



ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DES ARCHITECTES D'EUROPE

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ACHIEVING
SUSTAINABILITY
IN THE BUILT
ENVIRONMENT

**MANIFESTO OF
THE ARCHITECTS'
COUNCIL OF EUROPE
FOR THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT
ELECTIONS**

23 to 26 May 2019

The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) comprises 46 Member Organisations in 31 countries representing 575,000 architects. It is committed to support SMEs, secure the public interest, the common good and a sustainable built environment.

Its objectives are:

- to promote the importance and value of architecture and Baukultur throughout the EU;
- to support a sustainable built environment of the highest quality;
- to safeguard the highest standards of education & practice;
- to foster cross-border practice of Architecture;
- to act as the single voice for architects in Europe.

**ACE IS AVAILABLE TO WORK IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH EUROPEAN
INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE RESEARCH,
KNOWLEDGE & EXPERTISE.**

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EDUCATION & UP-SKILLING

**ACE calls on the
European Parliament to:**

- support the alignment of levels of training in architecture with international standards, namely 5 years study plus 2 years practical experience,
- enhance international mobility and open markets for young professionals as a powerful means of achieving better European integration in the future,
- maintain automatic mutual recognition of professional diplomas without undermining the level of qualification,

**IN ORDER TO PRESERVE HIGH
QUALITY EDUCATION THROUGH
THE PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
DIRECTIVE.**

ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

ACHIEVING HIGH QUALITY ARCHITECTURE & BAUKULTUR

ACE calls on the European Parliament to:

- consider the quality of the built environment, European cultural heritage and high-quality architecture as being of public interest,
- regard the social and cultural value of architecture as a key lever for more cohesive societies, which helps European citizens to identify more strongly with their built environment,
- promote high quality architecture & Baukultur, and the specific nature of architectural services in EU policies for public procurement, service provision, professional qualification and climate change,

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S 2019-2022 WORK PLAN FOR CULTURE, ENSURE QUALITY BASED PROCUREMENT AND HIGHEST STANDARDS IN EDUCATION.

SECURING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OF HIGH QUALITY

ACE calls on the European Parliament to encourage the Member States to:

- promote sustainable housing based on inclusiveness and a social mix of inhabitants,
- maintain the quality of the housing stock in the longterm, apply the principles of circular economy and provide incentives and subsidies to ensure social quality and sustainable solutions,
- support peer learning for Local and Regional Authorities,
- provide corresponding public subsidies in an accessible and prompt manner.

IN ORDER TO ADDRESS, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HOUSING IN MANY PARTS OF THE EU.

RE-THINKING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

ACE calls on the European Parliament to:

- consider the value of Architecture and the built environment as a driver for a sustainable future and for achieving the EU's climate change ambitions,
- realise that a sustainable built environment means taking holistic approaches and finding intelligent solutions for an appropriate use of resources,
- see decisions taken in the comparatively short planning process of the built environment as having long-term economic, social and environmental effects,

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE ADAPTIVE RE-USE OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS AND TAKE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF DISTRICTS, CITIES AND REGIONS IN EU POLICIES.

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