
Memorandum of Understanding

in relation to the cooperation between

IFLA EUROPE, European Region of International Federation of Landscape Architects with headquarters in Brussels, Rue Lambert Crickx 19, 1070 Brussels, hereinafter **IFLA EUROPE**

and

Architects' Council of Europe, with headquarters in Brussels, 29 Rue Paul Emile Janson, B-1050 Brussels, hereinafter **ACE**.

WHEREAS the IFLA EUROPE is the body that represents the landscape architecture profession in Europe;

WHEREAS the ACE is the body that represents the architectural profession in Europe;

WHEREAS both Parties enjoy their Statutes, procedures and their full independence;

WHEREAS both Parties underline importance of the roles of the respective organisations and are convinced of the necessity and desire to reinforce the cooperation between them;

The two organisations are hereinafter referred to as the Parties and are establishing this MoU with the aim of establishing a strong alliance of professional institutions in environment, planning, architecture, landscape architecture, management and design to better serve professional needs of their respective members, associated partners and thereby society in general.

The European Region of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (hereinafter IFLA Europe) and the Architects' Council of Europe (hereinafter ACE) have recognised the opportunity for the two professions to work together and strengthen their cooperation.

IFLA Europe is the umbrella organisation for national professional associations for Landscape Architecture in the countries of European Union and Council of Europe. IFLA Europe consists of 34 National Associations across Europe representing nearly 20.000 landscape architects.

IFLA Europe's purpose is to establish, promote and support the landscape architectural profession across Europe, contributing to international discourse, shaping and disseminating European initiatives, facilitating the exchange of information, whilst promoting excellence in professional practice, education and research culminating in a culturally rich, diverse and sustainable Europe. IFLA Europe also strives to enhance the quality of landscape planning, designing, monitoring and managing in natural, rural and built environments, representing professionals who deal with the interactions

between natural and cultural ecosystems, such as adaptation and mitigation related to climate change and the stability of ecosystems, socio-economic improvements, and community health and welfare to create places that anticipate social and economic well-being.

The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is the representative organisation for the architectural profession at European level. Its membership consists of 43 Member Organisations, which are the regulatory and professional representative bodies in all EU Member States, UK, Switzerland and Norway. Through them, the ACE represents the interests of 562.000 architects from 31 countries in Europe.

The Parties will be mutually supportive, collaborative and work to ensure this Memorandum of Understanding contributes to their objectives and directly contributes to the aims, aspirations and activities of both organisations

The Parties agree to the following:

1. To recognise the distinct nature and standing of the two unique, separate and complementary professions of architecture and landscape architecture.
2. To collaborate and cooperate in order to strengthen the roles of both the architecture and landscape architecture, to reinforce the importance of the spatial context, to enhance the quality of life of human beings and to provide enhanced service to support their respective members' professional needs through joint development, commitment and action.
3. IFLA EUROPE and its members shall be responsible for the functioning, regulations and development of the profession of landscape architecture.
4. ACE and its member associations shall be responsible for the functioning, regulations and development of the profession of architecture.
5. Both Parties shall prepare strategic and action plans and make recommendations to their councils, committees, working groups and member associations in furtherance of this Memorandum.
6. The Presidents and representative members of Executive Council, committees and working groups of both Parties shall be invited to the meetings of each organisation and, as appropriate, discuss matters of common interest.
7. Both Parties shall inform the other of events and activities being undertaken by their organisation and, where appropriate, shall invite official representation at the main events of their organisations.
8. Both Parties shall establish links to the other via the websites of their respective organisations and promote each other's activities.

9. Both Parties shall inform their member Associations about the signing of the Memorandum in order to reinforce the cooperation, collaboration and future development of both professions in their respective member countries.

10. With full knowledge of the various work areas both Parties will work on mutual benefits and better working synergies.

11. Both Parties shall explore opportunities for joint positions and/or joint actions towards third parties on issue of common interest and value.

12. Both Parties agree to cooperate in lobbying activities if and when appropriate and share information of mutual interest.

Both Parties are confident that this cooperation will help to promote harmonious coordination between IFLA Europe and ACE in relation to their respective decisions and actions.

This Memorandum of Understanding and the cooperation described in it will help to consolidate actions and efforts in addressing mutual concerns and interests pertinent to the professions both Parties represent – landscape architecture, architecture, education, research, professional mobility, environmental issues, professional development and practice.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the day after the date of its last signature.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in two originals in the English Language.

In Brussels, on 10 May 2021

Signed on behalf of

IFLA EUROPE
President
Karin Helms

Architects' Council of Europe
President
Georg Pendl

