



Policy Seminar

QUALITY ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR A SUSTAINABLE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Wednesday 2 October 2019, from 16h00 to 18h00

European Parliament, room JAN6Q1

The European Ministers for Culture endorsed, last year, the Davos Declaration¹ pointing out “a trend towards a loss of quality in (...) the built environment (...) all over Europe, evident in the trivialisation of construction, the lack of design values, including a lack of concern for sustainability, the growth of faceless urban sprawl and irresponsible land use”.

The Declaration underlines “the crucial contribution that a high-quality built environment makes to achieving a sustainable society, characterised by a high quality of life, cultural diversity, individual and collective well-being, social justice and cohesion, and economic efficiency”.

The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is organising on **2 October 2019 (16h00 – 18h00)** a seminar in the European Parliament, aiming to bring together Members of the European Parliament, representatives from the EU Commission, architects and other stakeholders of the sector to discuss solutions that architecture can offer for a sustainable, high-quality built environment. The seminar will also focus on the mobility of architects' services in the internal market.

The session will provide the opportunity to better understand the regulatory framework in which European architects operate and the challenges and opportunities raised by EU policies and initiatives, notably regarding energy performance of buildings, the circular economy, climate change, services in the internal market and recognition of professional qualifications.

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***The seminar will be followed by the opening of an exhibition featuring
20 Architectural Projects Against Climate Change, from 18h15 in the ASP
3D Distribution Centre Area.***

¹ <https://davosdeclaration2018.ch/fr/>

DRAFT PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION by **Georg PENDL**, President of the Architects' Council of Europe

SESSION 1: CAN ARCHITECTURE BE A DRIVER FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE?

The session will aim to discuss the relationship between the building sector and climate change and how high-quality architecture contributes to mitigate climate change and adapt our society to its inevitable effects, while at the same time adding new qualities to the built environment and increasing people's well-being. It will give the opportunity to discuss EU policies on building performance, resource efficiency and circular economy.

Confirmed speakers:

- **MEP Ciarán CUFFE**, IE/Greens, member of the ITRE and TRAN committees
- **Ulli GRASSMANN**, Architect at Baumschlager Eberle Architekten
- **Josefina LINDBLOM**, EU Commission (DG ENV), in charge of the Level(s) scheme
- **Representative from the World Green Building Council** – name tbc (invited)
- **Judit KIMPIAN**, Chair of the ACE Sustainability Work Group

SESSION 2: TOOLS TO PROMOTE CROSS-BORDER PROVISION OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – barriers and solutions in the Internal Market

The session will aim to discuss issues related to the mobility of architects in the single market: provision of services, establishment, recognition of qualifications, insurance, access to public procurement. It will give the opportunity to discuss EU policies on the recognition of professional qualifications and services in the internal market.

Confirmed speakers:

- **MEP Andreas SCHWAB** (DE/EPP), member of the IMCO Committee
- **Enrique SOBEJANO**, Architect
- **Martin FROHN**, EU Commission (DG GROW)
- **Pascal KERNEIS**, Managing Director of the European Services Forum
- **Ruth SCHAGEMANN**, Member of the ACE Executive Board

CONCLUSIONS by **Georg PENDL**, ACE President