

Call for Applications:

Task Group on System Enablers for a Circular Economy

Purpose of the report

While circular economy principles increasingly find their way into construction projects, a widespread adoption at scale is still not happening. Matching supply and demand of reused materials, questions around risk and warranty and legal frameworks are just some of the areas that currently stop circular economy becoming mainstream. This project will identify the main barriers for a systemic shift from a linear to a circular economy in the construction sector, including what infrastructure will be needed to overcome those barriers.

Starting from a vision of how a circular economy will be operated once achieved, gaps between the status quo and where we want to be will be identified. We will be identifying which systems we operate in and what the decision points and industry needs are for making the shift towards a circular economy.

On a more detailed level, we will:

- Explore ways in which supply and demand of reused materials can be matched, including ways of storing materials prior to their onward use
- Assess the state of the second-hand material marketplaces
- Assess legislative and policy blockers and identify and propose alternative suggestions

On 31st April, UKGBC held a kick-off event to launch this piece of project, which set the scene, helped to scope the work, and promoted this future output to the industry. Please find the recording [here](#).

Project aims:

- Develop a common understanding of the blockers we are currently facing on our shift towards a circular economy
- Identify decision points for the industry, associated responsibilities and, shared industry aims.
- Develop the basis for UKGBC's policy and advocacy work on the systemic transition towards circularity in the built environment

Target Audience

As this output is looking at systemic barriers and enablers, this piece of work will be appropriate for a wide range of audiences

Project Delivery Task Group

UKGBC will be convening an industry Task Group to lead the development of this report, in line with the above aims. This is so the report builds on existing industry knowledge, initiatives, and real-life project experiences, and to ensure that the guidance is relevant for the industry.

An overview of the expected programme of works is as shown below. The Task Group will convene in June, and across the following four months will collate, review, and develop the content based on existing resources, industry initiatives and knowledge. This will be supported by an industry consultation.

The final output is planned to be published in November 2022.

Please note that all workshops will be held via online video conferencing, unless otherwise agreed with the Task Group.

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Task Group Programme:

Table 1: Provisional dates for Task Group workshops

Workshop 1: Kick-Off	Wednesday 15 th June	11:00 – 13:00
Workshop 2	Wednesday 29 th June	11:00 – 13:00
Workshop 3	Wednesday 13 th July	11:00 – 13:00
Workshop 4	Wednesday 27 th July	11:00 – 13:00
Workshop 5	Wednesday 10 th August	11:00 – 13:00
Workshop 6: Report Skeleton	Wednesday 24 th August	11:00 – 13:00
Workshop 7: Draft report	Wednesday 7 th September	11:00 – 13:00

Please note that provisional dates may be subject to change. Should this be the case, the Task Group will be informed as soon as possible.

Applicant Criteria

Applications to join the Task Groups will be open from Thursday 19th May until Friday 3rd June 2022.

Applicant Criteria:

- Work for a UKGBC member organisation or bring skills and knowledge additional to those within the membership
- Have a minimum 5 years of relevant experience or very specific knowledge within a relevant topic area, such as:
 - Implementation of circular economy principles
 - Municipal waste and recycling strategies
 - Resource efficiency
 - Systems thinking
 - Regional, national or global approaches to resource efficiency, waste and circularity
 - Ecological impacts of a linear economy
 - Planetary boundaries approach
 - Etc.

We encourage applicants from businesses and organisations across the built environment to ensure a diverse range of views and perspectives in the Task Group. These include investors, developers, contractors, engineers, architects, planners, academic researchers, government bodies and NGOs.

Task Group applicants must be able to:

- Attend workshop meetings (as per above dates)
- Contribute a minimum of **8 hours per month** between June and September to the Task Group, inclusive of workshop times.
- Actively engage in between meetings on tasks, such as research, reviewing and drafting content
- Represent your sector / area of expertise in workshops discussions, and leverage your knowledge network to link to existing or ongoing work that can contribute to the project and ensure outputs of lasting value to the industry
- Help promote the industry survey and launch of the final output

All Task Group applicants are expected to have [a minimum 5 years of relevant experience](#).

Application Procedure

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To apply, please email kai.liebetanz@ukgbc.org using the template below:

Full name	
Job Title and Department	
Organisation	
Please explain your relevant knowledge, experience, and skills for this project (<i>max 200 words</i>)	
Please share any involvement with relevant existing, or ongoing industry or academic research, work, or initiatives (<i>max 100 words</i>)	
Are there any currently any workshop dates that you are unable to attend? (<i>Refer to Table 1, page 3</i>)	
Please confirm that you have put in a calendar placeholder for the Kick-off workshop: Wed 15th June 11:00 – 13:00	

We expect to finalise the Task Groups w/c 6th June.

Applicants will be chosen based on their experience, whilst ensuring a diversity of individuals within the Task Group. UKGBC is committed to actively targeting a diverse representation in the composition of all task groups. We want to be inclusive to everyone regardless of ethnicity, religious beliefs, gender, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation or political beliefs. This includes targeting an even gender split on this task group.

For any enquiries or to join the general interest mailing list, please contact Kai Liebetanz (kai.liebetanz@ukgbc.org).

With many thanks to our Project Partners:

