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Please note that your presentation to the ACE General Assembly will be strictly limited to no more than 3 minutes.

COUNTRY	Czech Republic
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1. Highlight one or more recent industry development[s] in your country

Archeopark Pavlov was the winner of last Czech Architecture Award a prize that is organized by CCA. This is a museum of archeologic excavation at South Moravia. It can be shown as an example of growing construction sector for the past few years and providing sufficient amount of work for architects. We can see positive aspect at the increasing interest in the quality of buildings and public space. Also is increasing interest in the profession of the city architect. More than in past, architecture is becoming a matter of public discussion.

This positive trend also extends to architecture competitions, which has increased by 400% in comparison with previous years. However, it still presents only 2% of public investment. One of reasons of still small number of competitions could be seen in complicated construction legislation.

2. Describe one or more recent professional development[s] in your country

2 years ago, CCA reached a position of respectable authority with the right to comment on legislation. Currently, we are cooperating with the chamber of engineers on the thesis of new building code. This concerns mainly the proposals to introduce a one-stage permission process, and the reduction of respectable authorities and their coordination. Also, we would like to achieve a more conceptual and flexible city masterplans, instead of the current obligatory status.

The second improvement that has been introduced, are new technical requirements for Prague. They are more flexible and suitable, in order to build more convenient urban city structures. Experiences of other European cities, like Berlin and Vienna were taken into account.

3. State what you expect from the European Institutions (and/or ACE) in the coming years.

The example of the technical requirements in Prague illustrates how the EU works best - with a common communication hub and the sharing of information. Unfortunately, Brexit and the elections in various states showed us that we cannot underestimate the sentiments of the society. One of the underlying messages of these recent events could be interpreted as a call for the reduction of regulations and a lack of confidence as to whose interests are being defended. Institutions should focus mainly on its role as a strategic coordinator and a guardian of equal rules. The principle of a subsidiarity is a keystone of the EU but its legislation is usually more far-reaching than is necessary. The last amendments of the energy package could be shown as an example where ambitious goals are targeting end users by new certificates rather than the better development of common strategic energy policies.

The next few years will be very important for the future of the EU and we wish to work towards reasonable integration based on naturally recognized advantages.

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