Portfolio Sustainable World 2025 program

Attention Green Companies and Sustainability Leaders!

In 2025, we will present the **Green Awards powered by Green Cloud** for the fourth time, recognising the most outstanding companies, institutions, programmes, and individuals across various categories.

Applications are open on the **AWARDS** page **until 3 August.**

Registration

Section I: Green Economy

Building a green economy has become a priority for all EU member states. Sustainability is becoming ever more deeply embedded in the business sector's operations; more and more people experience the physical risks of climate change, and what once seemed like distant green targets have now firmly entered the present-day business landscape. According to the most seasoned market players, the green transition is not merely a new trend but the only viable path towards long-term sustainable operations, maintaining a competitive edge, and ensuring economic stability. There are global challenges, obstacles, opposing voices, and even setbacks. However, postponement or denial will do nothing to stop the increasingly frequent phenomena linked to climate change that affect our society and economy.

The pressure to invest, the drive for innovation, regulatory compliance, a shifting capital market environment, and geopolitical fragility make companies' paths to green transition increasingly complex. What is the best course of action in such a context? How do corporate leaders respond to the constant stream of new challenges? Is the market stalling, or are US programmes continuing under a different label while European companies can now truly focus on action thanks to regulatory easing? How does Hungary's economy fare in light of its green transition target, and in which areas are investments beginning to accelerate?

Moderator: Roxána Pásztor, Sustainability Project Leader, Portfolio

09:00 - 09:05 Opening

Speaker:

Zoltán Bán, CEO, Net Média (Portfolio Group)

09:05 - 09:25 The Hungarian Economy and the Path to a Green Transition

Speaker:

Máté Lóga, State Secretary for Economic Development and Industry, Ministry of National Economy

09:25 - 09:45 The Financial Sector: Opportunity or Illusion in Tackling Climate Change?

Speaker:

Gergely Pókos, Managing Director, OTP Bank Zöld Program Igazgatóság

09:45 - 10:00 Green Goals, Grey Reality - The Hungarian Economy's Search for Direction

Speaker:

Péter Virovácz, Lead analyst, ING Bank

10:05 - 10:50 How Are We Doing in the Green Transition? - Visions and Focal Points From the Corporate Leaders' Roundtable

Moderator: **Zoltán Bán**, CEO, Net Média (Portfolio Group)

Conversation participants:

Tünde Bognár, CEO, Graphisoft Park

ifj. Attila Chikán, CEO, ALTEO Group

Zsolt Jamniczky, Deputy CEO, E.ON Hungary Group

Rozália Miklós, Executive Director, Head of the Budapest office, MSCI

Zsolt Szilágyi, President & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Duna-Dráva Cement

Coffee break

Section II/A: Green Finances

New winds are blowing in the capital and credit markets: green investment products are steering players towards a world that supports green investment, the central bank is looking at markets through a green lens, and when commercial banks lend, it is also in their own corporate interest to financially support sustainable projects, the transition from brown to green. We are moving

away from the view of green projects as a cost burden, as a growing group of people have, over the years, realised measurable benefits from sustainable operations and green investments. You no longer need to convince anyone; simply show them the best implementations and possibilities.

What physical and transitional climate risks does the financial sector consider and model? What new risks should be priced in? What steps is the central bank preparing to take, and what is the credit allocation strategy of commercial banks? What are financiers' favourite green investments and projects?

Moderator: Roxána Pásztor, Sustainability Project Leader, Portfolio

11:30 - 11:50 Presentation

Speaker:

Norbert Holczinger, Head of Division, Sustainable Finance Department, MNB

11:50 - 12:05 Climate Risk Mapping and Modelling

Speaker:

Orsolya Nagy, Environmental Law Specialist, Honorary Associate Professor, University of Debrecen

12:05 - 12:55 Green Aspects and Compliance in Lending and Fundraising - What Do Financiers Expect?

