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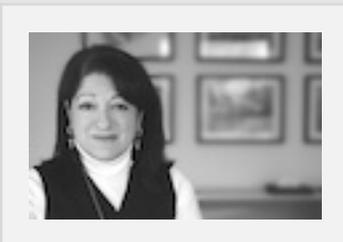
NEW - QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Do you undertake a Building Performance Evaluation as part of your architectural service? [Click here to answer](#)

Results will be available in the next ACE info

ACE INTERVIEW



Interview to Jane Duncan, RIBA President. [Read the interview](#)

ACE NEWS

Meeting with Dominique Ristori, Director General of DG ENERGY



On 26 February ACE met Dominique Ristori, Director General of the Commission's Directorate General in charge of Energy issues in order to discuss the review of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) and the recent EU Heating and Cooling Strategy. [Read more](#)

ACE General Assembly (GA2/15) – Special Session presentations available on ACE Website



The Special Session, originally planned for 27 November 2015, took place on the afternoon of the 22 January 2016 was dedicated to Fees and Procurement. [Download the presentations](#)

ACE response to draft Parliament's reports on the Single Market Strategy



Following the publication of the Communication on the Single Market Strategy in October 2015, the IMCO Committee of the European Parliament is working on two initiative reports in order to make recommendations to the Commission for the implementation of the Strategy. Daniel Dalton's report on Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade in the Internal Market specifically deals with professional services and regulations on the access and exercise of regulated professions, and Lara Comi's report on the Single Market Strategy is more general and less focused on professional services. [Read ACE response](#)

EU NEWS

Communication on a EU Heating & Cooling Strategy



On 16 February, the EU Commission published a Communication presenting a new EU Strategy on Heating and Cooling, addressing the energy used for heating and cooling in buildings and industry. ACE welcomes the equal emphasis on sustainable heating and cooling but has concerns about the Commission's assumption that the solution to this challenge may be the wide-spread application of 'smart' (electronic) controls to heating and cooling systems. [Read more](#)

European Commission takes action to open up international procurement markets



In January, the EU Commission presented a revised proposal for an International Procurement Instrument - a tool to promote open access to public procurement markets around the world. This new tool is in line with the ACE position, which advocates for strict reciprocity in international procurement. [Read the full press release](#)

DG GROW publishes Action Lines for Liberal Professions



Recognising the entrepreneurial potential of liberal professions, in 2013 the EU Commission established a Working Group of representatives of national and European associations of Liberal Professions (including ACE) with a view to preparing recommendations in terms of policies. [Read the report](#)



The EU Commission has funded a new Europe-wide BIM alignment project. The project will be funded by the EU Commission and will be the main focus of the existing EU BIM Task Group. The group consists of a 40 representatives of public sector client organisations, policy units and national task groups.

The ACE BIM Work Group is in contact with the EU BIM Task Group and more collaboration is expected in the next months. [Visit the website](#)

Others EU News:

- [Parliament's recommendations to the Commission on the negotiations for the TiSA](#)
- [Infringement procedure in the area of regulated professions](#)
- [Commission requests Spain to fully comply with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive](#)
- [Climate Action: Europe prepares next steps to implement the Paris Agreement](#)
- [Ljubljana becomes European Green Capital 2016](#)
- [Production in construction up by 1.6% in EU28](#)

MEMBERS' NEWS

- [The Croatian Chamber of Architects organises the international conference "Implementation of Building Information Modeling"](#)
- [Architects' Chamber in Romania's participation in national programmes and conference with international relevance](#)
- [13th Spanish Biennial of Architecture and Urbanism](#)
- [Updates on 2015/2016 activities of the Czech Chamber of Architects \(CCA\)](#)
- [Infringement procedure against Germany in relation to the German fee scale regulation](#)
- [On-going process of regulating the Architectural Profession in Serbia](#)

EU PROJECTS

At the moment the ACE is involved in five EU funded research projects. All projects relate to the building sector and address issues related to sustainability, energy efficiency, renovation, innovative materials and technologies. Through these ACE seeks to promote the architects' role in building sustainably and energy retrofitting:

- iNSPiRe- Tackling high-energy consumption
- A2PBEER - Energy Efficient Retrofitting of Public Buildings
- ERASMUS+ - Confronting Wicked Problems: Adapting Architectural Education to the New Situation in Europe
- PROF / TRAC - Open Education Platform for Continuing Professional Development on NZEBs (Nearly Zero Energy Buildings)
- ABRACADABRA - Assistant Buildings' addition to Retrofit, Adopt, Cure And Develop the Actual Buildings up to zeRo energy, Activating a market for deep renovation

[Read Projects' news and updates](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[Health, Wellbeing and Productivity in Retail - The Impact of Green Buildings on People and Profit](#)

[Renovating Germany's building stock: an economic appraisal from the investors' perspective](#)

[Energy Financing building energy performance improvement in Poland](#)

BPIE - [Driving transformational change in the construction value chain - Reaching the untapped potential](#)

[Cold@Home - A journalistic investigation of fuel poverty](#)

[World Green Building Trends Smart Market Report](#)

COMMISSION'S CONSULTATIONS

- [Consultation on proposal to reform the procedure whereby MS notify new regulatory requirements for services providers](#). Deadline: 19 April 2016.

- [Consultation on the 'panorama exception'](#): Consultation addressing EU copyright law and in particular the use of works, such as works of architecture, made to be located permanently in public places. Deadline: 15 June 2016.

- [Consultation on the Fitness Check for the Construction Sector](#): The objective of this public consultation is to gather the views of interested stakeholders on the impact of current EU legislation for the construction sector. Deadline: 20 June 2016.

EVENTS

[Smart cities – Via expo, 5-7 April 2016, Sofia](#)

[The Central and Eastern European Energy Efficiency \(C4E\) Forum](#), 22-25 June 2016, Balchik, Bulgaria

INITIATIVES

B.U.G.S. Platform



The project BU.G.S. – Building Green Skills is co-financed by the specific call of the PROGRESS Programme 2007-2013 “Delivering on skills for growth and jobs” (VP/2013/010).

The project is based on the fact that renewable energies and energy efficiency in construction have a high potential for green jobs (the EC estimates that in the period 2005/2009 the renewable Energy sector generated 220.000 jobs); countries like Germany, with active policies to develop renewable energies and boosting environmental sustainability, succeeded in creating new jobs in this field and encouraged the demand for energy efficiency services.

So training measures need to be foreseen and implemented to support professional growth, job opportunities and company competitiveness with a double effect: to generate new jobs and change the existing jobs.

Based on the above facts, BU.G.S. will contribute to the achievement of three specific objectives:

- to foster partnership between public and private sector on the labour market to boost the job creation potential of green skills;
- to fill in the gap between labour market demand and supply of green Construction skills, namely green skills for energy efficiency, renewable energies, energy performance of buildings, energy diagnosis, eco-design, lifecycle analysis, energy management systems;
- to disseminate and exploit, throughout the EU, tools and methods to manage and detect green skills bottlenecks, that can be identified as “bugs” in the Construction field.

[More information](#)

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