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Building Resilience

The various dimensions of resilience at the 16th PLGBC Green Building Summit

Building Resilience is the theme of this year's 16th edition of the PLGBC Green Building Summit. It is also a direction for the sector, which today must design not only more efficiently, but above all responsibly – with climate, resources, nature, and people in mind. The hybrid event will take place on October 7 in Warsaw. The organizer is the Polish Green Building Council PLGBC.

Resilience is understood here in a broad sense: as the ability of buildings, organisations and cities to adapt and function in the face of growing uncertainty regarding climate, energy, regulation and costs. The event provides a forum for discussion on how to translate ambitious goals into concrete actions – from decarbonisation and climate resilience, through circularity and responsible resource management, to biodiversity, health and quality of life.

For years, the PLGBC Green Building Summit has brought together market leaders who jointly seek solutions to the most important challenges of sustainable construction. This year's edition will focus on solutions that not only mitigate negative impacts but also create real environmental, social, and business value – because resilience is built on multiple levels simultaneously.

The program of the event will focus on 4 strategic sessions that will demonstrate different dimensions of resilience: climate, circularity, nature-positive thinking, and buildings that better respond to the needs of people and communities:

- Building Climate Resilience
- Circularity: User Manual for the Future
- Nature Positive Thinking
- Health and Quality of Life. Buildings with Empathy: Spaces Adapting to People

The Keynote Speakers include:

- **Ben Channon**, Director, Head of Inclusive Environments, Buro Happold; Architect, Author, TEDx Speaker, Mental Health Advocate (United Kingdom)
- **Marcin Garbacki / Karolina Tunajek**, Co-founders, Architects, Projekt Praga studio (Poland)
- **Piotr Kalbarczyk**, Associate, CITYFÖRSTER architecture + urbanism (The Netherlands)
- **Simon McWhirter**, Chief Executive, UK Green Building Council (United Kingdom)
- **Agnieszka Operhalska**, Business & Workforce Strategy Advisor, Labour Market & Intergenerational Workforce; Co-Founder, Heart & Mind Foundation - Wisdom of Generations, (Poland).

It's going to be really exciting!

- The 16th edition of the PLGBC Green Building Summit represents 16 years of experience in organising the largest and most important event on sustainable construction and architecture in Poland.
- Four thematic sessions offer four different perspectives on sustainable construction.
- Over 30 speakers, 60 partners and patrons.
- The Experience Zone on the programme: start-ups and innovations for organisations and management.
- 400 participants, valuable networking opportunities.



- The programme offers inspiration, new knowledge and best practice for the sector.
- The event will feature the launch of a new publication: *PLGBC Report - Biodiversity in Construction and Real Estate. A Strategy for Creating Value, Resilience, and Competitive Advantage*.

The event will culminate in the presentation of the [PLGBC Green Building Awards 2026](#).

PLGBC Green Building Summit serves as a platform for the exchange of knowledge and best practice, but is also a multi-sensory experience designed to inspire participants to take action. In addition to the conference programme, participants will enjoy a range of engaging activities:

- „Materials Ready for the Future” exhibition, curated by Karolina Ferenc, organised by archiDAY,
- The Grand Press Photo 2026 virtual exhibition, „Climate, Responsibility” category,
- PLGBC_NetworkingLounge – an inspiring networking zone with activities,
- PLGBC podcasts.

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The event will take place in a hybrid format on 7 October at the sustainable and certified Sound Garden Hotel, located within the Business Garden complex in Warsaw, in Poland.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://summit2026.plgbc.org.pl/>



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Polish Green Building Council PLGBC

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The association is part of a global community of 85 green building councils united under the [World Green Building Council](#). PLGBC represents the Polish green building sector on the international stage.

The organization supports the creation of sustainable buildings for everyone through:

- mitigating climate change and adapting to new conditions,
- applying the principles of the circular economy,
- promoting public health and quality of life,
- increasing biodiversity.

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