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## **Klaus Töpfer is accompanying the ILM Conference 2006**

**20-member Committee is managing the contents for this event in Düsseldorf on 30<sup>th</sup> nov '06**

**Munich, 19 June 2006. Just under half a year before the start of the 2nd Conference for Infrastructure Lifecycle Management (in short ILM 2006), the 20-member Committee is now working on the program. Over 120 applications have been received, around 25 percent more than in the previous year. The contents and the speakers will be established by mid-July. In the meantime, former Federal Minister of Construction, Klaus Töpfer, has agreed to be a speaker, accompanying the entire conference and providing the closing remarks on the conference in the afternoon. Again, over 500 participants are expected at the Düsseldorf Hilton Hotel.**

How can I achieve more sustainability in my projects? A challenge that today affects nearly every one involved in a major construction project. Integrated solutions, a magic word in various sectors for a long time, as well as new organizational processes could help. These and other questions will be the focus of discussions at the ILM 2006, which will take place on 30 November 2006 in Düsseldorf. 20 well-known companies and associations in the real estate sector as well as colleges and universities are preparing the conference, which will commence with an **event the night before in the Düsseldorf Medienhafen**. A platform in the middle of the exciting field of developing - planning - construction - utilization of real estate.



Sustainability and internationalization – these are two topics with which **Klaus Töpfer** has been concerned with for many years. For eleven years he was Federal Minister, from 1987 to 1994 Federal Minister for the Environment and Nature Conservation, afterwards Federal Minister of Regional Planning, Building and Urban Development from 1994 to 1998. Until the beginning of this year, Töpfer worked at the United Nations, amongst others as Executive Director of United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) based in Nairobi. Töpfer has been active on the international stage for decades and has been committed to sustainable development – a topic which is also of great pertinence to real estate lifecycle processes.

As in last year, the contents of the ILM 2006 will again be managed by an **independent program committee**. This includes:

- > Markus Amon, managing director of ebs Immobilienakademie [www.ebs-immobilienakademie.de](http://www.ebs-immobilienakademie.de)
- > Thomas Brandin, Executive Board Arbeitsgemeinschaft Industriebau e.V. (AGI), [www.agi-online.de](http://www.agi-online.de)
- > Rolf Breitmar, managing director WRW [www.wrww.org](http://www.wrww.org)
- > Roland Deger, head of communication Allianz Immobilien [www.allianz-immobilien.de](http://www.allianz-immobilien.de)

- > Uwe Donath, ILM Academy (in development)
- > Bernhard Eicher, Hapimag (Switzerland), facility manager [www.hapimag.com](http://www.hapimag.com)
- > Prof. Horst Franke, senior partner of Heiermann Franke Knipp [www.heiermann-franke-knipp.de](http://www.heiermann-franke-knipp.de)
- > Erkan Güney, director of the Municipal Building Department of the City of Wiesbaden
- > Géza-Richard Horn, President, IFMA Deutschland e.V. [www.ifma-deutschland.de](http://www.ifma-deutschland.de)
- > Michael Knipper, HGF Hauptverband Deutsche Bauindustrie [www.bauindustrie.de](http://www.bauindustrie.de)
- > Thomas Lehnert, Springer Verlags GmbH [www.springer.com](http://www.springer.com)
- > Henner Mahlstedt, Executive Board HOCHTIEF Construction [www.hochtief-construction.de](http://www.hochtief-construction.de)
- > Jens-Ulrich Maier, ECE Projektmanagement, managing director of construction [www.ece.de](http://www.ece.de)
- > Prof. Michael May, University of Applied Sciences of Berlin (FH für Technik und Wirtschaft)
- > Prof. Hans-Peter Noll, managing director of Montan Grundstücks Gesellschaft [www.mgg.de](http://www.mgg.de)
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- > Stefan Wolter, head of key account management, DeTeImmobilien [www.deteimmobilien.de](http://www.deteimmobilien.de)

**Cooperating media partners** will include the trade journal *Immobilien Zeitung*, the publishing house Springer Verlag, the business magazine *brandeins* and the trade journal *Mensch & Architektur*. **The organizer** will consist of a network of companies in the real estate sector, the organizational direction is again being carried out by IBC Euroforum GmbH. conject AG remains the **initiator**.

The website pertaining to the ILM Conference is under development. You can currently find detailed information regarding the conference under [www.conject.com](http://www.conject.com) or [www.euroforum.de](http://www.euroforum.de). The program will be released by the end of July at the latest.

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