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Welcome to the first edition of *ACE Info* in 2010 – a year that has started in a most tragic manner with the devastating earthquake in Haiti that the most recent reports say has claimed more than 230,000 lives. The ACE is aware that there is an enormous task of rebuilding that awaits and that it will take a very long time to achieve. Readers of *ACE Info* will be aware that the ACE opened negotiations with a delegation of architects from the Caribbean (CARIFORUM) in November last year in the context of the Economic Partnership signed with the EU, and it has used these contacts to transmit its deep shock and sympathy to Haiti following the earthquake.

On a practical level, the ACE has been monitoring the initiatives being taken by the various humanitarian groups of architects and is aware of the significant efforts that have been deployed by them in order to give reliable professional advice and assistance on the ground in Haiti. Included in this edition, is an article that gives, in one place, a listing of the architects' organisations that the ACE knows are active in the survey and rebuilding work that is ongoing in Haiti along with many other charities and NGOs.

Aware that the work will go on for many, many years, the ACE intends to remain fully informed of progress in the rebuilding work and to be a relay point for information and dissemination on how the architectural profession can maintain the necessary, steady assistance that the people of Haiti will need. In this work, the ACE urges all those involved to ensure as far as possible that the rebuilt Haiti will represent an outstanding example of high quality, sustainable design respecting the specific seismic rules required that will provide the people of Haiti with a quality of buildings and cities that they have not previously enjoyed while fully conscious that lost lives cannot be replaced.

This is a great challenge and a great opportunity – the new Haiti that will rise out of the rubble should be a shining light of sustainable urban and building design that will make it the envy of the world thereby demonstrating also that a high quality of buildings and shelter is not necessarily attached to wealthy populations!

*This edition is also available in French.*

## CORE ISSUES

### The Architectural Profession Rallies its Forces to Help Haiti



All readers will be aware of the devastation and death caused by the catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Everyone has been affected by the terrible force and tragic consequences of this expression of the force of nature. In particular, the architectural profession is concerned about the huge impact on the built environment and about the need to mobilise design professionals and contractors for the rebuilding effort that will last for years to come. Among the actions that the ACE has been informed of at the time of writing this edition the following individual actions by its Member Organisations are underway: the RIBA (UK) is present in Haiti through the "Article 25" organisation; the Bundesarchitektenkammer-BAK (DE) has been connecting German architects and students ready to assist with the various agencies

working in and for Haiti; the CNAPPC (IT) has launched a special programme to aid Haiti (after the significant efforts they already devoted, and are still devoting, following the earthquake in L'Aquila in 2008); Portuguese and Greek architects are, with the support of their respective organisation preparing to send 2 prototypes of the winning designs under the UIA Shelter competition.

Furthermore the ACE is also aware that the International Union of Architects (UIA) and its network are currently also engaged in dissemination and coordination activities.

Some years ago the ACE held a Special Session at its Autumn General Assembly on humanitarian architects organisations and it has kept up a certain level of contact with them since then. It is therefore in a position to act as a relay point for any actions in the field within Europe, particularly after such a disaster as Haiti and it is pleased to give to readers the following contact information for any readers that may like to take action to give support to the rebuilding efforts in Haiti:

Emergency Architects Foundation – has established a fund for Haiti and you can donate at:  
[http://www.archi-urgent.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=176&Itemid=439](http://www.archi-urgent.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=176&Itemid=439)

For information on the organisation, go to:  
<http://www.archi-urgent.com/>

Architecture for Humanity also has an appeal open for its programme on rebuilding in Haiti:  
<http://architectureforhumanity.org/programs/haiti-earthquake-rebuilding>

Article 25 is a UK based humanitarian organisation:  
<http://www.article-25.org/>

Architecture Sans Frontières is an international network of organisations that are active in humanitarian aid, looking as much at the long term as assisting in the immediate aftermath of disasters. You can see a listing of European Organisations and contacts that are in the network here:  
<http://asf.international.free.fr/index/europa.php>

Finally, our Caribbean colleagues have said that any donations should only be made through established and known sources and that the International Red Cross has been doing a lot of coordination of the relief effort, including with architects. To see its work, go to:  
<http://www.icrc.org/web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/html/haiti>

**Image:** Courtesy of the International Red Cross

### **Disappointment About Level of Ambition in Draft EU2020 Strategy**



The European Commission conducted a public consultation on the proposed revised over-arching strategy for the EU for the period from now to 2020 that ended on the 15<sup>th</sup> January last. The ACE and many other stakeholders submitted comments that all had one element in common – a sense of disappointment at the lack of vision and ambition in the proposed Strategy. The ACE in its submission highlighted the fact that the proposal did not mention the dimension of the built environment and under-emphasises the issue of energy efficiency. It pointed out that this is not

coherent with the content of the European Economic Recovery Plan in which the positive contribution that can be made by these twin issues is properly recognised.

