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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the winter edition of the ACE *Info*, which I hope you will find informative and engaging!



As the end of a productive and busy year for the ACE approaches, we are awaiting for the outcome of the two major issues we were engaged this year: the modernisation of the professional qualifications directive and the recast of the public procurement directive.

The ACE campaign for the “5+2” position, which has intensified this year throughout the PQD reviewing process, has energized several of our Member Organisations and has successfully reached the attention of EU officials. The campaign has demonstrated the necessity and effectiveness of mobilizing our Member Organisations to carry out joint campaigns at national and EU levels. Mindful of the continued economic uncertainty, the decline of demand for architectural services and in construction activity in general, the ACE concentrated its effort on issues that facilitate access to architectural work. The activity was especially related to small and medium size practices and their ability to access publicly funded work through public procurement and tendering. The key challenge for the profession remains the removal of obstacles to the quality based selection criteria in awarding of public contracts.

The work of the Executive Board in 2011 was characterised by its active engagement in the internal and external work management, thus re-asserting the statutory role of the Board. The recent elections, with overwhelming support for the re-elected Board members and the President, with three newly elected Board members, show confidence and support of member organizations for the current and future work programme.

The intensified communication and joint work with staff members in the past two-year period allowed the core ACE actions to be accomplished during the internal change of personnel and transition period. We can now look forward to continue this work with the new Secretary General, Ian Pritchard, who will lead the work in the ACE Secretariat from the beginning of January. With the real and great challenges for the architectural profession the coming years call for focused and continued effort in advancing of the role of architects in social and economic development processes in Europe and in all our countries. In order to orchestrate and effectively implement the agreed political actions, the communication and cooperation between Member Organisations, the Executive Board and the Secretariat remain the priority for me and the Executive Board in the coming period.

I am using the opportunity to announce that the next spring ACE General Assembly will be held on 27th April 2012 in Amsterdam to coincide with the 12th Forum on Eco-innovation in Amsterdam, 25-26 April, where there will be an opportunity to interact with the key players and EU officials influencing the sustainable construction practices and programs.

Calling and counting on your active interest, support and participation in the work of ACE, I would like to wish to all ACE *Info* readers a happy and prosperous New Year 2012.

Selma Harrington
ACE President

This edition is also available in French.

ACE CORE ISSUES

ACE Responses to “Modernisation” of the Professional Qualifications Directive



The Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD) is a cornerstone of regulation of the architectural profession in Europe, and so the ACE and its Work Group PQD have begun preparations for the ACE response to the European Commission’s legislative proposals – published today 19 December as a provisional text – to amend the Directive. The ACE has uploaded the text to the ACE website so as to offer it to Member Organisations as part of continued ACE responses to

initiatives of the European Commission to ‘modernise’ the PQD. To read it [click here](#)

Pages 39 to 41 of the Commission’s provisional PQD text show a revised Article 46 to 49 concerning architects. The ACE will study these in the context of the legislative proposals as a whole. In most respects, the new Article 46(1) is similar to the “4+2” and “5+1” minimum training for architects set out as “Option 2” in Question 22 of the Commission’s PQD Green Paper in June 2011. After wide consultation among its member organizations, the ACE set out its response to that Option (and to all of the Green Paper) last September, in a detailed report of 20 pages, available on the ACE website at:

http://www.ace-cae.org/public/contents/index/category_id/1

That ACE response highlighted our priorities as architects for the amended PQD, including a five-year minimum duration of academic studies, and introduction of a new requirement for supervised professional experience before an architect gets access to the profession. The response explains ACE reservations and fears about other Commission PQD initiatives concerning (for example) the European Professional Card, “partial access” to a profession for less qualified persons, and weakening of the five qualification levels in Article 11 of the PQD general system.

As in that ACE work earlier in 2011, and following the recent ACE General Assembly, forthcoming work on the ACE response to the European Commission’s legislative proposals will initially be carried out by a small Drafting Panel, and will culminate in

- A draft ACE response to the Commission’s legislative proposals; and
- Material to assist Member Organisations in responding at national and EU levels.

The ACE will also invite comment and input by Member Organisations on the final ACE Response. We expect that since the Commission’s legislative proposals will require supervised professional experience for architects, and so the Drafting Panel will liaise also with the new ACE ad hoc Work Group on Professional Practical Experience.

