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BAN KI-MOON COMES TO VIENNA: FORMER UN SECRETARY-GENERAL AT THE ÖGNI SYMPOSIUM 2026

The Austrian Sustainable Building Council (ÖGNI) announces several major news items regarding the second ÖGNI Symposium, taking place on 22 October 2026 at the historic Ronacher Theatre in Vienna. Under the guiding theme „Sustainability: Turning Intentions into Impact!“, around 800 decision-makers from the construction and real estate sector as well as experts from the DACH region will come together.

INTERNATIONAL GUEST: KEYNOTE SPEAKER BAN KI-MOON

ÖGNI has secured Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations (2007–2016), as keynote speaker – one of the world’s most renowned advocates for sustainability, climate protection, and global responsibility. Ban Ki-moon embodies the transition from declarations of intent to concrete action like few others, making him the perfect personification of this year’s symposium theme.

„We are absolutely delighted to welcome Ban Ki-moon to Vienna. His global perspective and commitment to sustainable development will give this year’s ÖGNI Symposium a truly unique impulse,“ says Peter Engert, ÖGNI Managing Director.



Ban Ki-moon
Former Secretary-General of the United Nations

KEY TOPICS 2026

The event will focus on three central themes, for which experts from the DACH region will develop concrete approaches in working groups in advance of the event, and present them at the symposium on 22 October 2026:

- Targeted digitalisation through transparent data flows
- AI and robotics from a socio-political perspective
- Lifelong learning as a key driver of transformation

START-UP CHALLENGE LAUNCHED: REGISTER AND APPLY NOW AT ORBYZ.WORLD

The application phase for the ÖGNI Start-up Challenge powered by Orbyz launched on 18 May 2026 on the sustainability platform Orbyz. The 12 winning start-ups from the building and industry sectors will receive complimentary exhibition spaces to present their innovative products and services to a high-calibre professional audience at the ÖGNI Symposium. Full details on how to apply can be found via orbyz.world or the ÖGNI website.



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BECOME A PARTNER: TWO EXCLUSIVE PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Companies now have the opportunity to support the ÖGNI Symposium 2026 as a partner and benefit from unique visibility among around 800 industry decision-makers. Two exclusive partnership packages are available. Detailed information can be found at www.ogni.at/symposium.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Attendance at the symposium is by registration only. Interested parties can register now at www.ogni.at/symposium. Early registration is strongly recommended.

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ABOUT ÖGNI

ÖGNI – the Austrian Sustainable Building Council – is an NGO (non-governmental organisation) and NPO (non-profit organisation) that has been working since 2009 to embed sustainability in the construction and real estate industry. As a central platform, ÖGNI brings together stakeholders from planning, construction, real estate, and academia, fostering professional exchange and the ongoing development of the sector.

Through the certification of buildings and districts, ÖGNI demonstrates the added value of sustainable real estate. ÖGNI also offers EU Taxonomy verifications and, through its Academy, provides practical knowledge and training. Members benefit from networking, visibility, active professional participation, and a strong national and international network. As a system partner of the DGNB (German Sustainable Building Council), an established member of the World Green Building Council, and with its subsidiary CPEA (Climate Positive Europe Alliance) based in Brussels, ÖGNI brings international perspectives and European quality standards to the Austrian market. www.ogni.at

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