Other comments noted by the ACE include the submission from the European Forum for Architectural Policies (EFAP) that recalled the text of conclusions related to architecture and the contribution of culture to sustainable development that the European Union Council adopted in 2008 (ref JOCE Conclusions 2008/C 319/05) that fall entirely within the objectives of the future “EU2020” strategy, a strategy that is based on a new economy founded on sustainable social growth.

Also of note is the submission from the Committee of the Regions (CoR) that states that the Commission explicitly fails to recognise the important role played by local and regional authorities in realising European objectives on the ground and the submission from the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) that highlights the fact the Commission appears not to have learnt the lessons of the recent crisis as it puts the conservation of energy, natural resources and raw materials in the context of *the future competitiveness of our industry and our economies thus making us hostage(s) of business lobbies who will insist that only those measures which bring immediate profits are acceptable.*

The proposal of the Commission is due to be considered at the Spring Summit of EU leaders and the outcome will shape EU Policy for the next decade. To read more and to download copies of submissions made, go to:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eu2020/>

### **ACE Info Readership Survey**

The ACE launched a questionnaire targeted at the readers of this publication. The replies are now starting to come in and the ACE intends to wait for further replies before fully reporting on the outcome. Early results are encouraging in the sense that it is clear that our readers usually learn something new every time they receive *ACE Info* and the vast majority read every edition. The Executive Board of the ACE intends to consider the implications of the results and to decide what, if any, changes should be introduced by the ACE in order to better answer the expectations of the readership of *ACE Info*. In the meantime, the Editorial Board wishes to thank all of our readers that have taken the time to share their opinions with us and we invite others who have not yet answered to consider answering the questionnaire now. The questionnaire has been circulated again with this edition of *ACE Info* for this purpose.

## **ACE MATTERS**

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### **Announcements from Member Organisations**

Many Member Organisations have informed the ACE about changes over the past two months as follows:

#### **CSCAE – Spain**

Architect Jordi Ludevid I Anglada has been elected President of the Superior Council of Associations (Collegios) of Spanish Architects for the period 2010-2013 on a campaign that promises to reinforce the federating aspect of the CSCAE and to assist architects to adapt to the new conditions facing the as a result of the economic crisis that has been particularly severe in Spain.

#### **OAI – Luxembourg**

Bob Strotz has been elected as President of the Order of Architects and Consulting Engineers in Luxembourg. His aims are to improve the collaboration between architects and consulting engineers for coherent and efficient project management, reform architecture design contests and update contracts for architects and engineers undertaking public works projects.

#### **CIAF – France**

Patrick Colombier has been elected President of the International Council of French Architects (CIAF), which coordinates the international activities of the three French Member Organisations of the ACE – the Conseil National de l'Ordre des Architectes (CNOA), the Union Nationale des Syndicats Français d'Architectes (UNSA) and the Syndicat de l'Architecture (SA).

### **The ACE Establishes a Taskforce on the Energy Efficiency Action Plan (EEAP)**

To complement the various EU Directives in the field of energy efficiency and to reinforce the action of the EU in this field, the European Commission adopted an EEAP in 2006. This plan set out over 80 actions that the EU aimed to undertake in the period up to 2012. A first evaluation of the plan took place in 2009 and the Commission has announced its intention to produce a revised plan by “early 2011” at the latest. It is expected that buildings will play a central role in the provisions of the new plan and that action on improving their energy efficiency will be a key aspect of the new EEAP. For this reason the ACE has taken the initiative to propose to the other actors in the construction sector and other relevant stakeholders from the civil society to set up a Taskforce of experts in order to prepare an informal and yet coherent, ambitious and realistic submission to the European Commission in the first instance that will contain concrete proposals for what can be achieved with buildings in the period to 2020. The initiative of the ACE extends to a wider range of stakeholders who will be able to contribute to the work of the Taskforce via electronic means. It is intended that the work of the Taskforce will be completed by mid-May before the Commission starts work on the revised plan so that it will impact on its content.

