

# About ACE

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The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) represents the interests of Europe's architects and serves as the voice of the architectural profession at the European level. Founded in 1990, ACE is headquartered in Brussels and advocates for architectural quality in the built environment, promoting sustainable urban planning, innovation, and high professional standards across Europe.

Its growing membership currently consists of 52 Member Organisations, which are the regulatory and professional representative bodies in all (European Union (EU) Member States, Accession Countries, the UK, Switzerland and Norway, and 6 Observers Members - Serbia, Kosovo, Ukraine, Montenegro, Macedonia, Moldova). Through them, the ACE represents the interests of over half a million architects from 36 countries in Europe.

## Mission & Vision

ACE's Mission is to:

- influence, through advocacy, EU legislation & policies that impact on our strategic priorities;
- be an influential and valued source of authoritative information for the architectural profession in Europe;
- act as the unified voice of the architectural profession in the European institutions;
- be an effectively networked representative body for EU architects and practices;
- create an enabling practice and regulatory environment for architects & practices;
- demonstrate the role of architects in creating a truly competitive, enriching and sustainable Europe.

**ACE's Vision** is to make a difference, and to advance architecture as a strategy for innovation, leading to greater competitiveness and profitability.

## Key Priorities

In order to achieve its mission and create a shared culture of architecture, the Architects' Council of Europe advocates for the following actions to be taken:

- Advance the highest standards in education and ensure the up-skilling of professionals;
- Establish a SME-friendly regulatory framework and support innovation in the sector ;
- Favour architectural and planning solutions in the built environment.

Read the ACE Manifesto on the ACE website.

## Governance

ACE Executive Board for 2024-2025:

**President:** Ruth Schagemann

**Vice- President:** Carl Bäckstrand (Sweden)

**Executive Board Members:** Daniel Fügenschuh (Austria), Dubravko Bačić (Croatia) Borys Czarakcziew (Poland), Carla Lima Vieira (Portugal), Anda Kursisa (Latvia), Diego Zoppi (Italy), Andre Pizzuto (Malta), Kornel Kobák (Slovakia) and Reto Gmür (Switzerland)

**Secretary General:** Ian Pritchard

The Executive Board of the Architects' Council of Europe consists of 11 members, six of whom are elected and five of whom are nominated on a rotational basis, in accordance with the rotation of the Presidency of the EU. All Board Members serve a two-year term. The Executive Board manages and administers the day-to-day affairs of the ACE and pursues the policies set out by the General Assembly.

## Recent Publications

**ACE Manifesto for the EU elections:** Ahead of the forthcoming EU Elections, the Architects' Council of Europe launched its Manifesto calling on MEPs to act for high-quality architecture and living environment for all.

**Architectural Quality in Europe:** With the support of the Creative Europe programme of the European Union, the Architect's Council of Europe is releasing a new publication presenting the findings of a pan-European survey on architectural policies.

**Annual Report:** A comprehensive overview of ACE's activities, achievements, and impact on EU policy.

### **Latest events & publications**

ACE & Europa Nostra Conference: “New European Bauhaus: Heritage & Trans-formation” in Poland

ACE study on the value chain

ACE Podcast on BIM and export

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