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## ACE CORE ISSUES

### Review of the rules governing access to the liberal professions



With the publication in October 2013 of the Communication on [Evaluating national regulations on access to professions](#), the EU Commission has embarked on a review of the rules governing access to the regulated professions, with a particular focus on six of them, including the architectural profession. Member States and representatives from the architectural profession met on 30 September 2014 under the auspices of the EU Commission to examine regulations governing access to the profession. The discussion was organised around four clusters of countries, each containing a mix of countries with a great or lesser degree of regulation. Ahead of the meeting at the Commission, experts from ACE Member Organisations participating in the meeting, met at the ACE Secretariat to compare their respective positions and try to establish as much common ground as possible. In a second phase, Member States will present their national plans, with possible actions to modernise their regulation, in order to facilitate the mobility of professionals and cross-border provision of services in the Single Market.

### Launch of a new Erasmus+ project in partnership with the EAAE



The Erasmus+ proposal, which was submitted in partnership with the European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE) was accepted for funding under the [EU Erasmus+ programme](#). It started in September 2014 for a duration of three years. This project called *Confronting Wicked Problems: Adapting Architectural Education to the New Situation in Europe* had its kick-off meeting on the 29 August in Chania (Greece) during the EAAE General Assembly. An important impact of the project is to establish closer bonds between ACE and EAAE through opening up several areas of cooperation and exchanging experience, expertise and networks. The project will organise three Think Tanks for the areas of Profession, Heritage and Sustainability. [More information on the ACE website](#).

## ACE MATTERS

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### ACE participation in the 25<sup>th</sup> UIA Congress in Durban



The ACE President and Secretary General attended the 25<sup>th</sup> UIA Congress in Durban (South Africa) from 3 to 7 August. Besides an update on UIA affairs, the Congress allowed many bilateral talks with ACE counterparts. The ACE delegation prepared the ground for Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the *Conselho de Arquitetura e Urbanismo do Brasil* (CAU/BR) and revived talks with the Korean Chamber of Architects (KIRA) on a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA). The ACE delegation met also with the NCARB and AIA to further talks on a possible MRA with the US and update on TTIP negotiations.

### ACE supports the 2050 Imperative Declaration to phase out CO2 emissions in the built environment



On the occasion of the 25th UIA Assembly, ACE, along with UIA member organisations and the regional architecture bodies for Asia, the Americas and Africa, unanimously adopted the [Declaration on 2050 Imperative](#). Through this Declaration, the world's community of Architects recognises the urgency of fighting climate change by setting the global building sector on a path to phase out CO2 emissions by 2050. Ahead of the upcoming UN Framework Convention on Climate Change conference that will reconvene in Paris in 2015, this historic Declaration is a strong message from the profession to the international community to commit to a truly sustainable future.

### The ACE signs a Memorandum of Understanding with ARCASIA



The ACE signed a [Memorandum of Understanding with the Architects Regional Council Asia \(ARCASIA\)](#) in order to promote closer cooperation between both organisations.

## **EU Cities Reloading - Strategies and Policies for Urban Regeneration - CNAPPC-ACE-EFAP Forum on 7-8 November 2014**



The ACE, in partnership with the Italian *Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori* (CNAPPC) and the European Forum for Architectural Policies (EFAP) are organising during the 2014 Triennale di Milano a Forum on Strategies and Policies for Urban Regeneration. The

Forum will bring together European political leaders, mayors, legal experts, bankers, architects and urban planners to discuss how to move to a new urban paradigm, for more sustainable and inclusive cities, able to meet the economic, social and environmental challenges of our time.

## **EU NEWS**

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### **Italian Presidency of the EU**



2014 Presidenza Italiana  
del Consiglio  
dell'Unione Europea

Since 1 July 2014, Italy has been holding the Presidency of the EU, before handing over the reins to Latvia in January 2015. Italy has held the Presidency 11 times since the signing of the Treaties of Rome, but it is the first time since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty. The three main concerns of the Italian Presidency are the economic downturn; the security of Europe's borders, and relations with EU's neighbours and overseas partners. Learn more on the [EU Italian Presidency website](#).