### **The ACE at External Events**

*The ACE is frequently represented by its President, Members of its Executive Board, Chairmen of Work Groups and/or the Secretariat at external events and conferences. These activities often go unnoticed, but are very important to the pursuit of the policies of the ACE. Readers who wish to know more about these activities can access the reports, prepared after the events, in the calendar of external representations maintained on the website of the ACE at the following address:*

<http://www.ace-cae.org/MemberN/Content/EN/mee/rep/rep009.asp>

## Joint Workshop Event with Schools of Architecture – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010

The ACE recently held a Joint Workshop with representatives from the European Association for Architectural Education in Paris. There were over 30 participants in all with roughly equal representation from each of the two organisations and the key result of the debates of the day is agreement that there is much that the ACE and the EAAE can cooperate on in the coming period in order to advance the interests of the profession and the quality of qualifications in particular. Two key areas on which the workshop agreed there is a need for further work is the topic of research, particularly project-based research and the whole question of diversity within the profession which needs to be examined against a common understanding of the core competences that architects must possess if they are to answer the needs of society. The outcome of the workshop will be followed up in the context of the Joint Working Party that was established between the ACE and EAAE some years ago.

A full report of the Workshop will be available in due course and will be posted on the website of the ACE.

## ACE Events and Meetings in February and March 2010:

Ad-Hoc Work Group on Regulatory and Quality Issues – Brussels – 18<sup>th</sup> February

General Coordination Meeting – Brussels – 19<sup>th</sup> February

CEO and ACE Correspondents Meeting – Brussels – 4<sup>th</sup> March

Finance Committee Meeting – Brussels – 5<sup>th</sup> March

Second Meeting of the Executive Board in 2010 – Brussels – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March

ACE-EAAE Workshop – Paris – 29<sup>th</sup> January

Work Group on Architectural Design Contests – Berlin – 12<sup>th</sup> February

## OTHER MATTERS

### The New European Commission

On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010, the European Parliament gave its approval to the composition of the new Commission as proposed by its President, Jose Manuel Barroso. The vote in was 488 in favour to 137 against with 72 abstentions. In urging the Parliament to vote in favour, Barroso said *The broad priorities are clear: making a successful exit from the crisis; leading on climate change and energy efficiency; boosting new sources of growth and social cohesion to renew our social market economy.*

Key Commissioners for the ACE are Michel Barnier, Internal Market and Services, Günter Oettinger, Energy, Johannes Hahn, Regional Policy, Antonio Tajani, Industry and Entrepreneurship and, depending on the dossiers assigned to her new Directorate General, Connie Hedegaard, Climate Action. Further important Portfolios from ACE's perspective include DG Education and Culture and DG Research. Certain priorities are already emerging following the Hearings held in January in the European Parliament where, for example, Michel Barnier expressed the view that there is a need to ensure complete implementation of the Professional Qualifications and Services Directives; Johannes Hahn indicated that he will put emphasis on the implementation of a new European urban policy.

As the new Commission settles in, the ACE will be promoting its Policy Recommendations in the interest of ensuring that the achievements made to date will be safeguarded and built upon. To get an overview of the new team at the Commission, go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_designate\\_2009-2014/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_designate_2009-2014/index_en.htm)

Sources: Bulletin Quotidien Numbers 10048 & 10057, Euractiv.com and the European Commission

### Changes in Non-EU Architectural Organisations

There have been a number of changes in the Presidencies of various architectural organisations as with whom the ACE maintains contacts as follows:

#### **American Institute of Architects (AIA) – United States of America**

George H Miller has become President for 2010 and declared that he intends to change the old ways of thinking about the profession. He says that architectural design must not be considered a tool, but rather a collaborative effort that offers opportunities to every participant: clients, the public, architects, engineers, communities and decision-makers.

#### **DOCOMOMO – International Committee for the Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites and Neighbourhoods of the Modern Movement**

Ana Tostões of Portugal is the new President of DOCOMOMO and it has been announced that its offices will be transferred from the *Cité de l'architecture* in Paris to the *Mies Van der Rohe Foundation* in Barcelona.