Moderator: **Ákos Schmidt**, Member of the Board, Hungarian Credit Management Association

Conversation participants:

Krisztina Bogdán, Head of Corporate Finance, Credit Management Group Szilvia Gólya, Head of Green Competence Center, OTP Bank Árpád Nagy, Director of Finance, Treasury and Investor Relations, MVM Levente Suba, Head of Sustainability, K&H Group Ágnes Tölgyes, CFO, Board Member Responsible for Sustainability, Allianz Hungária

Section II/B: ESG and Reporting Challenges

The deeper we delve into the practical implementation of ESG, the trickier the problems become. The largest companies have been learning the process for some time, and this year, for the first time, they presented their initial reports under the new CSRD framework, setting an example for the years ahead. Although the omnibus regulation granted a two-year grace period for companies in the next wave, many do not see these years as a break but rather as a time to

perfect trial reports.

What are the biggest challenges in reporting today, according to sustainability experts? How does digitalisation aid data collection? How can social aspects and the business benefits of CSR programmes be captured in reports? What advantages can ESG ratings bring to organisations?

Moderator: Kata Tóth, Conference project leader, Portfolio

11:30 - 11:45 ESG 2.0 - The Era of Chasing Illusions Is Over, Now Common Sense Rules

Speaker:

Csaba Gábor Molnár, ESG Director, Szabályozott Tevékenységek Felügyeleti Hatósága

11:50 - 12:05 Supplier Rating on New Foundations - Shared Data, Shared Responsibility

A new era of ESG reporting is represented by a data-validator approach that not only supports individual companies' supplier rating processes but also creates value for the entire Hungarian market. The service allows companies to efficiently use and expand their own suppliers' ESG reports, while the data they collect becomes accessible to other market participants.

Speaker:

Eszter Varga, Senior Solution Sales Advisor, Dun & Bradstreet

12:05 - 12:50 Sustainability Experts' Roundtable - Industry and Reporting Challenges As Seen Through the Eyes of the Profession

Moderator: **Gréta Nagy**, Managing Director, Dandelion

Conversation participants:

Gergely Ferenczi, Company information division director, Opten

Tímea Kovács, ESG Expert, AutoWallis

Dr. Ákos Mátés-Lányi, Partner, Taylor Wessing

Evelin Soós-Kovács, Head of Sustainability Department, MVM

Dóra Diána Szemerédi, Head of ESG and corporate relations, Gránit Pólus Management

12:50 - 12:55 LinkedIn, Insta, TikTok, Facebook - Lássuk a social médiás karbonlábnyomunkat!

12:55 - 13:10 Real CSR begins with raising awareness

Speaker:

László Nagy, HR Director, B+N Referencia Zrt.

13:10 - 13:25 CSR in Reporting and CSR in Practice

Speakers:

Tamás Hossala, Art Therapist, Child Protection Specialist, Bolyai Farkas Gyermekotthoni Központ

Ágnes Oláh, Marketing Manager, VEOLIA

Lunch break

Section III/A: Green Energy and EEOS

Achieving the most effective and green solutions possible is now a priority across the national, corporate, and residential sectors of the energy market. The rollercoaster of prices in recent years has kept energy policy on the priority list, while businesses and households are maximising solar power opportunities. Managing grid loads and maintaining flexibility must be a key focus if we want to continue increasing the share of renewables. Equally critical is reducing demand and encouraging investments in energy efficiency. There are plans, various pathways, possibilities, and challenges in infrastructure development, meeting the 2030 targets, overcoming weather dependency, and improving energy efficiency.

What will be the perfect energy mix for Hungary in 2030? Which developments deserve focus now? What new trends will emerge in the renewable energy market? How will the long-awaited major grid expansion be realised? Could the EEOS market be revived following amendments to the Energy Efficiency Act? How will prices evolve in the September EEOS auction? How to boost energy efficiency investments to achieve lower energy consumption?

Moderator: Krisztián Kabát, Energy Analyst, Portfolio Group

14:10 - 14:25 Presentation

Speaker:

Dr. Tibor Héjj, energy and ESG expert, Magyar Fejlesztésösztönző Iroda (MFOI)

14:25 - 14:35 Stability in the Green Transition: The Strategic Role of PPAs in the 2030 Energy Mix

Speaker:

László Pokol, CEO, Green Cloud Platform

14:35 - 15:10 Hungary's Green Energy Mix - Challenges and Next Steps

Moderator: **Krisztián Kabát**, Energy Analyst, Portfolio Group

Conversation participants:

Zsófia Beck, Managing Director and Partner, Head of the Energy Practice in CEE, and Global Head of BCG's Integrated Power Segment

Gergely Domonkos Horváth, CEO, MVM Zöld Generáció

Csaba Novák, President, Hungarian Renewable Energy Association

László Pokol, CEO, Green Cloud Platform

15:10 - 15:25 Ultimately, it's all about energy

How can we save energy in a way that satisfies not only the ESG manager but also the finance director?

