

# **Circular Economy – joining forces for resource-conscious construction!**

Urbanist Sally Below at CLB Berlin and the institutions Architekturgalerie München, Nicola Borgmann, and HDA – Haus der Architektur in Graz, Beate Engelhorn, have joined forces to call for more awareness of a rethink and encourage action to be taken in the building sector.

“Circular construction” involves reusing, replacing, leasing, repairing, and renovating materials. Both this and “material cycles” have become new buzzwords in the construction industry. In practice, these strategies are rarely used, hindered by scepticism and legal restrictions. But positive examples do exist and are proving - a circular approach is possible!

The exhibitions span a time frame of six months and cross spatial boundaries to present international pioneers as well as practical examples and methods. Accompanying events provide a platform for experts to discuss opportunities and the latest findings from the practice of circular construction. The programme includes regional stakeholders and projects, as well as research projects from universities of technology and technical colleges at the different locations.

**The joint initiative starts with the exhibition “Material Loops  $\alpha$  – The Circular Economy. Buildings as a Material Resource” from 14 April to 4 July 2021 at the HDA in Graz.**

**The exhibition "CIRCULAR CONSTRUCTION" at the Architekturgalerie München and the exhibition "Harvest! Collect! Re-use! the circular building site" in Berlin will follow.**

(As soon as the dates are fixed, they will be announced).

The organisers hope that this joint initiative will draw more attention to this important topic, not least convince more decision-makers and building professionals of the applicability, effectiveness and "respectability" of material and energy cycles in the building industry.

**Take a look – it’s worth it!**

**Sally Below, Nicola Borgmann, Beate Engelhorn**