### **Proposals on Health & Safety Requirements Could Have Negative Effects**

The EU Stoiber Group has recently proposed that the EU should rescind the requirement for small and medium enterprises (SME) under Health & Safety Legislation to carry out written risk assessments and to introduce a derogation from the requirement for SMEs to prepare health & safety files! Knowing that risk assessments and health & safety files are cornerstones of good practice and of safety for workers on construction site, this proposal seems to be a negative step that could, if adopted and implemented, have negative effects. The ACE, which has collaborated closely in the preparation of a new European guide on the provisions of the Construction Sites Directive, believes that the proposals as reported should not be adopted.

To read the report of the Stoiber Group, go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/better-regulation/files/hlg\\_opinion\\_working\\_environment\\_09052009\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/better-regulation/files/hlg_opinion_working_environment_09052009_en.pdf)

### **Urban-Net a Valuable Resource**

The URBAN-NET project addresses issues of urban sustainability in Europe. Its overall aim is to increase the cooperation and coordination between European Member and Associated States through networking and collaboration on joint research activities. URBAN-NET is funded by the European Commission's FP6 (Framework Programme) under the European Research Area Network (ERA-NET) initiative. It has a wide geographical and cultural representation through its membership of [16 partners](#) from 13 countries. The project is managed by a consortium formed by these partners and it is running for four years from August 2006 to July 2010. It has already produced much valuable information on urban sustainability and its website is a valuable resources for all interested in urban research. For more information, go to:

<http://www.urban-net.org>

### **First 39 Sustainable Energy Action Plans Submitted to European Commission While Commitment of Cities is Growing**

The Barcelona Provincial Council, one of the first supporting structures of the Covenant of Mayors, handed, on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009, to the Andris Piebalgs, Energy Commissioner, the first 39 Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) of the Covenant of Mayors. The SEAPs are a central tool in the work of the Covenant and each signatory is expected to produce one, no matter how small the city. The objective is that all signatory cities will exceed the EU Energy Policy targets for 2020 by 50%. To date, 1,270 cities have joined the Covenant. For more, go to:

[www.eumayors.eu](http://www.eumayors.eu)

### **Brussels Region Appoints a "Bouwmeester" (Master Architect)**

Following the example of the Netherlands and the Flemish Region of Belgium, the Brussels Region recently appointed Olivier Bastin to the post of Master Architect (Bouwmeester). The ACE considers creating and filling such posts is essential for the overall quality and sustainability of the built environment and it is always pleased to report on their creation as it signals another region or country where architecture has been considered to be a matter of public interest. It is often the case that these appointments are a pre-cursor to the adoption of an architecture policy – an instrument that, when fully implemented, can have a rapid and long-lasting effect on the quality and sustainability of the built environment.

### **Commission Called on to Examine Effects of Chemical "Cocktails"**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> December last, the European Council (Environment) unanimously called on the European Commission to examine how appropriately Community legislation in force predicts dangers to human, animal and vegetable health from the combined effects of chemical substances which, when taken in isolation, would not present any risk at all. If necessary, the Commission will be requested to propose amendments and guidelines. This is good news to the ACE as it has been highlighting for many years the shortcomings of regulating individual substances when the real unknown is how chemical substances interact with each other in the environment. This is particularly the case for indoor environments where the multitude of finishes and furnishings specified by architects are "off-gassing" and potentially creating dangerous and low indoor air quality. The ACE will monitor developments in order to assess any impacts for building design.

Source: Bulletin Quotidien Number 10046

### European Contractors Concerned about Polish Motorway Contracts

Serious concern has been expressed to the European Commission by a number of organisations, including the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC), about the awarding of a number of motorway construction contracts to Chinese contractors in Poland. The concerns centre around allegations that the contracts were won as a result of unfair competition practices by the Chinese. In fact the contracts were subject to the rules set down in the European Public Procurement Directives and the projects are benefiting from European Funding. It is claimed that the price offered by COVEC (China Overseas Engineering Group) was *at least €150 million less* than the order and is therefore an example of *price-dumping*. It is further claimed that COVEC planned to register losses during the construction of the project and that the Chinese Government will then *cover* the losses at the end of the project. It is feared that if this practice goes unpunished it will lead to serious distortions of competition in the EU and to the loss of many significant contracts to non-EU contractors as such practices are outlawed within the EU.

