

A photograph of the Elbphilharmonie concert hall in Hamburg, Germany, during dusk or night. The building's distinctive blue glass facade is illuminated from within, showing a grid of windows and a large entrance. In front of the building, there's a construction site with several white cranes and some industrial buildings. The sky is a mix of blue and orange hues.

# WHY WORK WITH EUROPEAN ARCHITECTS?



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# 8 EXCELLENT REASONS FOR WORKING WITH EUROPEAN ARCHITECTS

- Values, Tradition & Heritage
- Sense of Place & Signature Architecture
- Sustainability, People & the Planet
- Cities of the Future & Outstanding Infrastructure
- Baukultur, Liveability & "Built Happiness"
- Responsible Team Players
- Ethical Practice
- Appropriate solutions for local contexts



Katwijk Underground Parking, Flood Protection (The Netherlands)  
Architect: Royal Haskoning DHV  
Photo: Luuk Kramer

# The Countries of Europe boast a rich mix of culture and architecture, tradition and innovation. This diversity also applies to European architects who realise distinctive, unique and exceptional designs.



For centuries European Architects have influenced the development of architecture.

Thanks to their curiosity, diversity and eagerness for new discoveries they have created well-known structures that showcase cultural identity. But it's not only about history and tradition : Modernity was basically invented in Europe in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.



European cities are world-class; full of culture and quality of life. European architects realise distinctive and exceptional designs that contribute to the Sense of Place.

Think of a great city and you might think of Europe. European Urbanists have made the cities unique places in which to live, work and recreate. Architecture has given a sense of place and recognition to European cities, many of which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites today.



European Architects are united by common goals to make the world a better place.

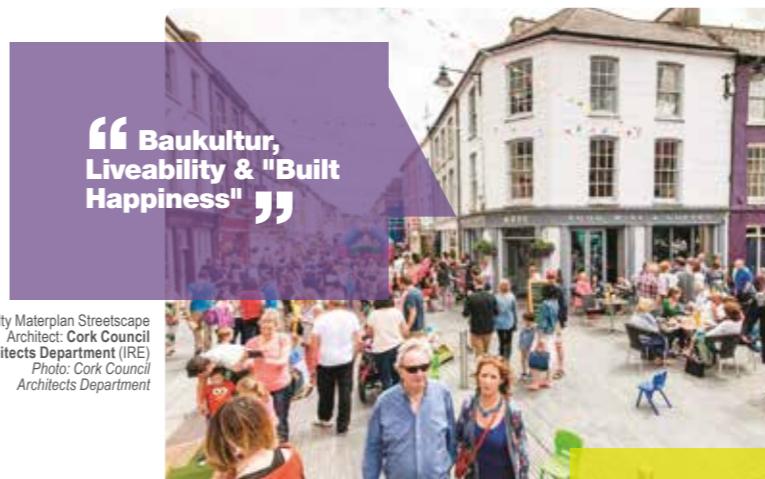
For decades European buildings have boasted the highest sustainability standards that contribute to quality of life, biodiversity and a healthy climate. European Architectural Designs are ever more energy efficient and enable the re-use of building materials. European Technology developed Passiv Haus and Plus Energy Houses and entire Sustainable European cities receive Green Capital Awards.



With a long tradition of urban planning European Architects add architectural quality to living, working and recreation.

European Architects contribute to the future of mankind by designing sustainable metropoles and connecting people and goods with sustainable mobility solutions.

For European Architects who take up their social and sustainable responsibility cities, are more than just big plans, but flexible designs built upon an understanding of the given qualities of a place and the dynamics of expected and unexpected future developments.



From a deeply rooted social interest European Architects build for humans and realise architecture that is beneficial and relevant to society.

With a well designed built environment as a base Europeans have high life expectancy and are well represented in the World Happiness Index. Architecture from Europe is an economic, but also a cultural activity that improves the Quality of Life with respect for local tradition. European Architects design functional and sustainable living conditions that contribute to health, well-being and social resilience.



Educated with the ability to travel, listen and value diversity, European Architects create awareness and responsibility with policy makers, authorities and professionals.

Within a pluralist and tolerant Europe, students and professionals can travel freely. They can work

and judge independently and professionally. Used to working collaboratively, European Architects are sensitive to recognise the added value that different stakeholders and a variety of experiences and skills bring to architectural projects.

Akershus Universitetsgård (Norway), Architect: C.F.Møller Architects, Photo: C.F.Møller Architects



European Architects recognise the impact of design decisions for inhabitants, users, construction workers and producers of building materials.

In Europe the architect is an independent professional of public trust who practices with fairness and integrity. Starting with safety and well-being on the construction site, the designs respect the rule of law, but also personal freedom and human dignity.



European Architects practice in small and flexible offices that offer services and deliver appropriate solutions.

European Architects operate on various scales and deliver solutions that are appropriate for the needs of client, context and society. European Architects are expert practitioners

in connecting tradition and innovation. Innovative approaches are applied to new projects and transformations. The ability to adopt a 'less is more' approach to design ensures – a commitment to increase intrinsic quality, but not growth for its own sake.

Center for Traditional Music Bahrain, Architect: OFFICE Kersten Geers, David Van Severen (BE), Photo: Bas Princen

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