

## What ACE did for you in

# 2023

### Advocacy

- Met the President of the EU Commission, Ms Ursula von der Leyen, and the Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, Ms Elisa Ferreira, at a New European Bauhaus (NEB) event in Venice
- Continued to promote the NEB, including NEB Labs, the NEBinar initiative and adopted a NEB Manifesto
- Supported the Commission's proposal to create a new Horizon Mission dedicated to the NEB
- Became a Founding Member of the *Davos Baukultur Alliance* and joined its Steering Committee
- Contributed to the 2023 European Year of Skills with a Statement on *Upskilling to deliver high-quality architecture for a beautiful, sustainable and inclusive environment*
- Co-signed a letter inviting EU Member States to reconsider proposed cuts to the 2024 Creative Europe budget
- Answered COM's public consultation on an EU Roadmap to reduce whole life carbon emissions in the building sector
- Continued to contribute to the #BuildingLife campaign to tackle the whole-life environmental impacts of the building and construction sector
- Continued to call for an ambitious and swift adoption of a revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)
- Co-signed a set of Recommendations for the Future Reconstruction of Ukraine
- Contributed to the professional mobility and public procurement task-forces of the Fit for Future Platform
- Responded to the COM's call for evidence on the rationalisation of reporting requirements stemming from EU legislation
- Co-signed a letter of complaint to Autodesk
- Pursued Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) negotiations with FCARM (Mexico) & NCARB (USA)
- Pursued passage of UK MRA through the TCA MRA Committee
- Prepared for the next up-date of the Professional Qualifications Directive
- Prepared for the next up-date of the Public Procurement Directive
- Released a statement in response to the earthquakes in Turkey and disseminated the Earthquake Detection and Evaluation Report
- Initiated work for an ACE Manifesto for the 2024 European Parliament elections

### Events

- Co-organised, with the EAAE, a public conference on *New European Bauhaus: Upskilling x (Education + Practice)*
- Hosted an Energy Day during the European Sustainable Energy Week on *Architecture for a just transition*
- Organised a workshop on *High-quality architecture and built environment: a political goal* and displayed the ACE exhibition '20 Architectural Projects Against Climate Change' at the UIA World Architecture Congress in Copenhagen

- Co-organised a session at the EU Week of Regions and Cities on A.I. and language tools for better cross-border partnerships
- Co-organised with the CSCAE and the COAC a public conference on *Decarbonising Architecture*

### Development

- Continued the Accession Countries' EU alignment programme (Montenegro, R.N. Macedonia, Ukraine)
- Continued the implementation of the NET-ARCH project, co-funded by the Creative Europe programme
- Continued the "Getting closer to Member Organisations" programme, including a Presidents' Round Table and an online workshop with the ACE correspondents
- Undertook the development phase of the new ACE website and the kick off phase for new mobile app

### Publications

- Published the 2022 ACE Sector Study
- Co-published, with UIA, a booklet on *High-quality architecture and built environment: a political goal*
- Published 3 sub-studies on digitalisation, public procurement and gender pay gap
- Published *ACE recommendations on Architectural Design Competition and Master Brief*
- Published the *A/B/C* a toolkit on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the architectural profession

### Workgroups

- Continued to support new Work Groups and Task-Forces: International task-force; Ukraine task-force; EU-Projects Work Group; NEB Work Group
- Set up a new Disaster Relief task-force to share experience of natural and man-made disasters
- Organised two meetings of the Peer-learning Group on Architecture Awards

### EU-Funded Projects

- Delivered together with Eurocities a catalogue of good examples of cities and regions driving high-quality architecture, as part of the Living Spaces project
- Management of 10 projects: launched ARCH-E and CiD and completed Drive 0 and SOAR
- Held 3 BUSGoCircular 'Train the trainers' sessions on circularity and mentoring programmes
- Organised a national training on circularity in Italy as part of the Drive 0 project
- Implemented 6 Climate Positive Circular Communities around Europe as part of the Green Deal ARV project
- Built 4 Positive Energy Buildings taking into account climate and cultural factors in the design process in the framework of the Cultural-E project
- Released the New European Bauhaus handbook with clear examples on how to apply NEB principles in design projects
- Held the SOAR Final Conference on Security by Design of Places of Worship with a touring exhibition and a related publication
- Organised the Drive 0 Final Symposium in Brussels, strengthening the relationship with CINEA and other umbrella organisations involved in the construction sector
- Disseminated the survey results on the future of the digitalisation of the building permit with ACE members organisations
- Supported and disseminated the UREHERIT activities