Source: Bulletin Quotidien Number 10049

### Acoustic City – The Linz Charter

Acoustic City is an initiative of Linz 2009 European Capital of Culture, which is intended to reach far beyond the year 2009 to promote a conscious design of our audible environment in keeping with human dignity. It is based on the conviction that human beings are touched and influenced to the core by what they hear. For this reason, Acoustic City is committed to promoting an acoustic environment appropriate for human beings. With the Linz Charter as a guideline for urban planning in an acoustic sense, *Beschallungsfrei* – The Campaign Against Imposed Noise, and the *Akustikon* as a world of hearing in the centre of Linz, Acoustic City establishes three points of crystallisation for an increased acoustic awareness in the arrangement of personal life, in politics, in the world of work and everyday life, in architecture and urban development, in zoning and traffic planning.

To read the text of the Charter, go to:

[http://www.hoerstadt.at/linz\\_charta/document.html](http://www.hoerstadt.at/linz_charta/document.html)

Source: Arch-Index.fr

### France Devises Sustainable Development Barometer

In an attempt to address sustainable development challenges, France presented, at a national conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, a series of indicators to measure progress towards green growth and jobs. They will allow an annual evaluation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy that will soon be adopted. This strategy has been developed thanks to the wide national consultation that took place on environmental issues (the so-called *Grenelle de l'environnement*). The aim is to take stock of natural resources and human and social capital and not just the use of these resources.

It is expected that the example of France could be an inspiration for Europe as a whole as the Commission has already demonstrated an interest in this new approach to measurement of prosperity in its paper entitled *GDP and Beyond – Measuring Progress in a Changing World*.

For more information go to:

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/sustainability/france-devises-sustainable-development-barometer/article-189134>

Source: Euractiv.com

### Design-BuildSolar Architect's Survey

A new initiative to promote building integrated photo voltaics (BIPV) has been launched under the name Design-BuildSolar. The ACE has a seat on its Advisory Board as one of its principle targets is to raise the awareness and level of knowledge of architects on the many benefits of using BIPV and on how its use can contribute to greater energy efficiency and to the EU target of generating 20% of its energy from renewable sources by 2020. In order to better understand the current level of knowledge among architects, an online questionnaire has been launched by Design-BuildSolar, that you are invited to complete by going to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6CZL9XY>

### Professional Qualifications Directive

The European Commission announced, in December, that five Member States had not yet transposed the Professional Qualifications Directive into national law. They were Austria, Belgium, France, Greece and Luxembourg. Also in December there was a Hearing at the European Parliament on the Directive at which it emerged that a number of MEPs are concerned to better understand the linkages between this Directive and the Services Directive that was due to be transposed into national law before the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009. This is a question that also occupies the ACE as it sees that there are real questions that need to be answered as to how the provisions of the two directives interact.

Readers of *ACE Info* will be aware that the ACE has been calling for certain, specific revisions to the text of the Professional Qualifications Directive to raise the standard and it has now been reported that Midwives are also calling for revisions to the Directive. When these calls are linked to the mention made by Michel Barnier during his Hearing at the European Parliament to *review qualifications legislation*, it seems that this Directive may be a target for revision or re-casting in the near future.

Sources: Bulletin Quotidien Numbers 10037, 10043 & 10051

### **The Services in the Internal Market Directive**

Although the European Commission did not report on the start of the application of the Services Directive at the time its transposition was due to be completed, there are 6 Member States that were not in a position to implement it on time. They were Bulgaria, Greece, Latvia, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.

One of the main provisions of the Directive is that it requires Member States to set up *One-Stop Shops* where businesses can complete all necessary formalities associated with working in countries in the EU other than those in which they are established. On the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 the Commission announced that it has set up a portal website that covers all *One-Stop Shops* that Member States have set up. This will be a key resource for all businesses wishing to benefit from the provisions of the Services Directive and can be found at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/eu-go/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/eu-go/index_en.htm)

The Commission has also announced the publication on its website of a list of national centres that provide aid to individuals and companies that are receiving services covered by the Services Directive. The national centres provide recipients with key information such as details of requirements and regulations in other Member States and information about how to complain and lodge settlement disputes. To see the list go to:

[http://ec.europa.eu/internal\\_market/services/docs/services-dir/guides/bodies\\_designated\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/services/docs/services-dir/guides/bodies_designated_en.pdf)

Sources: Bulletin Quotidien Numbers 10050, 10061 & 10062

### **Fifty-Five Nations Join Copenhagen Climate Accord**

Fifty-five countries, of which 27 are the Members States of the EU, representing almost 80% of world greenhouse gas emissions have pledged, before the deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010, varying goals for climate change under the deadline set in the Copenhagen Accord. The UN has interpreted the pledges as clear signals of willingness to move negotiations towards a successful conclusion, although they are insufficient to meet the scale of the challenge being faced by humanity. However in a recent resolution adopted during the February Plenary the European Parliament has called for higher targets for the EU, above the 20%.