The ACE and its Member Organisations have also communicated with Members of the European Parliament, and have tracked progress on related EU measures such as the Commission’s Single Market Act. There has also been collaboration with other ‘sectoral professions’ who, like architects, enjoy automatic recognition under the PQD. The sectoral professions disseminated a joint statement in order to assert common views on several aspects of the Directive, which can be downloaded at:

http://www.ace-cae.org/public/contents/index/category_id/238/language/en

Source: ACE

ACE Seek Quality Approach to reform EU Public Procurement Legislation



Before the major European Commission Conference on Modernising Public Procurement, the ACE and the European Federation of Engineering Consultancy Associations (EFCA) circulated a press release stressing the need to change the current Public Procurement (PP) directives to better support global quality. They insisted that future PP Directives should provide a strictly quality-based awarding of contracts in the sector of architecture and engineering. At the conference,

which was held on the 30th of June 2011, the European Commission presented an evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of EU PP legislation. It also provided a synthesis of the main views expressed by respondents to the Green Paper on modernisation of EU PP legislation, to which the ACE participated. The next step in the legislative process is the Commission proposals for review of the Directives, which is foreseen before the end of 2011. To read the ACE Press Release, go to: http://www.ace-cae.eu/public/contents/getdocument/content_id/1237

Source: ACE & EFCA

EU NEWS

Energy Savings Plan Postponed until 2012



During the meeting of the Energy Council held on the 24th of November, European Energy Ministers reiterated their opposition to binding energy savings targets. After analysing the progress report presented by Poland on the draft Energy Savings Directive, most EU Member States said that they request more flexibility to achieve the proposed targets. Among the three major targets contained in the draft directive, a 3% refurbishment target for public buildings was proposed (with opt-outs given to structure under 250 square meters). Although it does not include all types of building and it excludes small public buildings such as post offices or social housing, some countries complain saying that renovation of buildings lead to huge expenses for member states and are not always cost-effective. So they submitted a new revision document, which proposes to extend this opt-out to public buildings under 500 square meters.

When considering that buildings account for 40% of Europe's primary energy consumption and 36% of its CO₂ emissions, it is crucial to improve energy savings in the buildings sector if the EU wants to achieve its objective of 20% energy cuts by 2020. Refurbishment is therefore part of the solution and, according to the report released by Renovate Europe, a deep renovation in two stages of all types of European buildings would result in 71% energy savings across Europe by 2050 and create 800,000 clean energy jobs. To read more on the subject, go to: <http://www.euractiv.com/energy-efficiency/energy-savings-deal-pushed-back-2012-news-509206>

Source: Euractiv

Horizon 2020 – EU announced Significant Budget

On the 30th of November 2011, the European Commission presented the €80 billion budget allocated to its research funding programme, Horizon 2020. As Mrs Geoghegan-Quinn – the EU Commissioner for research and Innovation – mentioned, the new programme will serve as a driver for European growth. It is meant to boost research, stimulate innovation and simplifying the way scientists and smaller businesses can obtain funding for EU-backed projects. As it was stated before, Horizon 2020 will replace the Seventh Framework Programme for research (FP7), which expires in 2013. The new programme will be complemented by further measures to achieve the European Research Area by 2014. To read more on the Horizon 2020 official proposal, go to:

http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020

Source: European Commission

COSME to Boost Enterprises and SMEs Competitiveness

With a budget of € 2.5 billions over the period 2014-2020, COSME – which is the new EU Programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and SMEs – will promote access to finance and encourage an entrepreneurial culture, including the creation of new enterprises. This funding instrument, which is largely continuing the activities under the current Competitiveness and Innovation programme (CIP), will ease SMEs access to finance, markets and entrepreneurship policies with the aim to overcome the economic crisis. In fact, according to the European Commission report for 2010 on Small and Medium Enterprises, SMEs remain the EU's economic backbone; providing more than two-thirds of all employment opportunities in the EU private sector and 58,4% of the total gross value-added. With COSME, the EU will now encourage the creation of a business friendly environment to free SMEs potential. To learn more on the subject, go to:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=5610&lang=en&tpa_id=0&displayType=news

