

NBF – Forum for Cooperation and Networking

The objective of NBF is to encourage cooperation and networking within the building industry and the real estate sector within the Nordic and the Baltic Countries – including the St. Petersburg region, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Northern Germany.

This is mainly achieved through congresses and other professional meetings, now held annually.

The next arrangement is the conference in Warsaw 24th – 25th September 2004, which will be followed by a congress in Reykjavik 18th–20th September 2005.

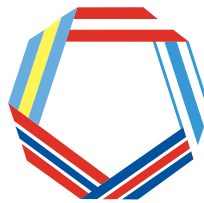
A conference in St. Petersburg in September 2006 is yet at the planning stage.

Nordic Building Forum is a cooperation between the following member-associations:

1. Foreningen Nordisk Byggedag Danmark
2. Nordisk Byggedag Finlands avdelning r.f.
3. Norrænn byggingardagur Islandi
4. Nordisk byggedag Norge
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Second announcement

Urbanization, Growth of Cities and Building Investments in Poland

**A conference to be held at
InterContinental Warszawa
24th - 25th September 2004**

The conference in Warsaw will be arranged by Eurobuild Poland in cooperation with the Danish member-association:

Foreningen Nordisk Byggedag Danmark

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*Limited participation
Early registration recommendable*



Building and Investment in Poland

A conference on Urbanization, Growth of Cities and Building Investments in Poland. A century ago only a small part of the world's inhabitants was living in towns. Today more than half of the population are living in urban areas and it is anticipated that town-life a generation ahead will be the dominating lifestyle worldwide, as already seen in Western Europe to day.

Poland has one of the fastest growing economies in Europe. However, of a population of app. 40 millions inhabitants, more than 40% is still living in rural areas, far more than in other Western European countries. Agriculture will probably also in the foreseeable future play a major role in the Polish overall economy, but a mighty migration from rural areas to towns is to be expected in the coming decades, bringing Poland to a situation similar to Western Europe.

In Western Europe the migration from rural to urban areas during the last century had enormous consequences for life in the countryside as well as in the towns, demanding huge investments in infrastructure, housing, commercial and industrial buildings.

The growth of the cities will challenge the Polish economy. At this moment Poland is lagging behind in housing, modern infrastructure and commercial areas, and the foreseeable migration from rural to urban areas demands investments in a magnitude that Poland probably cannot procure on its own. This will provide great opportunities to foreign investors and open up for cooperation between Polish and foreign consultants, contractors and investors.

The conference will focus on these problems and try to emphasise on challenges and opportunities for Polish authorities and companies as well as for foreign consultants, contractors and investors.

Coffee breaks, lunch and dinner parties will create good opportunities for personal contacts and informal dialogs with colleagues at high level.

Following the session's study-visit to new building schemes and on-going projects in the Warsaw-region will be arranged.

Programme:

Thursday 23th September 2004:

16.00-18.00: Registration of Nordic delegates

18.00-18.30: Welcome drink in hotel bar.

Friday 24th September 2004:

08.30-09.30: Registration + coffee

09.30-11.00: Poland today and tomorrow
General overview. Current state of Polish economy and prospects in light of EU-membership. Policies and programmes of EU.

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-12.30: **Consequences of migration**
Demographic and regional development, migration from rural to urban areas, development in infrastructure and housing.

12.30- 14.00: Networking lunch

14.00-15.00: **Organization and financing**
Planning and financing of future development in the building sector. Cooperation between Polish and foreign building companies.

15.00-15.30: Coffee break

15.30-16.30: **Warsaw scenarios, the European cities of tomorrow.**
Growth of cities, implications for town planning and township development, Warsaw scenarios.

19.00-22.30: Dinner

Saturday 25th September 2004:

09.00-13.00: **Study-visit**

New building schemes and developments in Warsaw-region

Conference speakers will be prominent Polish and Western-European personalities, including EU-representative.

The conference language is English, with simultaneous translation of session's to/from Polish.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is 500 EUR. The fee covers the conference itself, conference material, coffee, lunch, dinner and the study-visit. Flight and hotel not included. Early registration discount: 20% before May 31st and 10% before June 30th.

Registration

By email to: bm@byggecentrum.dk.

State full name, title, company, postal address, email address. Invoice for registration fee will follow.

Hotel Reservation

Delegates are asked to make own hotel reservation. We recommend the conference hotel: InterContinental Warszawa, a brand new architectural landmark centrally located at: ul Emilii Plater 49, 00-125 Warsaw

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