



**Pecha Kucha – ACE General Assembly**

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To be returned to the ACE Secretariat by 15 March 2018

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

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>
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**1. Describe one or more recent professional development[s] in your country**

**UK concerns: A continued Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualification (MRQP) agreement between the UK and the EU**

Around twenty percent of architects registered with the Architects Registration Board are from the EU. In order to support the rights of EU nationals currently living and working in the UK, and those who might want to do so in the future, the RIBA has supported a continued MRQP agreement with the EU post-Brexit.

In December 2016 the UK Government and European Commission [agreed to the following on MRPQ](#)<sup>1</sup>:

“Decisions on recognition of qualifications granted to persons covered by the scope of the Withdrawal Agreement before the specified date in the host State and, for frontier workers, the State of work (either the UK or an EU27 Member State) under Title III of Directive 2005/36/EC (recognition of professional qualifications where the person concerned was exercising the freedom of establishment), Article 10 of Directive 98/5/EC (lawyers who gained admission to the host State profession and are allowed to practise under the host State title alongside their home State title) and Article 14 of Directive 2006/43/EC (approved statutory auditors) will be grandfathered.

Recognition procedures under these Directives that are ongoing on the specified date, in respect of the persons covered, will be completed under Union law and will be grandfathered.”

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

We welcome that the European Commission and UK Government came to some agreement on the status of rights under this Directive.

However, the UK architecture sector is clear that it wants to see the UK Government and EU to have a continued agreement post-Brexit. This has been highlighted as a top priority for the broader UK sector and in particular for EU nationals currently studying and working in the UK. The RIBA has been clear in their support for the rights of EU nationals.

<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/joint\\_report.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/joint_report.pdf)



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**We would like the ACE to support the RIBA's calls to support the rights of EU nationals in the UK. This would be a powerful sign of the importance of cross-European co-operation post-Brexit, particularly in the run-up to European elections.**