussion will be held on 3rd of June, 2015 in the premises of the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia, 2 Perses Street, Riga.

The main topics of the discussion will be how standards enable knowledge transfer and how to support the competitiveness of the construction industry.

Third day, 4 June - a day for business

Morning session

SMS Forum on Standardization “**Benefits of Standardization for SME in Construction**” organized by the Latvian Builders Association in cooperation with the European Construction Confederation.

Venue: Bellevue Park Hotel Riga, Slokas Street 1, Riga.

Registration: www.latvijas-buvnieku-asociacija.lv

Agenda:

09:00 - 9:10	Registration and opening of the Conference
09:10 – 09:30	The European Commission Support to SMEs in Standardization
09:30 – 9:50	The Economic Importance of EU Standardization and the Role of SBS
09:50 – 10:10	Construction Standardization. A Sectorial Approach
10:10 – 10:30	Standardization System for Construction Industry
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:20	CEN TC 350 (Sustainability standards in construction)
11:20 – 11:40	Implementation of the Eurocodes in the Baltic Countries. Benefits and Needs for Further Development
11:40 – 12:00	Closing remarks

Afternoon session

4th European Standardization Summit

The Summit will take place on 4 June from 12:00 till 18:30 in the premises of the National Library of Latvia, 3 Mukusalas Street, Riga. This Summit is a part of the official activity of the EU Construction Week 2015.

As the registration is closed you can follow all session online: <http://summit2015.lvs.lv/>

Fourth day, 5 June - a day for public sector

Morning session

The forum “**Future Perspectives for Public Authorities in Construction Control**” is organized by the Construction State Control Bureau in cooperation with the Consumer Rights Protection Centre.

In the framework of the forum the representatives of policy-making ministries and specialists of different institutions subordinated to these ministries will meet to share experiences about future perspectives for public authorities in construction control to meet the Construction 2020 targets and fulfill the tasks.

The participants and experts of construction industry are also invited to share their proposals with the public authorities in the construction to reach the targets and tasks of the Construction 2020.

The discussion will be held in the premises of the Construction State Control Bureau, K.Valdemara 157 Street, Riga.

Agenda:

09.30 – 10.00	Opening of the Forum. Introduction of the European Commission Progress Regarding Construction 2020
10.00 – 10.40	Macroeconomical Trends of the Construction Industry
10.40 – 11.00	LSBC project “Build Upon” – a partnership example of NGO to reach the targets of the Construction 2020
11.00 – 11.20	Coffee break
11.20 – 13:00	Challenges in the Baltic States Regarding Construction 2020

In the conclusion the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia in cooperation with the Latvian Building Cancell and other non-governmental institution organize the round table discussion about EU Construction Week 2015 results, outcomes and future activities.

The discussion will be held in the premises of the Construction State Control Bureau, K.Valdemara 157 Street, Riga.

Agenda:

14.00 – 14.20	Summary of European Construction Week
14:20 – 14:40	Latvian Construction Strategy Development. Challenges and Proposals
14:40 – 15:40	Main Challenges and the Future for Construction Industry Stakeholders
15:40 – 16:00	Closing of the European Construction Week

For more information about the Construction Week 2015 see the web pages:

- www.bvkb.gov.lv
- <https://www.em.gov.lv/en/>
- <https://www.lvs.lv/en>