Overview

ULI Europe’s Urban Regeneration Council fosters stronger interaction between city governments, real estate developers, practitioners and major institutional investors. It looks to share ideas and experiences from around the world to help provide insights into best practice in city development and urban regeneration.
Introduction to the Copenhagen Model

Jens Kramer Mikkelsen, Director of Urban Development, NREP

Jens gave an overview of Copenhagen's progress in the last 25-30 years from a place with financial struggles and where people avoided living to a revitalised city that is continuing to grow. He also emphasized the factors that were essential to the city's redevelopment, including political cooperation and investing in infrastructure early on.

The Regeneration of Copenhagen's Waterfront

Louis Becker, Design Principal, Henning Larsen Architects

Louis discussed how the regeneration of Copenhagen's waterfront area was made possible by the choice to turn the city outwards towards the water rather than inwards towards itself—to make the harbor a source of life and connectivity. He then discussed the features that architects, and planners must consider to make the waterfront a vital place.

Jesper Julian Møller, Founder, Copenhagen Street Food

Jesper gave an account of what it took to start and run several street food markets, including Reffen in Copenhagen. His key to success was that he had a passion for giving local food vendors a chance to do what they love and do best. Jesper also suggested that this model could be brought to many other places around the world.

Dr. Luise Noring, Professor, Copenhagen Business School

Luise discussed the Danish model for financing a robust affordable and social housing system that doesn’t increase the burden on taxpayers. As many cities around the world are struggling with social inclusion and economic mobility, it becomes essential to rethink how affordable and social housing systems are delivered. Luise argued that many lessons can be learned from the Danish model and even applied to other places.
Rethinking the Public Realm

Mette Skjold, Partner & CEO, SLA

Mette gave an overview of SLA’s recent and ongoing projects which integrate nature-based solutions into city architecture, including SUND nature park, Copenhill, and Gellerup Park. The firm is committed to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, focusing in particular on the three related to the biosphere. Mette stressed the idea of using biodiversity as an overarching goal for city planning.

Lisette van Doorn, Chief Executive, ULI Europe

Lisette discussed why developers should consider integrating green space into their developments rather than leave the responsibility to the public sector. She discussed an industry survey of private sector supported open space projects and gave examples from the US of developments that demonstrated the added value of integrating green space, such as Hunter’s Point in Queens, NY and Solaris in Vail, CO.

Carbon Neutral by 2025: How can this be achieved?

Jørgen Abilgaard, Executive Climate Program Director, City of Copenhagen

Jørgen discussed Copenhagen’s path towards becoming Carbon Neutral by 2025. He talked about successes that the city has already achieved, including being one of the first cities in the world to have a wind energy program and establishing a strong biking and public transportation infrastructure. He then went on to discuss the challenges ahead for the city, including retrofitting in existing structures and getting to 100% renewable energy.

Prof. Jürgen Bruns-Berentelg, CEO, Hafencity Hamburg GmbH

Jürgen gave an overview of Hafencity Hamburg’s environmental sustainability projects that were rooted in innovation and discussed the factors that were necessary for these projects to succeed, including the scale of solutions and their sequence towards citywide adoption.

Lars Ostenfeld Riemann, Executive Director, Ramboll

Lars discussed the practicality of creating sustainable cities, arguing that city solutions need to be considered in the context of surroundings rather than isolated, and need to be connected to people through both public support and people’s health and wellbeing.
Members and guests of the Council

Joergen Abilgaard, City of Copenhagen
Louis Becker, Henning Larsen
Juergen Bruns-Berentelg, HafenCity Hamburg GmbH
Ruth Carmell, Urban Land Institute
Enoch Cheung, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
Tom A. Daamen, Delft University of Technology
Manfred Guenterberg, Wolfsburg AG
Daniele Guglielmino, Green Business Certification Inc.
Paula Hirst, Disruptive Urbanism
Bruce Katz, The Brookings Institution
Nicolette Klein Bog, Bouwinvest Real Estate Investors BV
Jens Kramer Mikkelsen, NREP
Flavio Medeiros, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (Europe) LLP
Jesper Møller, Copenhagen Street Food
James Moore, Jacobs
Brian Moran, Hines-Europe
Vanessa Muscara, M&G

Luise Noring, Copenhagen Business School
Jakob Norman-Hansen, BLOX
Frank O'Neill, Hibernia REIT plc
Lars Ostenfeld Riemann, Ramberg
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Leenore Reijnen, Arnemage Management BV
Christian Schouten, Bouwinvest Real Estate Investors BV
Mette Skjold, SLA A/S
Denis Sokolov, Cushman & Wakefield Russia
Signe Thanning, Copenhagen Street Food
Bob van der Zande, Urban Strategist
Lisette van Doorn, Urban Land Institute
Jamie Webb, Benoy

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