



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**THE ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE**  
**and**  
**KOREAN INSTITUTE OF REGISTERED ARCHITECTS**

The **Architects Council of Europe** (ACE) is a non-profit organisation that represents the architectural profession at European level. Its membership consists of regulatory and professional representative bodies throughout Europe. Through them, the ACE represents the interests of architects.

The **Korea Institute of Registered Architects** (KIRA) is a non-profit and representative organisation for Architects that established pursuant to the Certified Architects Act. Its membership consists of Certified architects who are licensed and registered at KARB (Korea Architects' Registered Board).

- WHEREAS the **Architects Council of Europe**, henceforth called **ACE**, and the **Korean Institute of Registered Architects**, henceforth called **KIRA**, are mindful of the importance of the roles of the respective organisations and convinced of the need and desire to reinforce the cooperation between them;

- WHEREAS **ACE** is the Organisation that represents the architectural profession in Europe;

- WHEREAS **KIRA** is the Organisation that represents the architectural profession in Korea;

- WHEREAS **ACE** and **KIRA** recognise the importance of working towards a more consistent and efficient rationalisation of resources;

- WHEREAS both Organisations enjoy their own statutes, bylaws, procedures and also their full independence;

- WHEREAS both Organisations are dealing with similar issues from different perspectives and with different legal frameworks;

- NOW THEREFORE, recognising their shared goals and convinced that the reinforced cooperation described in this Memorandum of Understanding will help to consolidate actions and efforts towards addressing mutual concerns and interests pertaining to architecture, architectural education, research, professional standards and regulation,



professional mobility, environmental issues, professional development and practice, political influence, among others;

- LIKEWISE, confident that this cooperation will also help to promote harmonious coordination between the **ACE** and the **KIRA**, in relation to their respective decisions and actions and,

- FURTHERMORE, with full knowledge of the various work areas in which such a rationalisation can be sought, and being aware of the mutual benefit that can result for each of the two Organisations in adopting an approach that allows for better working synergies;

### **THE TWO ORGANISATIONS NOW AGREE THE FOLLOWING**

1. To rationalise the resources of both Organisations in pertinent activities at all levels;
2. To reinforce the capacity for action of the both Organisations towards third parties, exploring opportunities for joint actions;
3. To invite and encourage reciprocal representation at their respective working bodies and to share information of mutual interest;
4. To promote high quality professional standards and code of ethics;
5. To exchange information regarding architectural practice and procedures for design and construction
6. To affirm and promote the basic principles of professionalism contained in the "Accord on Recommended International Standards of Professionalism in Architectural Practice," adopted by the International Union of Architects (UIA);
7. To affirm and promote consistent professional qualifications criteria and national syllabus based on international standards, such as the UNESCO/UIA Charter for Architectural Education;
8. To encourage an international exchange of knowledge through publications, seminars, exhibitions, lectures and exchange programs;
9. To develop effective political action to influence opinion makers and policy builders to create better legislation and conditions for quality architecture to flourish;
10. And finally, to undertake to establish and concretely define a closer cooperation between the parties at political, technical and working levels, both organisations



commit themselves to study an agreement that will facilitate their respective members to practice in Europe and South Korea.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

- This Memorandum shall not be legally binding on either Party.
- Each Party may refer publicly to the existence of this Memorandum of Understanding but may not claim, indicate or suggest that the relationship between the Parties is other than as set out in this Memorandum of Understanding. Formal contracts entered into pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding will contain express provisions dealing with publicity relating to those contracts.

Signed by:

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ACE President

Chung Kee, CHO  
KIRA President

Witnessed by:

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ACE Secretary General

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Committee of Korea

In Brussels, Belgium  
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