

Who we are

The Urban Land Institute (“ULI”) is the oldest and largest network of cross-disciplinary real estate and land use experts in the world. ULI is its members—delivering the mission, shaping the future of the industry, and creating thriving communities around the globe.

The Urban Land Institute’s NEXT (“NEXT”) programme is open to all real estate professionals aged 35 to 45 years old and provides professionals at all stages of their careers with quality networking, exposure to high-profile professionals and senior leaders with unique insights and experiences.

The ULI Europe NEXT Executive Committee (“NEXT ExCom”) curates events and content for NEXT members across Europe, working hand in hand with local National Councils’ NEXT Chairs and their respective local NEXT Committees. The NEXT ExCom is made up of professionals across the built environment and land use industry and is chaired by Dr. Daniel Benighaus, Greenberg Traurig.

Mission Statement

ULI NEXT is an accelerator platform for the real estate leaders of today and tomorrow, focused on connecting and elevating its members. It is a dedicated forum for members aged 35 to 45 who aim to develop professionally and advance their career growth.

The platform provides excellent networking opportunities and hosts events at leading European real estate conferences including MIPIM, EXPO, the annual ULI Conference and the ULI NEXT Forum. We are focused on the challenges and opportunities faced by the subject cohort, covering two main areas: (i) the changes we can expect in the world of real estate in the next 10-15 years, and (ii) the tools and resources our members need to progress further in their careers.

NEXT events are designed to surpass conventional industry presentations, fostering an environment where dialogue and engagement take centre stage. We strive to ensure that our members feel empowered to talk freely, exchange ideas and collaborate.

Committee Structure and Role Allocation

How to become a NEXT ExCom Member

The NEXT ExCom encourages new and innovative ideas and is open to taking on board new NEXT ExCom Members. When a role becomes available, an application form will be available on the ULI website, which will include motivations for joining, years involved in ULI, and a section where the individual will put down their ideas for the open role and a plan of what they wish to do in the role.

Structure and Roles

The committee is currently structured into 8 volunteer roles, led by the Chair and overseen by ULI. Responsibilities are assigned by joint decision of the NEXT ExCom and NEXT ExCom Members will pursue their goals (e.g. organising the Forum) independently. The main tasks of the NEXT ExCom is to organise European NEXT events and collaborate with the national NEXT groups to foster the growth of NEXT in Europe.

Term

A NEXT ExCom Member’s role within a particular category lasts for two years. A one-year extension may be granted for a NEXT ExCom Member to stay on the committee, resulting in a maximum of three consecutive years. This is to encourage the proliferation of new ideas within the NEXT ExCom and to allow other NEXT members the opportunity to help shape the NEXT programme. Every year, the NEXT ExCom will be evaluated

by the current Chair and ULI internal team to ensure that each role is aligned with the vision of the NEXT ExCom as a whole.

Your Commitment as a NEXT ExCom Member

Being part of the NEXT ExCom is a great opportunity to contribute your ideas to a pan European initiative with a global reach. As a NEXT ExCom Member, you can make a difference.

The NEXT ExCom is a small but dynamic group of professionals who volunteer their time to create and roll out programming for NEXT members across Europe.

NEXT ExCom Member Expectations

As a NEXT ExCom Member, a person commits to:

- Attending all NEXT ExCom meetings
- Spearheading their role/remit as part of the committee, and driving forward initiatives for the NEXT programming.
- Contributing their ideas to the group and collaborating with others.
- Representing ULI to a high standard across their professional networks.

NEXT ExCom Programme

The NEXT ExCom responsibility is to tie together great ideas and making sure it fits within the overarching ULI objectives. All NEXT Excom Members are encouraged to suggest ideas or collect feedback and suggestions from other ULI members whilst fostering an inclusive environment within the NEXT ExCom.

Meeting Structure

- The NEXT ExCom will hold monthly virtual meetings. These will be scheduled well in advance as much as possible. The majority of Committee work is taking place within Committee's WhatsApp group and we strive to structure our communication as time efficient as possible.
- Each NEXT ExCom virtual meeting will last only as long as necessary, at maximum for 1 hour. There are opportunities to meet in person for the annual ULI Europe NEXT flagship events (NEXT Forums and networking events taking place alongside other larger industry events e.g. MIPIM; EXPO Real).