



Municipal Housing Complex of Russia International Exhibition attracted top professionals of the sector

On April 18 to 20, the Expoforum hosted the 19th Municipal Housing Complex of Russia International Exhibition. The event was attended by 8,000+ visitors from 18 countries, namely Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, China, South Korea, India, UAE, Iran, Pakistan, Italy, Turkey, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland. The convention program of the Exhibition included 13 events and was participated by 45+ speakers and 800 delegates. At the Exhibition with the area of 7,500 sq. m, 40 companies presented their latest projects and services.

The convention program of the Municipal Housing Complex of Russia 2023 covered the issues of implementation of the federal and regional programs intended for the municipal and housing infrastructure upgrade, as well as events on comfortable urban environment establishment and means of investment attraction.

The Exhibition was opened during the opening ceremony of several dedicated events by **Denis Kravchenko**, the Deputy Chairman of the State Duma Committee of the Economic Policy Board of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, the Executive Secretary of the Bureau of the Supreme Council of the United Russia Party; **Evgeny Vyshemirsky**, Head of Senior Welder Section, Department of Gazprom PJSC; **Dmitry Kobitsky**, Secretary General of the Council of the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly; **Vladimir Katenev**, President of St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry; **Dmitry Nikitin**, CEO of RESTEC Exhibition Company; as well as **Sergey Voronkov**, CEO of ExpoForum International.

The key event of the convention program was the plenary session, in which the participants presented and discussed key issues of the municipal housing sector. In particular, **Vladislav Voronkov**, CEO of MezRegionRazvitiye, Municipal Housing Non-Profit Company, expert of the Scientific and Technical Council for Energy, Energy Saving and Energy Efficiency Enhancement Legislation Implementation Monitoring affiliated with the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, outlined that the municipal housing sector encounters certain challenges that are associated with the laws being imperfect. For instance, in different regions of Russia one apartment can have residential rental arrears up to 1 million rubles. According to **Vladislav Voronkov**, this issue can be dealt with in case there're methods in place for efficient collection of debts for the municipal and housing services, as much as with deprivation of the debtor's property.

Other matters related to the municipal housing legislation were presented by **Andrey Ryabokon**, Deputy of the Legislative Assembly of St. Petersburg. Under the current law, families that have debts to be paid for the municipal housing services are deprived of their right to get any subsidies that could be used to pay for such services. At the same time, in many case granting of such subsidies could help with paying down such debts. For example, families who have such debts to pay could be offered a subsidy, and the money from it could be transferred right to the management company instead of the debtors.

During the Municipal Housing Complex of Russia International Exhibition **the 15th ISSUES WITH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS** Annual Conference took place. The key matter discussed there was signing agreements with the Nevsky Environmental Operator JSC on the terms of payment for amount and volume of the waste bins. In her opening speech before the discussion **Tatyana Lykova**, Senior Expert of the Municipal Facilities Department, Institute of City Economy Foundation, announced the overall Russian practice analysis results: computations of high pay rates depending on the amount and volume of waste bins. In such a case there were some single events when the payment on actual basis was used. To make such a transition easier, more specific provisions of the Federal Laws will be required.

During the exhibition part of the event, **Softlogic** presented its AI and video analytics platform named SL Vision, an independent portable complex intended for supervision of the urban services and beautification of the premises. **KDM Plant** presented its 2-axis maneuverable multifunctional road vehicle ED-244KMA, intended for mechanized cleaning at car roads, traffic lanes of urban streets and squares with asphalt concrete and cement concrete coatings. **Broadway Manufacturing Company** presented a special road sweeping and cleaning trailer, the Raywin diesel engine, and equipment for the municipal machines. Representatives of **TMK** shared their best practices for production of tubes for the fuel and energy sector, as well as large diameter industrial tubes and stainless tubes.

The Modern Transport Technologies Group arranged a business session of its own, where it presented specialized vehicle models for the municipal sector, namely the garbage truck mounted on Valday NEXT, and GAZon NEXT combined road machine. During the Exhibition, the visitors were encouraged to bring plastic wastes to the SYNERGETIC company's stand and were awarded with eco-friendly home and family detergents there. It was the electric GAZel e-NN vehicle that was responsible for plastic collection and its further transportation to the recycling station, the zero carbon trace vehicle, which is absolutely safe for the environment.



At the Exhibition, the new event formats were tested, including workshops, seminars, and corporate presentations. During the **ISSUES OF INTEGRATING THE UNITED CENTRE OF METERING UNITS INTO MANAGING AND ENERGY SUPPLYING COMPANIES** workshop, the representative of the United Centre of Metering Units told the audience about benefits of building dispatching and automation. Representatives of R.O.S.DOLG Agency spoke about effective dealing with debts in the municipal and housing sector. The **WASTE MANAGEMENT IN APARTMENT HOUSING** workshop arranged by the RazDelny Sbor Association for Ecology and Environmental Protection became quite the highlight of the event.

During the Municipal Housing Complex of Russia Exhibition, **the first-ever presentation of the practical guide on major overhaul paid from the dedicated account** took place. The brochure that is supposed to answer any question that today's and prospective owners of dedicated accounts was prepared by the St. Petersburg Housing Committee together with the Apartment Housing Renovation Union and the Concierge Newspaper. No book like this has ever been published in St. Petersburg.

The Business Matchmaking Centre was operated at the Exhibition. 1,500+ meetings between suppliers and major management and construction companies from St. Petersburg and other Russian cities took place there. The event was participated by Vodokanal of St. Petersburg SUE, Heating Grid of St. Petersburg JSC, Committee on Energy and Engineering Support of St. Petersburg, Customer's Administration St. Petersburg SPE, Petrostroy, Evrostroy Companies, Nash Dom, Kosmoservis, Service Express, Moskovsky Kvartal, Sodruzhestvo, Upravleniye Komfortom, Kristall, Razvitiye, Pyat Uglov Management Companies, Novostroy Payment Processing Centre, Baltic Engineering Group LLC, and many more.

Along with the Municipal Housing Complex of Russia Exhibition, the Expoforum also hosted the Russian International Energy Forum, the Svarka/Welding International Exhibition, and the Corrosion Protection International Exhibition and Congress.

The 19th Municipal Housing Complex of Russia International Exhibition was participated by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation.

Moreover, the Exhibition was dynamically supported by the National Builders Union, RazDelny Sbor Ecological Movement, Municipal Housing Services and Urban Development Companies Association, the All-Russian Industrial Union of Employers in the Life Sustaining Sphere, as well as the Institute of City Economy Foundation.

Key co-organisers of the convention program for the Municipal Housing Complex of Russia 2023 were Gazprombank (Joint Stock Company), Resource Closed Cycle Assistance Association, RazDelny Sbor Association for Ecology and Environmental Protection, Apartment Housing Renovation Union, Concierge Publishing House, Vedomosti. St. Petersburg business newspaper, and Municipal Housing Complex MIX LLC.

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