#### **Public Conference**

### Perspectives: Young Architects Forum

# Saturday 23 November from 9h00 to 17h00 Collegi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya (COAC) Plaça Nova 5, Barcelona

Architecture remains a very attractive profession for the younger generations. According to the latest Sector Study, published by the Architects' Council of Europe, the number of architects in Europe is steadily growing and the profession is today relatively young: 30% of architects in Europe are aged under 40 and 15% have 5 years or less experience.

In a context of highly competitive markets, where business and professional practices are changing rapidly, young architects and architectural practices face many challenges and issues: getting work, participating in public procurement and design competitions, experiencing new forms of collaboration and new business models, working in other EU countries, exporting services internationally, continuing professional development, etc.

On 23 November, the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is organising a public conference in Barcelona that will bring together 12 young European architects (aged under 40) who will:

- Explain how they perceive the practice of the profession today (risks, opportunities, challenges, difficulties),
- Share experiences, good practice and innovative solutions for the creation and running of an architectural office and the practice of the profession,
- Present their visions/ expectations/ desires for the future of the profession,
- Express what they expect from the European Union to support the practice of the profession and achieve quality in the built environment.

French-English interpretation will be provided (no Spanish interpretation)

The event will be web-streamed from the ACE website



#### 8h45 REGISTRATION & WELCOMING COFFEE

#### 9h15 WELCOMING

- Isidre GAVIN, Secretary General of Infrastructure and Mobility, Catalan Government
- Xavier MATILLA, Chief Architect, Barcelona City Council
- Assumpció PUIG, Dean of the Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya (COAC)
- Lluís COMERÓN, President of the Consejo Superior de Colegios de Arquitectos de España (CSCAE)
- Georg PENDL, President of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)

#### 9h30 KEYNOTE SPEECH by Kjetil Trædal THORSEN, Snøhetta founding partner

#### 10h00 SESSION 1

Presentations followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience

- Cristina GAMBOA MASDEVALL, La Col (Spain)
- Jan THEISSEN & Björn MARTENSON, AMUNT (Germany)
- Cristi BORCAN, StudioBasar (Romania)
- Walter PRENNER, Columbosnext (Austria)

#### 11h30 COFFEE BREAK

#### 12h00 SESSION 2

Presentations followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience

- Sebastian SKOVSTED, Johansen Skovsted Arkitekter (Denmark)
- Jaufret BARROT, Finalist 2016 Young Talent Architecture Award (France)
- N'UNDO (Spain)
- Filipe MAGALHÃES, Fala Atelier (Portugal)

#### 13h30 LUNCH BREAK

## 14h30 LAUNCH OF THE 2020 EDITION OF THE YOUNG TALENT ARCHITECTURE AWARD (YTAA) by Anna RAMOS, Director of the Fundació Mies van der Rohe

#### 14h40 SESSION 3

Presentations followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience

- Sofia DONA (Greece)
- Marieke KUMS, Studio Maks (the Netherlands)
- Tinatin GURGENIDZE, Tbilisi Architecture Biennial (Georgia)
- Enrico MUSCHELLA & Antonino CALIÒ, WHOLE Urban Regeneration (Italy)

16h10 COFFEE BREAK

16h40 PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE STATEMENT

16h45 CONCLUDING REMARKS by Tamas SZUCS, EU Commission – DG Education &

Culture

17h00 END OF THE CONFERENCE

Moderator: Joan Vitòria i Codina (El globus vermell)



