

POLICY OF THE ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

ACE AND UKRAINE

ACE is working as a platform and communication hub for:

- the exchange of knowledge, experience and ideas at European level and beyond;
- connecting European and Ukrainian architects;
- connecting experts (across disciplines) in order to create a synthesis of more efficient and quality interventions, aimed at helping Ukrainian architects, architecture and citizens;
- connecting, highlighting and enhancing local initiatives of different European countries, as well as international initiatives;
- advising at governmental level (both EU and Ukraine), in relation to urban and architectural topics in Ukraine;
- promoting quality architecture principles in all ACE actions.

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

- Culture must be understood and treated as a core driver for development of sustainable and democratic society;
- ACE recommends that quality architecture principles, as defined by NEB - aesthetics, inclusivity, sustainability – and the Davos *Baukultur* Quality System be employed in the rebuilding of Ukraine;
- ACE calls for the fair, transparent and rational use of upcoming financial aid to rebuild Ukraine; the funding must be aligned with the above-mentioned values as well;
- ACE advocates for quality urban and architectural solutions and the promotion of tools to achieve quality, such as: architectural design competitions, fair and quality-based Public Procurement procedures etc.;
- ACE believes that democratic processes are essential in development of urban planning, therefore Ukrainian citizens and communities should be involved in the process of creating new Ukrainian cities and quality environments;
- ACE prioritizes including Ukrainian architects as equal partners in the planning and rebuilding of Ukraine; ACE encourages and will assist EU architects to work jointly with Ukrainian architects especially where EU-funded projects are concerned;

- ACE sees the heritage as a great resource for cultural recovery and re-creation of Ukraine's and also, multicultural European identity. Therefore, ACE urges to pay an utmost attention the heritage protection and rehabilitation in Ukraine;
- ACE emphasizes that education is the main tool to promote sustainability and democratic values in architectural and urban design disciplines, therefore ACE calls for an adequate attention and resources dedicated to the architectural education for Ukrainian architects.

RESOURCES

The implementation of the Solidarity with Ukraine policy is being coordinated by a Task Force "Solidarity with Ukraine", made up of the President, Executive Board members and representatives of the Secretariat. The Task Force is advised by different experts, including on-going consultations with the representatives of the National Union of Architects of Ukraine.

ACE's actions aimed at helping Ukraine are in line with the ACE's strategic plan, using the existing networks, working bodies, documents, programs and financing.

PARTNERS

The first partner of ACE is the National Union of Architects of Ukraine, which is an Observer Member Organisation of ACE. ACE collaborates and coordinates actions with various local and international organisations in providing professional aid to Ukrainian citizens and architects, within the framework of each organisation's Statutes and governance structures.

TARGET AREAS

- Ukrainians in Ukraine;
- Ukrainians in exile;
- Rebuilding Ukraine.

Ukrainians in Ukraine

- Employment of Ukrainian architects in Ukraine, connecting Ukrainian and European architects;
- Adjusting educational programs of Ukrainian architecture schools to European standards;
- Knowledge of emergency situations: how to live in a war; assessment of damaged buildings; heritage protection;
- Quality housing / shelter for Ukrainians that move inside Ukraine

Ukrainians in exile

- Employment of Ukrainian architects in Europe, connecting Ukrainian and European architects;
- Recognition of Ukrainian architects' qualifications in Europe;
- Raising of Ukrainian architects' knowledge on European standards, legal basis, etc.;
- Temporary shelter for refugees in recipient countries.

Rebuilding Ukraine

- Advocate at EU level for the application of NEB principles to help reconstruct Ukraine;
- Organizing European architects to help to reconstruct Ukraine.