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ESG & the future of Real Estate

Expert Class Real Estate 2025

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Theoretical insights combined with inspiring case studies demonstrate how CSRD & EU taxonomy directives will further influence and reshape the world of real estate in the coming years.

It is no secret that the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), a groundbreaking EU sustainability directive, will have a significant impact on the Belgian real estate sector. Since 2024 real estate companies have been required to report key ESG matters both within and outside their organisation. To comply with CSRD, they must conduct a materials analysis, define ESG goals and optimise their management systems and internal controls.

Additionally, the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) specifically targets sustainability in the financial sector. Both initiatives promote transparency and sustainability. For real estate organisations, this means not only reporting on finances but also on their environmental and social impact.

We can already see various projects meeting those demands, but a lot more will have to be done to turn the real estate landscape in Belgium into a zero-carbon and nature-friendly one. This course will give you more insight into how these directives work, how they are applied and how they are transforming the built environment in Belgium.

Objectives

During this training course, theoretical insights combined with inspiring case studies will illustrate how CSRD & EU taxonomy directives will further influence and reshape the world of real estate in the coming decades.

These case studies will fuel lively discussions between participants and lecturers. Exchange of knowledge and information, learning from your peers and building bridges between ideas, strategies, organisations and people are the key ingredients of this course.

The course will be given in English. Q&A can be held either in Dutch, French or English, depending on the speaker.

Target group

Everyone actively involved in sustainable real estate projects: owners, investors, local governments, civil servants, project developers, architects, real estate agents, consultants, urban planners…



Programme

Session 1: Brussels in transition: guided tour of sustainable and circular projects

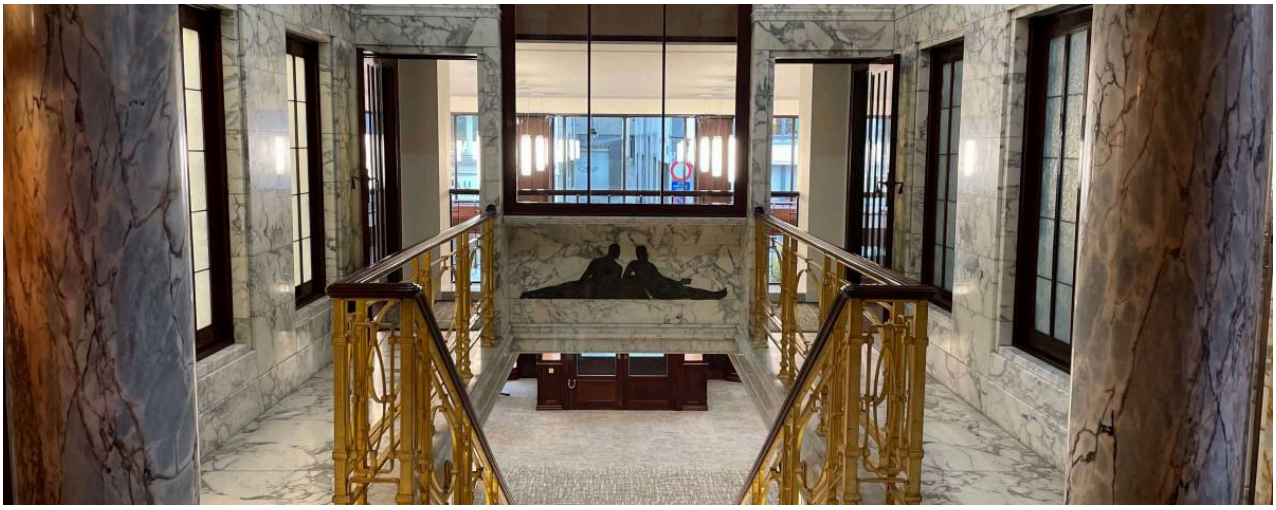
Thursday, 2 October 2025, Urban Insight Lab Brussels

- Introduction & networking lunch
- How sustainable/circular is Brussels already? Guided tour with stops and explanations at several sustainable projects in the city centre of Brussels: Pentagon, North district, site Tour & Taxis
  - ***Milena Bruyninckx, PhD,*** *senior engineer at VK engineers+architects, part of Sweco*
  - ***Michael Moradiellos del Molinos,*** *head of circularity and sustainability at Drees & Sommer*

Session 2: There is no planet B. How can we regenerate our environment and create a more positive impact? Which EU rules and legislation will function as drivers, and how are they applied in Belgium?