Source: European Commission

New European Energy Efficiency Fund

Since the 1st July 2011, the Commission launched a new European Energy Efficiency Fund (EEE-F) as part of the European Energy Programme for Recovery (EPR). The EEE-F will invest in energy saving, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, particularly in urban settings, achieving at least 20% energy saving or GHG/CO2 emission reduction. Read more on this new fund at:

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/eepr/eeef/eeef_en.htm

Source: European Commission

ACE MATTERS

The ACE President Selma Harrington re-elected for 2012-2013

During its last General Assembly organised in Brussels on the 25th and 26th of November 2011, the ACE held its Presidential and Executive Board elections. On this occasion, Selma Harrington, the ACE President since 1st January 2010 and former Head of National delegation to the ACE on behalf of the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland, was re-elected for a second two-year period. Speaking to the General Assembly in Brussels, Mrs Harrington stated that she wishes to continue and consolidate the process of internal resourcing and transition in the ACE, working both with the Executive Board and the new Secretary General on implementing the ACE mid-term policy and on improving the ACE visibility and communications. *"The vision, program and work invested by the Executive Board members and myself during the last two years are a base for continuity and will strive to further refine communication and cooperation between the Executive Board, the ACE Staff and Member Organisations in order to effectively implement the agreed political actions"*. She said that she took the role of President with deep interest and engagement and will continue to do so in the next term.

Composition of the ACE New Executive Board



Selma Harrington, the ACE President, will be joined on the Executive Board by re-elected members Lionel Dunet (France) and Wolfgang Haack (Germany), newly elected members Michel de Keyser (Belgium), Matjaz Durjava (Slovenia) and Nicholas Galabov (Bulgaria) as well as by the current members by rotation: Pawel Kobylanski (Poland), Konstantinos Belibassakis (Greece), Mauro Latini (Italy), Christos Savva (Cyprus) and Pierre-Henri Schmutz (Switzerland).

Ian Pritchard appointed new Secretary General of the ACE



The ACE is delighted to announce the appointment of Ian Pritchard as its new Secretary General. Mr Pritchard will join the ACE from the Royal Institute of British Architects where he served as Director International Relations and Regulation with responsibility for monitoring EU policies and responding to consultations on new legislation both from the UK Government and the European Commission. Starting his new position at the beginning of January, Mr Pritchard will represent the ACE, supporting the development and the implementation of the ACE policies, campaigns and advocacy strategies. He will also be responsible for leading and managing the ACE Secretariat in Brussels.

After the ratification of his appointment at the General Assembly in Brussels, Mr Pritchard said: *"I will do my utmost to deserve the confidence the architectural profession has shown in me. We are currently facing many challenges, both economic and regulatory, and it is vital that we increase our level of activity, in order to pursue not only our own priority objectives but to also be alert and responsive to external pressures which impact on the future of our profession"*.

Announcements from Member Organisations

The following Member Organisation has, since the last edition of *ACE Info*, informed the ACE Secretariat about changes in its organisations as follows:

UNSA - France

Marie-Françoise Manière was elected as the new President of the National Union of French Trade Unions for Architects (UNFSA) in September 2011 and will serve a two-year term in office.

SAFA – Finland

The Finnish Association of Architects (SAFA) has selected architect Esko Rautiola as the new Chairperson of the Association in a meeting held on the 2nd December 2011. A new SAFA Executive Board was also chosen. Both the new Chair and Board will start the 1st January 2012.

RIAI – Ireland

The Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI) announced that Michelle Fagan, a practising architect for more than twenty years, was elected President for the period 2012-2013.

News about the ACE Involvement in EU-Funded Projects

From January 2012 a new project called LEEMA is kicking off and it will be the fourth of the ongoing EU funded research projects in which the ACE is involved. The project's full title is "Low Embodied Energy Advanced (Novel) Insulation Materials and Insulating Masonry Components for Energy Efficient Buildings" and it will be of a three-year duration. Various actors of the building material industry are involved in this project, as well as building research centres and universities. The role of the ACE will be restricted to giving expert guidance on certain topics of the project, and in disseminating outcomes. For more information please contact: eleni.goni@ace-cae.eu