Speaker:

Péter Pál, Executive Director, Re-Energy

15:25 - 15:55 The EEOS Auction Is Just Around the Corner - Is a Renaissance of the Market on the Horizon?

Moderator: **Bettina Baksa**, ESG- fenntarthatósági felelős, UBM Csoport

Conversation participants:

Dániel Garai, CEO, CEEGEX

Péter Kálmán, CEO, Óbuda Group

Dénes Tatár, President, CEO, Energetikai Auditorok Szövetsége, Axing Zrt.

Section III/B: Green Supply Chain: Circularity, Procurement, Employees, Education

Greening supply chains poses a complex challenge for both manufacturing and non-manufacturing companies. It is not only about raw materials, packaging, procurement, or sustainable logistics but also about how materials can be kept in circulation, how waste management can be optimised, and, regardless of a company's activity, how the most vital element of the value chain, the employees, can become valuable contributors to the company's operations and goals. This session will cover topics related to the green supply chain as well as education and the training of ESG experts—professionals who support companies in implementing the green transition.

How is Hungary performing in keeping DRS and non-DRS materials in circulation? What are the best practices and examples? How can logistics and procurement be made sustainable? What challenges arise from the employees' perspective? How many new ESG experts does the market need? Will external experts or designating and retraining existing staff better support the green transition?

Moderator: Kata Tóth, Conference project leader, Portfolio

14:15 - 14:35 The Economy of the Future Is Circular

Speaker:

dr. Csaba Gondola, State Secretary for Circular Economy and Climate Policy, MInistry of Energy of Hungary

14:35 - 14:50 Waste Management as a Trend. Challenges for the Circular Economy by 2030

Speaker:

Anita Simon, Deputy CEO, Sustainability and Circular Economy, Alteo Group

14:50 - 15:05 Waste management in practice: What should we do with waste? How can domestic waste management work effectively?

Speaker:

Tivadar Runtág, COO, MOHU

15:05 - 15:20 The Green Link: How Distributors Shape Sustainable Supply Chains

Distributors are playing an increasingly important role in promoting sustainability by aligning their expectations with those of environmentally conscious customers and encouraging manufacturers to adopt greener practices. This presentation explores how distributors influence upstream supply chain decisions, respond to evolving market demands, and deliver added value to consumers through transparency, eco-conscious product selection, and responsible logistics. Discover how distribution can contribute to shaping a more sustainable future.

Speaker:

Norbert Vojtko, Head of Business development & Services, Lyreco CE, SE

15:20 - 15:55 Staying in the Loop - Between the Mandatory System and Corporate Solutions

Moderator: **Áron Horváth**, Director, Head of ESG & Sustainability Solutions CEE

& Hungary, CBRE

Conversation participants:

Attila Bálint, Sustainability Responsible HU market, IKEA

Csaba Farkas, Sustainability and Innovation Director, Mastergood

Katalin Haidu, Material Flow Manager, MOHU

Section III/C: Future-Proof Lounge - Preparing for Climate Adaptation!

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is no small task, and just as actions in this area are underway, climate experts are already drawing attention to a new challenge: climate adaptation. It is not enough to reduce or try to halt certain processes; we must also prepare for the increasingly frequent problems caused by climate change, along with their financial market impacts and operational risks for businesses. Climate adaptation means strategic adjustment and enhancing resilience at the corporate, urban, and individual levels alike.

The session will also highlight that the positive aspects of the transition are often underemphasised in sustainability communications, even though a hopeful vision can engage the public and alleviate concerns among younger generations.

What does sustainable communication look like? How can a company communicate authentically, transparently, and responsibly both externally and to internal stakeholders?

