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Łódź 25



THE BETTER-CITIES EVENT

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**THERE ARE MANY TALKERS
WHEN IT COMES TO
SUSTAINABLE CITIES.**

**AND THERE ARE
THE ONES WHO
CARE, ACT AND SHARE.**

**MEET THEM
AT URBAN FUTURE,
WHERE
BULLSHITTING
IS BANNED.**

WELCOME TO URBAN FUTURE THE BETTER-CITIES EVENT!

Meet the world's most passionate urbanists, city leaders and change makers all in one place. They will be ready to inspire, share, connect, collaborate and create!

250
SPEAKERS

150
MAYORS & CITY REPRESENTATIVES

+2,000
ATTENDEES

50
SESSIONS

100
PARTNERS

30
FIELD TRIPS





HOW TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE CITIES?

At UF25, we are diving deep into four critical tracks that address pressing urban challenges – both in our host city, Łódź, and across Europe.

These tracks represent key areas where innovation and collaboration are vital for building sustainable, resilient cities.

TRACK 1

URBAN REGENERATION

Urban regeneration puts your city on the map. These amazing places are drivers of local economy and strong communities, they attract talent and visitors, and they become irresistible not only in summertime. Done right, a regenerated city is a most productive, invested in, and truly sustainable city. In this track visionaries and makers connect on how to recreate and revitalise urban space.



Dr. Soo Hong Noh

professor emeritus of environmental engineering, became a champion for initiating the bold restoration of Seoul's Cheonggyecheon River, which had been covered by a highway for decades.



TRACK 2

SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

Businesses are an essential part of urban regeneration and sustainable cities. Cities offer opportunities for businesses to genuinely act on their sustainability strategy, and to comply with ESG standards. To succeed, cities and businesses must collaborate and innovate. Let's hear from business and city leaders just how they are teaming-up to grow a green and inclusive economy.



Remco Hempenius

is Strategic Business Development Manager at IKEA Retail, Ingka Group. With IKEA he supports the vision of 15-minute cities by bringing more smaller-format stores to inner-city areas like Vienna, Barcelona, and Copenhagen. Being closer to where more people live, work, and socialise enables IKEA to contribute to decarbonisation and a just transition.



Natalie Volland

is President and Chief Vision Officer at GI Quo Vadis in Canada. Natalie works collaboratively with strategic partners to redevelop areas and restore heritage. With her social work background, she has created a unique vision to use real estate projects as a tool of economic development and urban regeneration.



Ronni Kahn

of Australia's leading food rescue charity, OzHarvest, is tackling your household's single biggest driver of climate change: food waste. Ronni's mission to fight food waste and feed hungry people is supported by some of the world's finest chefs and has eventually changed Australian legislation.

TRACK 4

DRIVING CHANGE

TRACK 3

RETROFITTING BUILDINGS

If building new inspires and wins awards, retrofitting existing building stock wins the climate game. With 80% of the structures that will stand in 2050 already built, retrofitting them is where the toughest nuts must be cracked. This track follows the leaders who are transforming the real estate sector and shows how innovators are retrofitting at scale and with close attention to local needs.



The transition to sustainable cities requires change on many levels at the same time: in business and finance, by lawmakers, planners, and politicians, inside and between organisations, and personally. Driving this change can be as fulfilling as it can be challenging. Meet passionate urban leaders to share watershed moments, critical learnings, and celebrate wins to refuel for the long haul ahead.

ŁÓDŹ –

EXPLORING EUROPE’S LAST UNDISCOVERED CITY!

Łódź, located in the heart of Poland, is the country’s third-largest city. Historically known for its robust textile industry, Łódź has undergone a significant transformation in recent years – now it’s a vital cultural and industrial hub!

We can’t wait to take you on unforgettable field trips through its historic streets, vibrant arts scene, and innovative urban spaces.

Get ready to walk, cycle, drive, run, listen, learn, draw, create, and perhaps even fly through this hidden gem.





BE PART OF UF25!

Now is the time to get involved! Whether you have a story of urban transformation, a must-see place for our field trips, or a product to showcase – join us in shaping the future of cities.

PEOPLE

Are you a CityChanger with an inspiring story yourself? Or do you know one?

PLACES

Is there a place or a tour we should definitely include in our Field Trips?

PROJECTS

Is there an innovative project or product your organisation or company has to showcase at our expo?

PARTNERS

Want to team up with us as a partner?



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