Open House – FP7 Project



The ACE would like to thank all architects who have responded to the Open Calls that were launched in the past months, contributing thus to the success of an important task for which the ACE was in charge of: The first Call aimed at identifying buildings around Europe to be used as Case Studies for the evaluation and refinement of the developed OPEN HOUSE methodology. The second Call, aimed at identifying and awarding external experts who will execute the selected Case Studies. 120 buildings were submitted from 36 countries around Europe. Following a thorough selection process, 68 of the submitted buildings from 35 countries will be assessed by 21 external experts and by 19 partners of the OPEN HOUSE consortium. A two day training course for all parties that will be involved in the sustainability assessment of the selected Case Studies took place in London on the 12th and 13th of December. The practical deployment of the assessments will commence in January 2012. Please visit the projects' website for more information: www.openhouse-fp7.eu

Shelter – An Intelligent Energy Europe Project



Currently the main task of the ACE in [SHELTER](#) Project is to provide support and advice in Social Housing Organisations that are implementing alternative models of cooperation among professionals, as well as advocated integrated energy design methods in the energy retrofitting of their building stock. Moreover, an inventory of architects involved in energy retrofitting of social housing will be created. The ACE would like to invite all architects with a relevant experience in energy retrofitting of social housing to participate in this task, sharing their knowledge and expertise, so as to pave the way for the improvement of the influence of architects in all renovation processes. For more information please contact the Project Officer of the ACE, Eleni Goni: eleni.goni@ace-cae.eu

TrainRebuild – An Intelligent Energy Europe Project



At the end of November, RICS – a major partner in the TrainRebuild project – delivered a training package for public and private building owners. The aim of this training package is to encourage owners to improve the energy efficiency of their properties, making them aware of the existing link between energy efficiency and increased property value. For more information, please visit the projects' website: www.trainrebuild.eu or join the relevant BuildUp Community that has been set up: "[Training the Building Chain for Refurbishing](#)"

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/public/contents/index/category_id/211/language/en

ACE Events and Meetings from January to April 2012 (all in Brussels unless stated otherwise):

First Executive Board Meeting in 2012 – Friday 20th and Saturday 21st January
Work Group on Liability and Insurance – Thursday 26th January (Berlin)
ACE General Coordination Meeting – Friday 24 February
ACE Finance Committee Meeting – Friday 9 March
Second Executive Board Meeting – Friday 9th and Saturday 10th March
ACE General Assembly – Friday 27th April 2012

OTHER MATTERS

Follow up of the UIA Congress 2011 in Tokyo

Beyond Disasters

The 24th UIA Congress held in Tokyo at the end of September 2011 was a great success with more than 5,000 participants coming from more than 100 nations. Six months and a half after the disaster in Eastern Japan, participants, which were mainly professionals and students related to architectural and urban fields, discussed the theme of the Congress “Beyond disasters, through solidarity, towards sustainability”. Based on their reflections they drafted the Tokyo Declaration, which was released on the 28th of September. It committed participants to (1) learn beyond disasters to overcome challenges in terms of environmental, social and economic sustainability; (2) exchange, using contemporary media, the many global and local initiatives for better equity and diversity, whilst remembering and learning from the past, through solidarity; (3) to promote responsibility, support architects and architecture and enhance the regional quality of life of all people, whilst working towards sustainability.

UIA Elections

During the UIA General Assembly in Tokyo, the International Union of Architects (UIA) held its presidential and council elections. Albert Dubler – a French architect who has been a strong advocate of sustainable development in France and Europe – was elected President for the period 2011-2014. He succeeds to the Australian architect Louise Cox. The composition of the new UIA Council is as follows: Albert Dubler (President), Michel Barmaki (Secretary General), Patricia Emmett (Treasurer), Antonio Rivero (Vice-President Region I), Deniz Incedayi (Vice-President Region II), Thomas Vonier (Vice-President Region III), Esa Mohamed (Vice-President Region IV), Hayder Ali (Vice-President Region V).

Source: UIA

Helsinki – The World Design Capital 2012

This year Helsinki was chosen as the World Design Capital. In Helsinki (Finland), design is creating an open city and boosting the social, economic and cultural development. Helsinki design has strong traditions, with for example architects and designers Elie Saarinen and Alvar Aalto, and also includes well-known global brands (e.g. Nokia, Kone...), popular events (Annual Helsinki Design Week) and first class research institutes (University of Art and Design Helsinki).