### **Juncker unveils the new EU Commission**



On 10 September, EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker unveiled his team and the [new shape of the next Commission](#). Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Mr Karmenu Vella, was conferred with a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies from the Royal University of Malta in 1970, and then graduated as an Architect and Civil Engineer in 1973.

### **Communication on Resource efficiency opportunities in the building sector**



On 1 July, the EU Commission published its long-awaited Communication on sustainable buildings, entitled "[Resource efficiency opportunities in the building sector](#)". To overcome a "lack of reliable, comparable and affordable data, methods and tools to assess the environmental performance of buildings", the EU Commission proposes to develop an EU framework of core indicators and methodologies to assess the environmental performance of buildings. This framework of core indicators will be agreed in cooperation with stakeholders, including architects, in 2014-2015. This initiative goes in the direction of what ACE advocated in 2013 in its [response to the EC consultation on sustainable buildings](#).

### **Communication on Energy Efficiency and its contribution to the 2030 Framework for climate and energy policy**



On 23 July, the EU Commission published a [Communication on Energy Efficiency and its contribution to energy security and the 2030 Framework for climate and energy policy](#). The document takes stock of the progress towards the 2020 energy efficiency target and proposes a new 30% energy-savings target for 2030. The Commission recognises that the "majority of the energy-saving potential is in the building sector with 40% of the EU's energy consumption coming from buildings", and "more than 40% of residential buildings dating from before 1960". On the other hand, the Commission emphasises that for the construction sector, energy efficiency improvements in buildings are the most promising driver for regaining growth after the recession. The Commission stresses the necessity of speeding up the renovation rate of the existing stock from 1.4% (today's average) to above 2% annually. The Commission's proposal will be discussed and voted by the Council in October.

### **Communication "Towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage for Europe"**



In May 2014, the EU Council adopted Conclusions on *Cultural heritage as a strategic resource for a sustainable Europe*, in which it called for the "*mainstreaming of cultural heritage in national and European policies*" and "*the development of a strategic approach to cultural heritage*". Responding to this call, on 22 July the EU Commission published the [Communication "Towards an integrated approach to cultural heritage for Europe"](#) to help Member States and stakeholders to make the most of the support for heritage available under EU instruments. A [Mapping report on Cultural Heritage actions in EU policies, programmes and activities](#) was published the same day.

### **Communication on the Urban dimension of EU policies**



Building on the results of the "[Cities of Tomorrow Forum](#)" organised in February, the Commission published a [Communication on the Urban Dimension of EU Policies](#) in July. This communication sets out the current urban situation in the EU and where Europe stands today in terms of urban policy.

The Commission underlines that over two-thirds of all EU policies directly or indirectly affect cities. An Urban Agenda would aim for better coordination and coherence of EU policies to reflect city needs and also for stronger and more direct involvement of cities in EU policymaking. Depending on the results of the consultation accompanying the Communication ([read the ACE response](#)), the Commission will decide upon next steps.

## NEWS FROM MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

- [Jane Duncan elected as next RIBA President](#)
- [Architects Registration Board publishes 2013 Annual Report](#)
- [Norwegian exhibition in Krakow](#)
- [80th OAI newsletter now available](#)
- [9th Ibero-American Architecture and Urbanism Biennial \(BIAU\)](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

- [UNEP-SBCI latest report on Greening the Building Supply Chain](#)
- [BPIE Factsheet on the](#)

## PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

### **Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)**

The EU Commission is running an on-line survey until 15 December, in the context of the negotiations of the TTIP, to collect information regarding the problems experienced by EU industries and SMEs when doing business with the US. [Access the on-line survey](#).

### **Public consultation on businesses' experience with the Internal Market for Services**

The EU Commission is carrying out a stakeholder exercise aimed at analysing the obstacles preventing businesses from offering their services in other Member States. This exercise targets especially SMEs providing services and also those of the construction sector. It comprises an [online survey until 15 November](#) and [a series of workshops](#) in several Member States until November 2014 in order to hear from stakeholders' real-life experiences. The conclusions of this exercise will be presented at a [final event](#) in Brussels in March 2015.

