Abstract submission now open!

This is the first newsletter of the Crossing Boundaries 2021 conference which will be held from March 23rd-25th, 2021 in the Parkstad region, The Netherlands. The conference is a collaboration between Zuyd University of Applied Sciences, IBA Parkstad and the Parkstad Limburg region, and is supported by CiB, iiSBE, FIDIC, and UNEP.

One of the major themes in architecture and construction is the move towards a circular built environment. Currently less than three percent of all residual material is reused after the demolition of a building, which means that vast amounts of resources are wasted in the process. The small amount of materials that is recycled, is often used in inefficient ways. This conference aims to create a platform on which knowledge on the subject can be exchanged on a scientific level, to study the environmental and economic implications and to share experiences on the latest developments in the field of circular building.

You can read more about the conference here: www.crossingboundaries2021.nl
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You are warmly invited to attend this conference and send in your abstract here.

Submission Deadline: July 17th 2020

Themes

5 parallel tracks (with 5 sessions per track) will be organized as a core for the conference. Read more here.

Parkstad region

The Parkstad region is coping with a steady decline in population and therefore has a large housing surplus, making it an interesting testing ground for the practice of circular building, in combination with increasing the energy efficiency of buildings and improving the vitality of inhabitants. One prime example of this is the SUPERLOCAL project in the municipality of Kerkrade. Four ten-story apartment buildings from the sixties are demolished in a way that their materials and qualities can be reused for modern and sustainable houses on the same location. Sustainable and circular building is also an important theme on the agenda of IBA Parkstad, the International Building Exhibition in the region that is presenting its results in 2020-2021.