To read more, go to:

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/climate-environment/fifty-five-countries-join-climate-copenhagen-accord-cut-emissions-3>

Source: Euractiv.com

### **Urban Intergroup re-established - One of 27 Approved by the European Parliament**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2009, the European Parliament announced its agreement on the establishment of 27 Intergroups for the current mandate (2009-2013). Among them is the Urban Intergroup that replaces the Intergroup Urban.Logement from the last mandate. Its President, Jan Olbrycht (PL) is well known to the ACE. The ACE is one of the external partner organisations of the Intergroup and it has jointly organised several events with the Intergroup in the past. The ACE expects that the cooperation it has enjoyed will be reinforced in the coming years.

Among the other Intergroups agreed that are of interest for the ACE are: Disability and Climate Change/Biodiversity/Sustainable Development.

Source: The European Parliament

### **EUFORES General Assembly Elects its New Board of Presidents**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010, the new Board of Presidents of EUFORES was elected in the European Parliament. Claude Turmes (Greens/EFA, LU) was elected President with Fiona Hall (Liberal & Democrats, UK) and Anni Podimata (Socialists & Democrats, EL) were elected as Vice-Presidents. EUFORES is a European parliamentary network with members from all major political groups. Its core objective is the promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Europe. Its website is:

[www.eufores.org](http://www.eufores.org)

Source: EUFORES Press Release

### **Three Cities will be European Capital of Culture for 2010**

There are to be three European Capital of Culture in 2010, the first of which, "Essen for the Ruhr" in Germany, was inaugurated on the 9<sup>th</sup> January last. The second capital, Pécs in Hungary inaugurated

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its year on the 10<sup>th</sup> January and the third capital, Istanbul in Turkey, inaugurated its year on the 16<sup>th</sup> January. Each capital will be organising a series of cultural events to celebrate the year and further information can be found at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc413\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc413_en.htm)

Sources: Bulletin Quotidien Number 10053

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Competitive Cities and Climate Change**

The OECD has published a working paper that presents findings on the impact of metropolitan regions on climate change. It argues that urban policies can complement global climate policies by reducing global energy demand. It can be downloaded at:

<http://www.oecd.org/gov/cities>

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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### **Energy Management in Cultural Heritage**

This Conference is scheduled to take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011. The main conference goals are to promote the best practice and standards in the fields of energy efficiency in cultural heritage buildings and to raise awareness about contemporary ways of protecting and restoring cultural heritage. The organisers have issued a call for papers with a deadline for the submission of abstracts in March 2010.

Full information is available at the following address:

[www.ee.undp.hr/dubrovnik2011ee](http://www.ee.undp.hr/dubrovnik2011ee)

## EVENTS

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### **Sustainable Building Affordable to All**

A conference in a series leading up to SB10, this event will take place in Vilamoura (Portugal) from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and will examine how the question of low-cost approaches to sustainable building. For full information, go to:

<http://www.portugalsb10.moradadigital.com/>

### **Lafayette Park, Detroit. The Settlement Shape**

The Politecnico Di Milano is hosting a travelling exhibition from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 that will focus on the work of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and Ludwig Hilberseimer in Detroit 50 years ago. In connection with the exhibition, there will be a symposium held at the Politecnico entitled "The Settlement Shapes. Housing and City Idea". Further information can be requested by writing to:

[francesca.scotti@polimi.it](mailto:francesca.scotti@polimi.it)

### **Architecture & Change**

The Chamber of Architects Bursa Section (Turkey) is holding the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Building & Life Congress on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The main theme of the Conference is "Architecture & Change" and it will be structured around several broad themes including, among others, the reciprocal expectations of education and practice, the effects of technological developments on architecture and ecology and architecture. Full information on:

[www.bursamimar.org.tr](http://www.bursamimar.org.tr)