### **Public consultation on the Europe 2020 strategy**

## [Implementation of EED article 5](#)

- [BPIE Study: Alleviating Fuel Poverty in the EU - Investing in home renovation, a sustainable and inclusive solution](#)
- [GPBN Tool for Building Energy Performance Scenarios](#)
- [EU Commission SME Internationalisation Portal](#)

- [BUILD UP past webinars on energy efficiency in buildings](#)

- [Report by the World Green Building Council on Health, Wellbeing and Productivity in Offices](#)

## EVENTS

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- [World Sustainable Energy Days, 25-27 February 2015, Wels - Austria](#)

- [World SB14 Barcelona, 28-30 October 2014 - Spain](#)

- [Future of Cities Forum 2014: IMAGINE Regenerative Urban Development, 30-31 October, Munich - Germany](#)

- [Geo-BIM 2014 - 19-20 November 2014, Amsterdam -](#)

This questionnaire aims to inform the review of the Europe 2020 strategy and seek views on its further development. [Access the consultation.](#)

### **Public consultation on the Small Business Act**

What do small and medium sized enterprises in Europe need from future EU policy? This is the core question of a [consultation the Commission launched in September to help upgrade the EU's Small Business Act](#) (SBA) - a wide-ranging set of measures designed to make life easier for small companies. Deadline: 15 December. [Access the consultation.](#)

## EU-FUNDED PROJECTS

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### **LEEMA project**



The next LEEMA event will be at the [1st International Symposium on Innovative Construction Materials](#) in Miskolc, Hungary, from 6-10 October 2014. NTUA, a LEEMA partner, will be giving a presentation on the "Development of foamed Inorganic Polymeric Materials based on Perlite".

- Please visit the new social media profiles of the LEEMA project and engage in discussions around sustainable building materials and low embodied energy on the [LinkedIn Group](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Google+](#).

### **iNSPiRe project**



- iNSPiRe's article on building renovation has been published in the [latest edition of Projects magazine](#).

- Dr Sarah Birchall of BSRIA, an iNSPiRe partner made a webinar presentation on *Renovating the Existing Building Stock Across Europe*. It provides a good overview of the project, with a focus on our extensive study of Europe's building stock. You

[The Netherlands](#), with the support of the ACE

- [Single Market Forum 2014](#)

## COMPETITIONS

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- [The Chicago Athenaeum announces the 2015 International Architecture Awards](#)

can download the audio file plus the presentation slides [here](#).

- Follow the project on twitter @iNSPiReFP7 and get in touch via the [iNSPiRe website](#) for debate and comment.

### A2PBEER project



**A2PBEER** Deliverable "Definition of a systemic public building and district retrofitting methodology and integration of the technologies". This report was recently submitted to the European Commission and is available on request.

- ACE developed the first [A2PBEER](#) project brochure in corporation with LIT - Limerick Institute of Technology, Ireland. The brochure was translated into Croatian, English, Italian, Hungarian, French, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish and Polish, and is available [here](#).
- The project consortium had a successful and productive meeting in Ankara, Turkey on 16-17 September.

## OTHER MATTERS

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### Esa Mohamed elected UIA President



Malaysian architect and town-planner Esa Mohamed was elected UIA President during the UIA General Assembly in Durban. He will be President for the period 2014-2017.

He succeeds French architect Albert Dubler. [Read UIA President manifesto](#). The UIA General Assembly selected Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) as the host city of the 27<sup>th</sup> UIA Congress in 2020. The next Congress will take place in 2017 in Seoul (Korea) on the theme *The Soul of a city: intangible spiritual dimension*.

## France announces financing plan for energy transition in buildings

In June France presented an [energy transition bill](#) which includes a package of tax breaks and low-cost loans to improve insulation in buildings. Homeowners will notably be allowed to deduct 30% of the cost of thermal insulation from their taxable income. Access to zero percent loans for renovation work will also be simplified. The energy transition bill is due for discussion in the National Assembly in October.



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