



# Architects' Council of Europe

The Architects' Council of Europe is made up of 47 organisations in 33 countries representing 550,000 architects.

ACE Manifesto for the European Parliament Elections

Architecture is the experience of life: from cradle to the grave, it forms us, conditions us, inspires us.

Good architecture is essential to our well being and is vital in guaranteeing our safety, our productivity, our prosperity and ultimately, our future.

### Its objectives are:

- > to promote the importance of Architecture throughout the EU;
- > to advance architectural quality in the built environment;
- > to support the sustainable development of the built environment;
- > to safeguard the highest standards of qualification for architects;
- > to advocate quality in architectural practice;
- > to foster cross-border co-operation and facilitate European practice;
- > to act as the single voice for architects in Europe;
- > to promote and defend the European model on a global scale.

The Architects Council of Europe is committed to

- > promoting responsible architecture
- > advancing the highest educational & professional standards
- > safeguarding the public interest
- > optimising professional mobility
- > stimulating Jobs & Growth



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# Sustainable Architecture across Europe!

## PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE ARCHITECTURE

The **ACE** calls on the European Parliament to



note the role Architects play in helping the EU achieve its targets to **reduce energy consumption in buildings** and mitigate the effects of climate change;



recognise the importance of the architect's role in the **renovation of existing buildings**; promote greater 'energy literacy' and provide incentives for rehabilitation to contribute to the reduction of fuel poverty;



advocate **Quality-Based Selection and Architectural Design Competitions** in public procurement; ensure greater access to and adequate resourcing of public projects to guarantee competition and afford greater client choice.

FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

## ADVANCING THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The **ACE** calls on the European Parliament to



recognise the **importance of life-long learning** and the role of the profession in delivering Continuing Professional Development to ensure that architects' skills remain current, especially in the areas of energy efficiency;



make provision for a Law on Architecture that recognises **the social, economic and public value of architecture and the architectural profession**, in order to make collective architectural values a reality; ensure appropriate levels of regulation to guarantee consumer protection;



recognise the importance of **investing in education to deliver high quality graduates**, able to compete internationally; develop greater awareness of the built environment in young people by introducing architecture in the high school curriculum, thereby providing better informed future citizens and clients.

TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC INTEREST & ENSURE GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

## OPTIMISING PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY

The **ACE** calls on the European Parliament to



**align levels of training** in architecture with international standards (5 years study plus 2 years practical experience); recognise the **importance of practical experience** to enhance international mobility and open markets to young professionals;



use positive elements of European Directives to **facilitate cross-border service and establishment** but resist undue deregulatory tendencies that blur professional boundaries, and undermine public confidence in service providers;



support the negotiation of **binding Mutual Recognition Agreements** on architectural services between the EU and third countries, to open up new markets in a strictly reciprocal manner.

TO STIMULATE JOBS & GROWTH IN THE EU