The World Design Capital is an initiative of the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design that aims to protect and promote the profession of industrial design. The vision of the World Design Capital project is to encourage the use of design to further the social, economic and cultural development of the world's cities. For more information on World Design Capital Helsinki, go to: <http://wdchelsinki2012.fi/en>

Source: World Design Capital Website

Winner of 2011 Barbara Cappochin Prize

The annual Barbara Cappochin Prize is aimed to heighten the awareness of quality projects and constructions in both natural and urban contexts, which associate various actors in the territorial transformation. This year it was awarded to the Spanish architect Fabrizio Barozzi for the Headquarters of the Ribera de Duero Council in Roa, Spain. The jury appreciated the simplicity of the project, which expresses a vision for the future, based on the respect for the past.

Source: Barbara Cappochin Prize Website

Winner of the 12th ThyssenKrupp Elevator Architecture Award

Every year the ThyssenKrupp Elevator Architecture Award rewards the creation of an exemplary facility, equipped with technological and educational infrastructures to prepare the public to face earthquakes and other disasters, and apply the appropriate preventive and curative measures. This year, it is the Croatian architect Goran Rako who received the ThyssenKrupp Elevator Architecture Award for his "Istanbul Disaster Prevention and Education Centre" proposal.

Source: ThyssenKrupp Elevator Website

PUBLICATIONS

The right to Architecture – Manifesto of the National Order of French Architects

Thirty-five years after the adoption of the law recognizing architectural design has a matter of public interest, the National Order of French Architects (CNOA) wants to remind everyone with this principle; particularly since it seems threatened at the moment. The CNOA prepared a manifesto, which is now available at the following address (French only): <http://manifeste.architectes.org/pdf/Manifeste-2011.pdf>

Manual for Emerging Architects

How can emerging architects manage their start-up? What are the diverse factors they should consider? The Manual for Emerging Architects answers most of the essential questions raised by architects when they set-up a new business. It also comprises experts' contributions and surveys on how to conceive, establish, develop and run an architectural practice nowadays. For more information, go to: <http://www.springer.com/architecture+%26+design/architecture/book/978-3-7091-0822-2>

BPIE Publications

Europe's Buildings under the microscope

The Buildings Performance Institute Europe (BPIE) recently published a report, which surveys the energy performance of residential and commercial buildings in 27 Member States, together with Norway and Switzerland. It provides detailed information on European building stock, legislation and major programmes designed to improve energy performance. Full report can be obtained on BPIE website at <http://www.bpie.eu/>

Principles for nearly Zero-Energy Buildings

The BPIE also elaborated a study to support the implementation of the re-cast Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. The purpose of this study is to develop an effective approach towards a sustainable definition for nearly Zero-Energy Buildings (nZEB). The report contains an analysis of existing concepts related to low-energy buildings, outlines the key challenges and potential solutions for an nZEB definition, identifies a set of principles for nZEBs and finally applies these principles to reference buildings to assess the effects. Full report can be found online at the following address: http://www.bpie.eu/pub_principles_for_n_zeb.html

CALLS FOR PAPER

ERSCP Call for Papers

The European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ERSCP), which is a non-profit forum, launched a call for papers. Topics of the ERSCP 2012 are: buildings, tourism, energy, resources, lifestyle and resilience. Abstracts are limited with 2,500 characters and the deadline for submission is the 31st of December 2011. More details can be found at the following address: <http://www.erscp2012.eu/about.htm>

COMPETITIONS

Public Space European Prize 2012

The Public Space European Prize is a biennial initiative of the Centre of Contemporary Culture of Barcelona. It aims to recognise and promote the creation and improvement of public space, which is understood as a clear indicator of the civic and collective health. The call for entries is now open and will close on 19th January 2012. All relevant information can be found at: www.publicspace.org

Blue Award 2012

The Department for Spatial and Sustainable Design from the Vienna University of Technology organises the Blue Award, a biennial and international student competition. It awards projects addressing the topic of sustainability in the academic fields of architecture, regional planning and urbanism. The project submission can be send until 1st February 2012. For more information, go to: <http://www.blueaward.at/>

EAAE Prize 2011-2012

EAAE, the international non-profit association committed to the exchange of ideas, experiences and people within the field of architectural education and research, organised a competition on "Writings in Architectural Education: Research by Design". The EAAE Prize is open to all teaching staff members of EAAE member schools of architecture as well as to all teachers from UIA approved schools of architecture and individual members of EAAE. The deadline to send your submission is the 3rd February 2012. To read the full invitation, go to: <http://www.eaae.be/EAAEprize.php>

