

# Transformation of construction project implementation: solutions and pitfalls of new models and approaches in the international arena

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The Slovenian construction industry has long been facing challenges of low productivity, inefficient implementation practices and limited use of modern digital, contractual and organisational approaches. Entering the international arena and competing with global companies requires significantly different operating models, better project preparation and more thoughtful risk management. In order to respond to this challenge, the Chamber of Construction and Building Materials Industry of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia is organising a major professional event: Transformation of construction project implementation: solutions and pitfalls of new models and approaches in the international arena.

The event will feature leading international experts, including Prof. Dr. Ivan Damnjanović (Texas A&M University, USA), representatives of European digital transformation (Prof. Dr. Žiga Turk, FIEC Construction 4.0) and experts in intercultural business practices and global organisational models (Dr Zhonghui Ding, UL EF). For the first time, a group of Slovenian companies that are successfully operating in global markets (DUOL, LYNX CRAFT, RIKO) will be presented, sharing their experiences on how to transform organisationally, technologically and commercially in order for a company to achieve higher productivity and international competitiveness. Special emphasis will also be placed on an in-depth understanding of the risks of new implementation models, international arbitration experiences and key warnings for Slovenian contractors and investors preparing for cross-border projects.

The event is designed as an intensive professional consultation that will help participants understand:

- why Slovenian construction operations lag behind in productivity,
- which internationally proven solutions enable increased efficiency,
- what pitfalls new business and implementation models (PPP, DBO, EPC, alliancing) bring,
- how companies can better prepare for global expansion and complex international contractual relationships.

This is an exceptional opportunity for the Slovenian construction sector to directly engage with the knowledge and practices that are currently shaping the development of the global construction industry.

The event will bring together leading internationally recognised academic authorities, arbitration experts, European representatives of digital transformation and, for the first time, the American perspective on implementation models and productivity in construction. [The activities are taking place as part of a visit by Prof. Dr. Ivan Damnjanović \(Texas A&M University\), a Fulbright expert](#) who will give a keynote lecture presenting the methodologies of production project systems and PPP partnerships as drivers of implementation transformation.

## AGENDA

TIME	CONTENT / SPEAKER / INSTITUTION
10.00	Opening and welcome address Gregor Ficko, GZS – ZGIGM, Slovenia
10.10	Economic overview of the Slovenian construction sector Bojan Ivanc, GZS ANALITIKA, Slovenia
10.25	Strategic transformation of project implementation: from production modelling to public-private partnerships Prof. Dr. Ivan Damnjanović, Texas A&M University, USA
11.15	Digital transformation & Construction 4.0 – global trends Prof. Dr. Žiga Turk UL FGG, Slovenia & FIEC Construction 4.0, Brussels, Belgium
11:35	What do international and scientifically proven models suggest for the successful global performance of construction companies? Mag. Valentina Kuzma, GZS ZGIGM, Slovenia
11.45	Cultural and business comparison between Asia and the EU in the construction industry TBC
12.05	BREAK WITH REFRESHMENTS
12.30	
12.30	Presentations by Slovenian companies – how to transform on the international and domestic stage and achieve higher added value Anžej Olaj, DUOL Dr Iztok Šušteršič, LYNXCRAFT Jan Ratej, UNIKO
13:10	International business models, international implementation risks and dispute resolution Aisha Nadar, Advokatfirman Runeland AB, Sweden
13.30	How to successfully transform the operations of construction companies – solutions and pitfalls Moderator: Petja Plauštajner – lawyer  <b>ROUND TABLE GUESTS:</b> Aisha Nadar, Advokatfirman Runeland AB, Sweden Prof. Dr. Ivan Damnjanović, Texas A&M University, USA Gregor Ficko, GZS – ZGIGM, Slovenia Anžej Olaj, DUOL Dr Iztok Šušteršič, LYNXCRAFT Jan Ratej, UNIKO
14:00	Conclusions and conclusions of the event

We reserve the right to change the agenda. The event will be held primarily in English.

There is no registration fee.

Registration is [required here>>](#)

The event will be held live at the GZS. No broadcast or recording is planned. The event will be photographed.