

Architecture for a Just Transition



**SUSTAINABLE
ENERGY WEEK**

2023 EUSEW - ACE Energy Day

Policy debate

Thursday 22 June 2023

14h00 to 16h00

Maison des Associations
rue Washington 40, Brussels

Web-streamed from the ACE website

The Climate Emergency has accelerated the development of EU policy measures aiming to decarbonise energy sources, reduce energy use in buildings, and achieve circularity in the production and use of materials in construction. The EU Parliament recently voted for a progressive revision of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD), the last missing piece of the “Fit For 55” package, to tackle these priorities head-on. As the draft legislation enters the Trilogue negotiations, much is at stake for the built environment, its users, and creators.

With the New European Bauhaus (NEB) initiative, the EU Commission is already promoting the recognition of the social, economic and cultural dimensions of this transformation, making the Renovation Wave a cultural project.

Will this once in a lifetime investment in the environmental performance of buildings deliver its ambition, and how can *architectural design* ensure that it does, with *social justice* at its heart?

As part of the 2023 EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW), the ACE is organising a Policy Debate on 22 June (14.00 to 15.30 CET) in Brussels at the Maison des Associations Internationales (rue Washington 40).

The event will bring together architects and other stakeholders of the construction and buildings sector to demonstrate how the Parliament’s ambition for this Directive can be delivered, what this transition can look and feel like in our daily lives, in our buildings, neighbourhoods and cities.

Participation at the event is free of charge, but registration is compulsory via [this link](#).

Agenda

13h30 Arrival of participants & Welcome coffee

14h00 Session 1 : Design for the Anthropocene Generation

Opening by **Ruth SCHAGEMANN**, President of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)

Presentation by **Scott MCAULAY**, Coordinator of the Anthropocene Architecture School

Q&A moderated by **Dr. Judit KIMPIAN**, Chair of the ACE Sustainability Work Group

14H35 Session 2: Driving legislation forward and case studies in circularity

Keynote presentation by **Greta TRESSERRA**, Higher Council of the Orders of Architects of Spain (CSCAE)

Case studies – Pecha-Kucha presentations by:

- **Kathy MADDEN**, Climate Adviser at the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI)

- **Carl BÄCKSTRAND**, Member of the ACE Executive Board

- **Felicia RIESS**, Chamber of Architects of Lower Saxony

- **Helena O'ROURKE-POTOCKI** Circular Economy & Procurement Officer, ICLEI

Q&A moderated by **Dr. Judit KIMPIAN**, Chair of the ACE Sustainability Work Group with the participation of **Jacques TIMMERMAN**, Chair of the ACE New European Bauhaus Work Group

15h30 Cocktail