Climate Change & Built Heritage

Public Conference
Thursday 28 October 2021
9h00 to 17h00

Maison des Associations Internationales
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In April 2021, the Union’s co-legislators reached a provisional agreement on the European Climate Law, which, or the first time, enshrines in the EU legislation the objective of becoming the world’s first climate-neutral continent by 2050. In order to reach this objective, legislators have set the intermediary target to cut Union’s greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030.

Urgent and bold actions targeting the built environment are indispensable for meeting our climate ambitions. Indeed, our living and working spaces are responsible for 36% of greenhouse gas emissions and 40% of the energy consumption in the EU. Yet, in today’s Europe, 75% of buildings are not energy efficient, mostly because a large part of the existing building stock was constructed before building codes were in place.

The Architects’ Council of Europe promotes a holistic approach towards the built environment – an approach that, beyond energy efficiency considerations, seeks to create economic, social, environmental and cultural value through the built environment, for the benefit of all. At the same time, renovations strategies should aim to both optimise the energy performance of buildings and preserve and enhance the quality of the built environment. Particular attention should be paid to our built heritage, whether it is listed heritage or not.

In anticipation of COP26 that will take place in November in Glasgow, the Architects’ Council of Europe is organising a public conference, on Thursday 28 October in Brussels to discuss the solutions that a high-quality architecture can offer to mitigate climate change and help our society to adapt its effects. It will focus on the mindset and attitude towards the built environment that is required to initiate quality planning processes – a prerequisite for the design of low-carbon and climate resilient buildings, public spaces and cities.

The event will be designed as an opportunity to discuss ongoing EU policy initiatives (EU Climate Law, Renovation Wave strategy, New European Bauhaus), as well as city and landscape planning, mobility, circular economy, re-use of the heritage – through some architectonically excellent projects.
Registration and Welcome coffee

Welcome
Andrea THILO, Master of Ceremony
Georg PENDL, Architects’ Council of Europe, President
Thomas VONIER, International Union of Architects, Immediate Past President
Kristiaan BORRET, Brussels Bouwmeester / Maître Architecte

Morning Keynote Speech
Anna HERINGER, Winner of the 2021 New European Bauhaus Awards in the category “Solutions for the co-evolution of built environment and nature”

SESSION 1 – Designing and planning for the long term: from large scale to small scale
Presentations followed by round-table discussion moderated by the Master of Ceremony and Q&A with the audience.

Steffi SCHÜPPEL, landscape architect, AIAPP Italy member and Chair of BDLA Saxony (German Landscape Architecture Association)
Christiane BLANCOT, Atelier Parisien d’Urbanisme (APUR)
Gustaf LANDAHL, City of Stockholm, Dept. of Planning and Environment
Ciarán CUFFE, Member of the European Parliament – Transport committee

Coffee Break

SESSION 2 – Round table discussion on the EU Climate Action
Presentations by speakers followed by a round-table discussion moderated by the Master of Ceremony and Q&A with the audience

Brigitte JACQUEMONT, Policy Officer at EU Commission – DG Energy (DG ENER)
Philippe MOSELEY, Policy Officer at EU Commission – DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)
Anne GRADY, Policy Officer at the EU Commission - DG Culture and Education (DG EAC)
Marcos ROS SEMPERE, Member of the European Parliament – Industry, Research and Energy Committee
Alexandru MATEI, Senior Officer “Governance and Social Innovation”, ICLEI Europe, Local Governments for Sustainability
Georg PENDL, Architects’ Council of Europe President
12h30  Lunch Break

13h30  Afternoon Keynote Speech
Martin RAUCH, Winner of the 2021 New European Bauhaus Awards in the category “Techniques, materials and processes for construction and design”

14h00  SESSION 3 – Excellent Architectural Projects
Presentations by speakers followed by a round-table discussion moderated by the Master of Ceremony and Q&A with the audience
Anders LENDAGER, Lendager Group CEO
Bernd WILTSCHEK, Austrian Bundesimmobiliengesellschaft, School Department
Dirk VAN PEIJPE, De Urbanisten CEO
Matevž ČELIK, Programme Director, Future Architecture
Mar SANTAMARIA, 300.000 km/s Director

15h15  Coffee Break

15h35  SESSION 4 – Round table discussion with representatives from the New European Bauhaus Collective (NEBC)
Round-table discussion moderated by the Master of Ceremony and Q&A with the audience
Ruth REICHSTEIN, I.D.E.A., Advisory Board of the President of the Commission
Katerina GKOLTSIOU, IFLA Europe President
Maria HANSEN, ELIA Executive Director
Dag BOUTSEN, EAAE Council member
Sneška QUAEDVLIEG-MIHAILOVIĆ, Europa Nostra Secretary General
Georg PENDL, Architects’ Council of Europe President

16h50  Presentation of the conference statement and concluding remarks
Andrea THILO & Georg PENDL

17h00  End of the conference
The Architects’ Council of Europe is composed of 44 Member Organisations which are the national regulatory and professional representative bodies in the EU Member States, the accession countries, Switzerland, Norway and the UK. Through its members, the Architects’ Council of Europe represents the interests of over 600,000 architects from 30 countries in Europe.