

World Green Roof Congress

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TURNING THE URBAN GREY TO GREEN - WORLD GREEN ROOF CONGRESS SET FOR COPENHAGEN

Turning the urban grey to green is the mission for the green roofs industry as it heads for Copenhagen in September (18^h-21st). More than 300 of the world's leading architects, designers and practitioners will be in the city to discuss this key growth aspect of 21st century urban development, at the World Green Roof Congress.

Copenhagen has been chosen as host city for the congress because of its ability to showcase the benefits of a green roof policy, as part of its ambitious goal to become carbon neutral by 2025. The creation of green roofs is recognised as an important mechanism to help cities adapt to climate change and provide environmental health to urban areas.

The congress is supported by the Danish Ministry for Climate, Energy and Building and the Lord Mayor of Copenhagen with more than 40 expert speakers from all around the world. The programme also includes tours of successful green roof projects such as the Big Windswept 8 House, Danish National Archive and Tivoli Hotel. Delegates will include architects specialising in the field, officers from cities with green roof policies and green roof champions from all around the world.

Dusty Gedge, world congress committee chairman, said: "The World Green Roof Congress is a unique opportunity for recognised experts and new researchers to present their progress, and for industry to support and engage with key decision makers in the green roof sector. Copenhagen will make a great location, particularly given its strong activities that promote green roofs in the city.

"There are so many ways in which people and companies can get involved in supporting the event and playing their part in the transformation of cities from urban grey to urban green. The congress will have a huge influence way beyond the event itself."

The Environmental Mayor of Copenhagen Ayfer Baykal said: "The City of Copenhagen has chosen to take the lead when it comes to green, sustainable and climate-adapted city development. We are very ambitious with regards to green roofs and integrate them into our city plan as well as into several local plans, including Nordhavnen (the North Harbour)."

The availability of venues with green roofs which can be used for the event is one of the key criteria in choosing the location for the biennial congress. The World Green Roof Congress takes place from September 18th-21st, 2012.

For more information on how to get involved, including attendance and sponsorship, please visit www.worldgreenroofcongress.com.

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