The Future-Proof Lounge provides an opportunity for relaxed yet thorough discussions on climate risks, the significance of adaptation, and potential ways to move forward.

Moderator: Márton Orosz, Editor-in-chief, Portfolio Studios, Portfolio Csoport

14:10 - 14:40 Witnesses To Change - Stories From the Frontlines of the Climate Crisis

Moderator: **Márton Orosz**, Editor-in-chief, Portfolio Studios, Portfolio Csoport

Conversation participants:

Márton Kállai, Photographer

Ákos Stiller, Photographer

András Zoltai, Photographer

14:40 - 15:10 Strategy for Survival - Steps Towards Adapting to Climate Change

Moderator: Irén Márta, Managing Director, Business Council for Sustainable

Development in Hungary Conversation participants:

Dr. Pál Selmeczi,

Katalin Sipos, Director, WWF Hungary

Dr. Barbara Wassen, Ambassador-at-large for Climate, Cabinet of Secretariat of

Energy and Climate Policy, Ministry for Energy

15:10 - 15:40 Transparent Communication of Sustainability Results - How To Overcome Greenhushing

Moderator: Attila Jenei, Partner, EY

Conversation participants:

Diána Andri, Chief Sustainability Officer, Decathlon Hungary

Zsuzsanna Kertész-Káldosi, Professional Director, Környezetvédelmi

Szolgáltatók és Gyártók Szövetsége

Márta Zincsenko-Záhorszki, Head of Sustainability, PPF Europe

Coffee break

Section IV.: Sustainable Corporate Operations

Business success and sustainability in corporate operations hinge on flexibility, adaptability, future-proof skills, innovative technologies, and long-term investments. The stakes are nothing less than shaping future-proof companies through the proper management of the financial, operational and even physical risks posed by climate change. But what exactly makes a company future-proof?

How can companies, employees, and Gen Z be most effectively engaged in realising sustainability measures? How important is the commitment of corporate leaders? What kind of future should we prepare for? What role do artificial intelligence and digital tools play in sustainable corporate operations?

Moderator: Roxána Pásztor, Sustainability Project Leader, Portfolio

16:15 - 16:35 What We Expect and What Is Coming - Let's Look Into the Future

Speaker:

Dr. Árpád Rab, Trend researcher, NKE EJKK ITKI research fellow, NMHH presidential advisor

16:35 - 16:50 Gen Z No Plan B - What It All Really Is About

Imagine growing up in a world that already feels uncertain and dangerous when you are just a child. For Generation Z, this is not a theory; this is their everyday reality. They have grown up in an era where unpredictable, uncontrollable crises - such as climate change - loom over the future as a constant backdrop. From this mental landscape comes climate anxiety, which now fundamentally weaves into the lives of many young people. This is not a passing fear but a sense of existential uncertainty. From this perspective, sustainability is no longer optional - it is expected. And not just in terms of the environment, but also in how organisations operate, workplace culture, and even consumer habits. Beyond exploring this generational experience, the talk will also look at practical strategies for leaders and HR professionals.

Speaker:

Benedek Takács, szervezet- és sportpszichológus, tréner, HR Partner Consulting

16:50 - 17:20 Authentic Voices on Sustainability - Leadership and Communication Challenges in a Fragmented World

Moderator: **Márton Orosz**, Editor-in-chief, Portfolio Studios, Portfolio Csoport Conversation participants:

Zsuzsa Beke, Head of Communication and Public Affairs, Richter Gedeon Nyrt. **Szilvia Bódi**, Cluster Sales Marketing Innovation Manager, DS Smith **Péter Pantl**, Group Corporate Communications & Marketing Vice President, MOL Group

From 17:20 - Green Awards ceremony and standing reception

We are presenting the various categories of the Green Awards for the fourth time, with the joint support of **Green Cloud and the Portfolio** Group. The aim of this recognition is to honor the outstanding sustainability achievements, programs, or innovations of Hungarian companies in 2025.

We will conclude the full day of professional programs with a relaxed standing reception, where conversations will be accompanied by champagne, gin- and rum-based cocktails, and the excellent wines of Jammertal Wine Estate. The pleasant evening will be enhanced not only by fine drinks but also by a DJ.

Join us and raise a glass with us in the spirit of sustainability!