Thursday, 16 October 2025, Drees & Sommer Brussels

- There is no planet B. Climate measures alone will not help us to face the collapse of our ecosystem. We need to be aware of this and do more.
  - ***Leo Van Broeck****, emeritus prof. engineer architect KU Leuven*
- EU legislation: short survey and update of the most relevant laws and regulations. How does the European Green Deal impact real estate in Belgium, and are the Belgian real estate companies setting the right priorities?
  - ***Linus Grob****, Drees & Sommer &* ***Dr. Rana Mahmoud****, founder ECO narrate*
- Application of ESG regulations on real estate in Belgium. Case studies
  - ***Jan Van Schaeren,*** *ESG manager Revive*
  - ***Nathan Rousseaux****, ESG manager AG Real Estate*



Session 3: CSRD & EU Taxonomy as drivers of future-proof projects in Belgium. Deep dive into these directives and their impact on real estate investments and project development

Thursday, 6 November 2025, Archipelago Brussels

- Definition - prevent greenwashing - criteria for environmental performance of buildings - how to align investments with EU Taxonomy (more transparency and comparability of financial products and services)
  - ***Walter Jacob**, senior counsel at KPMG*
- Case studies: How to optimise and decarbonise a real estate portfolio on an international scale (industry, logistics, offices, leisure)
  - ***Rebecca Lamas** and **Matthias Bolza-Schünemann,** from Goodman*
- How does CSRD affect project development in Belgium?
  - ***Joost Declercq**, civil engineer architect at Archipelago, director of research & innovation*
- Case studies: Multi & Oxy
  - ***Valérie Vermandel**, chief development officer, Whitewood*





Session 4: From building to city: strategies for carbon neutral environments

Thursday, 20 November 2025, CityDev Brussels

- Life cycle assessment of buildings, circular usage of materials, embodied and operational impacts
  - ***Prof. dr. ir. arch. Karen Allacker**, head of Design and Engineering of Construction and Architecture KU Leuven*
- Towards carbon-neutral cities: How to make them more resilient, inclusive and circular on an urban scale
  - ***Nathalie Renneboog**, general director of Rénovation Urbaine at CityDev.brussels & **Olivier Mylle**, architect and project developer at CityDev.brussels*
- Building scale: Embedded and operational carbon, from sustainable to regenerative design
  - ***Sebastian Moreno-Vacca**, architect & founder at A2M*
- Energy-positive buildings and ecosystem services between buildings
  - ***Martijn Vyncke**, expert bio-ecological construction at Bureau Bouwtechniek*

Session 5: Designing and building with positive impact: certification systems as catalysts for sustainability

Thursday, 4 December 2025, Maison de la Poste Brussels

- Green building criteria in the context of corporate financing in Belgium
  - ***Gilles Vanvolsem**, managing director Belgian Green Buildings Council*
- How to realise your project sustainability ambitions with the newest version of GRO (sustainability measurement system)
  - ***Joost Declercq**, civil engineer architect at Archipelago, director of research & innovation*
- Case study: project The Arch, located close to the Brussels North Station, this building will be BREEAM Outstanding, WELL platinum and an example of circular economy.
  - ***Sunita Van Heers**, managing director and founder at SuReal and **Nicolas Billen**, independant developer*









Practical

Dates and locations

Tuesdays 2 October, 16 October, 6 and 20 November and 4 December 2025, from 12.30 pm until 5.30 pm.

- Session 1: Urban Insight Lab, Arenbergstraat / rue d'Arenberg 13, Brussels
- Session 2: Drees & Sommer, Goedheidstraat / rue de la Bonté 5, Brussels
- Session 3: Archipelago Tervueren square / Avenue Ter Vuren 253, Brussels
- Session 4: CityDev, Kruidtuinlaan / boulevard du Jardin Botanique 20, Brussels
- Session 5: Maison de la Poste, Picardstraat / rue Picard 7, Brussels

Registration

- Register before 25 September 2025. Limited number of participants.
- The participation fee for the course is 2.200 euros. Early bird: -8% (register before 5th of July). Alumni of Vastgoed programs of KULeuven and alumni of EMI UCLouvain pay 1.850 euros.
- NL : Pay by bank transfer to account number IBAN BE31 2850 2133 2955 of PUC - KU Leuven Continue, stating '400/0027/86060 + name of participant(s).
- FR : Pay by bank transfer to account number IBAN BE34 3101 5404 6190 of EMI UCLouvain Saint-Louis Bruxelles, stating 'EMI ESG course 2025 + name of participant(s) + company
- If you would like an invoice, please indicate this when registering.

Credits

- BIV accreditation: 3 hours
- IPI accreditation: 20 hours (requested)

Organisation

This programme is jointly organised by PUC - KU Leuven Continue & UCLouvain Saint-Louis Brussels.





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