### **6th European sustainable Cities and Town Conference**

After Aalborg in 2004 and Sevilla in 2007, Dunkerque (France) will welcome this Conference from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010. The theme of the Conference will be "Delivering Sustainable Cities: The Local Leadership Challenge". The Dunkerque 2010 Conference will explore how local sustainability can represent an answer to the current economic, social and climate challenges. Full information is available at the following address:

[www.dunkerque2010.org](http://www.dunkerque2010.org)

### **InterSolar 2010**

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The world's largest trade fair for solar technologies, this year will see several side conferences that could be of interest to architects, especially those interested in building integrated photo-voltaics. It will be held in Munich from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Full information at: [www.intersolar.de](http://www.intersolar.de)

### **UIA Congress 2011**

An important date for your diary is the next UIA Congress that will take place in Tokyo, Japan from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The main theme of the event will be *Design 2050* and it will be approached from three key themes: Environment; Life; Survival. More information can be accessed at: <http://www.uia2011tokyo.com/en/>

### **World Sustainable Energy Days**

This major event will be held in Wels, Austria from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and will see a number of parallel events and conferences on the subject of sustainable energy, including a conference under the title of " Building Renovation – Towards Low Energy Consumption". Full information can be found at: [www.wsed.at](http://www.wsed.at)

### **Listing of events relating to Urban Issues**

The European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN) maintains a very good listing of events that relate to urban issues on its website, many of which are interest to architects. It can be accessed at: <http://www.eukn.org/eukn/meetings/index.html>

## ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITIONS

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None to Report in this Edition

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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### **Selection of Useful and interesting links:**

European Commission homepage  
[http://ec.europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)

Search page for Commission documents  
[http://europa.eu/documents/comm/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/documents/comm/index_en.htm)

The Barroso Commission:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/commission\\_barroso/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/index_en.htm)

The European Parliament Homepage:  
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu>

Website of the Spanish Presidency (Jan10 to Jun10)  
<http://www.eu2010.es>

Website of the Swedish Presidency (Jul09 to Dec09)  
<http://www.se2009.eu/en>

European Forum for Architectural Policies  
<http://www.efap-fepa.eu/>

EU Video Website:  
<http://www.youtube.com/eutube>

URBACT Hous-Es Network website:  
<http://urbact.eu/projects/hous-es.html>

Sustainable building website  
[www.sustainablebuilding.info](http://www.sustainablebuilding.info)

Collegi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya (COAC) international relations database:  
<http://www.coac.net/international/>

Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori (CNAPPC) database - ArchiEuro:  
<http://www.awn.it/AWN/Engine/RAServePG.php/P/26111AWN0905/L/1>

Website of the network of French Architecture Centres:  
[www.ma-lereseau.org](http://www.ma-lereseau.org)

Website of the European Construction Technology Platform:  
<http://www.ectp.org>

Website of the *Build Up* website on energy efficient buildings:  
<http://www.buildup.eu>

ArchiEuropa website – comparative information on practice of architecture:  
<http://www.arvha.net/selectionlang.php?s=AXMIG1FZFB>

Archi-Student website – a wealth of information on schools and students of architecture in Europe:  
[www.archi-students.org](http://www.archi-students.org)

Link to the Newsletter of the International Union of Architects (UIA):  
<http://www.uia-architectes.org/texte/england/Menu-2/4-lettre.html>

Passive and Draught Cooling in Buildings – The website of an EU-funded project that shows the way towards a pragmatic alternative to conventional air conditioning in buildings:  
[www.phdc.eu](http://www.phdc.eu)

Database of Digital Architecture – A subscription based website that contains several sections including one that provides images of the works of the great masters of architect and videos of talks by famous architects has been set up. For full information go to:  
[www.pidgeondigital.com](http://www.pidgeondigital.com)

Interactive Database for Architects – Launched in March 2008, this site provides an opportunity for all architectural practices to become globally recognised. Check it out at:  
[www.worldarchitecture.org](http://www.worldarchitecture.org)

ACE Website:  
[www.ace-cae.eu](http://www.ace-cae.eu)

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French _fr	German _de	Danish _da	Swedish _sv
Italian _it	Spanish _es	Greek _el	Dutch _nl
Portuguese _pt	Finnish _fi	Czech _cs	Maltese _mt
Estonian _et	Latvian _lv	Lithuanian _lt	Polish _pl
Hungarian _hu	Slovene _sl	Slovak _sk	Bulgarian _bg
Romanian _ro			

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