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Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland (RIAI)



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Recent industry development[s]

RECOVERY AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT:

- General recovery in Construction sector
- **BUT**, the construction costs are high and there is a lack of skilled builders and other construction professions.
- The increase in building activity locally has revealed the problems with water supply and pressure and general infrastructure deficit compounded by the climate change impacts (winds, flooding and extreme temperatures)
- A new Irish Government's Housing Policy and National Spatial Strategy in the context of Ireland's acute shortage and cost in Housing supply
- The RIAI initiatives supporting the adequate positioning of architects in the Housing supply chain.
- Increased Complexity and legislation overload for SME's



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POTENTIAL SKILLS DEFICIT AND CONFUSION

- NZEB Regulations challenge and ability of architects to deliver due to own and construction industry skills availability
- Development of the Architectural Technologist profession & potential skills confusion on the market; Potential spin-off from Brexit and professional competition from CIAT
(CIAT have submitted a Regulatory Impact Report to the Irish Government. RIAI is supporting Technologists and a new Code of Conduct and a Professional Conduct Committee to distinguish a different skillset.)
- Review of the role of Architect as an Assigned Certifier and the RIAI initiative for the independent Building Control function



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What we expect from the European Institutions
(and/or ACE)

- **UPHOLDING OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**
- **SUPPORT AND CLARITY** related to Brexit
- **CAMPAIGN FOR ARCHITECTURE AS SUSTAINABLE CAREER:** Resilience to the cyclical development trends impacting the construction industry;
- **DEVELOP RESEARCH CAPACITY:** Need for more evidence based practical research and for recognition of practice based research.

Thank you for your attention



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