Sustainable Energy Europe Awards Competition 2012

The annual Sustainable Energy Europe Awards reward best-in-class initiatives that promote renewable energy or energy efficiency. The competition is open to all individuals who are managing a project with outstanding results in sustainable energy. It is an invaluable opportunity to highlight the successes of the most outstanding, ambitious and innovative projects in sustainable energy and energy efficiency. To participate, your project must be ongoing, implemented by EU public and/or private actors and be able to show significant and measurable results. If you are interested to participate, go to: <http://www.eusew.eu/awards-competition> and apply in three simple steps. Deadline to send your application is the 29th February 2012.

The 2012 AZ Awards for Design Excellence

The AZ Awards is an international competition open to designers, architects, landscape architects, students, (etc.) for work completed before the 31st December 2011. To receive the call for entries, register at: <http://awards.azuremagazine.com/>. Submissions deadline is the 1st March 2011. Winners will be published in the Awards Annual.

International VELUX Award 2012

"Light of Tomorrow" is the overall theme of the 5th edition of the International Velux Award, which is open to students of architecture worldwide. By choosing this theme, Velux wants to encourage and challenge students to explore daylight in its widest sense and create a deeper understanding of this specific and ever-relevant source of energy and light. The deadline for registration is March 2012 and projects should be submitted by May 2012. For more information, go to: http://iva.velux.com/ar-JO/Documents/PDF/Award%20briefs/IVA2012_Award-brief.pdf

EVENTS

2012 Intelligent Energy-Europe Info Day

On the 24th of January 2012 will take place the European Info Day 2012 for the Intelligent Energy-Europe (IEE). On this occasion, you will learn about the IEE programme and the priorities of its 2012 call for project proposals. Speakers will give you an update on the European policy for renewable energies and energy efficiency, presents ongoing IEE projects and tell you how to apply for IEE funding and give the best chance for your project to be selected. For more details go to: http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/events/2012/european-info-day_en.htm

Energy Efficiency Watch: Nearly Zero Energy Buildings

In the framework of the annual "World Sustainable Energy Days", the energy agency of Upper Austria organised a conference entitled "Energy Efficiency Watch: Nearly Zero Energy Buildings". Several topics will be discussed, such as the criteria and performance requirements for nearly zero energy buildings, latest technology trends and financial solutions. The conference will be held in Wels, Austria, on 1st and 2nd of March 2012. For more information and registration, go to: <http://www.wsed.at/en/programme/nearly-zero-energy-buildings/>

13th World Triennial of architecture – InterArch 2012, Sofia

The International Academy of Architecture, in cooperation with the Union of Architects in Bulgaria and the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy, is organizing the 13th World Triennial of Architecture “InterArch 2012” from 13th to 16th of May in Sofia (Bulgaria). For more information, please download the following document: <http://www.cka.cc/ostatni/akce/interarch-2012/INTERARH2012.pdf>

EU Sustainable Energy Week

Between 18 and 22 June 2012, the European Union organises the annual Sustainable Energy Week. On this occasion, the European Institutions, associates of the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign, and other important players in the field will organise a series of events in Brussels. These will include a three-day policy conference organised by the EU Commission from 19 to 21 June. More information will be provided in coming editions of the ACE Info.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Selection of Useful and interesting links:

European Commission homepage

http://ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm

Search page for Commission documents

http://europa.eu/documents/comm/index_en.htm

The Barroso Commission:

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_barroso/index_en.htm

Commission page containing reference documents for the Directive on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications:

http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/qualifications/future_en.htm#docs

The European Parliament Homepage:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu>

Website of the Polish Presidency (Jul11 to Dec11):

<http://www.pl2011.eu>

Website of the Hungarian Presidency (Jan11 to Jun11):

<http://www.eu2011.hu>

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

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/2611AWN0905/L/1>

Website of the network of French Architecture Centres:

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

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

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

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

ACE Website:
www.ace-cae.eu

Useful tip:

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Portuguese_pt	Finnish_fi	Czech_cs	Maltese_mt
Estonian_et	Latvian_lv	Lithuanian_lt	Polish_pl
Hungarian_hu	Slovene_sl	Slovak_sk	Bulgarian_bg
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