CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATIONS: MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION

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Construction industry together with agricultural sector is the engine of economical growth of Ukraine. The same time, constructional SMEs, especially in rural areas, have limited access to innovative technologies. Large companies should have discussion place for exclusion unscrupulous competition. Construction business should also have joint voice for dialog with the government. Cooperation between business and technical associations gives answers on above challenges.

The large number (20+) of Pan-Ukrainian technical associations related to construction sector is Ukrainian feature. Most of them are headed by ambitious leaders, so dialog between them was the first step for fruitful cooperation. Next step was regular joint meetings of ExBs of largest associations. Representatives from the government and parliament are presenting their visions on such meetings. Friendly atmosphere helps to find better solutions.

Technical associations are mobile. It gives them opportunity to provide faster and better information about world and local innovations in construction. The tools are: exhibitions, conferences, seminars, Round Tables and etc. both in the capital and in the regions.

Progress in construction is impossible without permanent training of engineers and workers. Jointly with technical university our associations launched pilot project for cross-cutting learning from school till post-graduate study.

Fair competition is very important for construction sector. One of the largest associations: Construction Chamber of Ukraine even has its own Lawbook of fair competition, which is mandatory for signing by each member.

Typical problem of any technical association is funding. To fix this problem our associations create for-profit subsidiaries (institutes, innovation centers, etc.) for implementation of novel technologies and to create innovations. The example of passive house, which was designed and built by experts for Academy of Construction of Ukraine, is shown on the fig.1.

Other novelty is permanent dialog between Pan-Ukrainian associations and authorities (like Meyers of small cities) in the regions. Information about trends on the state level are delivered to the regions by our Round Tables, seminars, etc.

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