

## Workshop

# ***The adaptive re-use of our built heritage for a greener Europe***

Wednesday 9 October 2019, from 9h15 to 10h45

Room 213+215 / The Square, Brussels

With the evolution of our societies, many places – notably industrial, religious and military sites – have lost their original function. Through smart transformation, these places can find new, mixed or extended uses. As a result, their social, environmental and economic value can increase, while their cultural significance is enhanced.

The workshop will aim to discuss the benefits, as well as challenges and barriers inherent to the re-use of our built heritage, using as a basis for discussion the [Leeuwarden Declaration](#) which was adopted last year as a legacy of the European Year of Cultural Heritage (initiative "Heritage in Transition"). This Declaration, which was endorsed by the ACE and other stakeholders of the sector, highlights the possible benefits of adaptive re-use of heritage sites and lists quality principles to reconcile heritage values with contemporary architecture.

The workshop also aims to show to local and regional authorities how quality re-use projects can contribute to the circular economy and a greener Europe thanks to better land use, energy/material savings and ultimately the safeguarding of biodiversity.

It will bring together architects, public authorities and heritage professionals to reflect on the following issues:

- What difficulties do cities and regions encounter when planning for the re-use of heritage places? What are the solutions and processes that can help overcome these difficulties?
- How can cities and regional authorities apply the quality principles listed in the Leeuwarden Declaration?
- How can adaptive reuse strategies be integrated into urban development plans?

## PROGRAMME

**9h15: Welcome** by the Moderator, **Erminia SCIACCHITANO**, Policy Officer at the Commission's Directorate-General for Education and Culture

**9h20: Introduction** by **Eugen PANESCU**, member of the ACE Executive Board

**9h30: Presentations and discussion with:**

- **Eugen PANESCU**, member of the ACE Executive Board
- **Cristina CLOTET OLLÉ**, Institut Català del Sòl (INCASÒL), member of the Urban Agenda Partnership on Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-Based Solutions
- **Antonia GRAVAGNUOLO**, representative from the CLIC project (Horizon 2020), which applies circular economy principles to cultural heritage for achieving environmentally, socially, culturally and economically sustainable urban development
- **Kristiaan BORRET**, Bouwmeester of the City of Brussels

**10h40: Conclusion**