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## **Strategic Priorities 2: Practice**

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Public Participation in one or two phase Architectural Design Contest

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## **Public participation in one or two phase Architectural Design Contests (ADCs)**

### **Introduction**

ACE advocates public participation in Architectural Design Contests because it allows for

- Democratic development at local level
- Enhanced Communication and understanding
- Broader exploration of opportunities and challenges (e.g. SWOT analysis – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)
- transparency

### **Recommended principles:**

- the anonymity of entrants must be respected during any kind of participation until the final decision of the jury, to avoid invalidating the process.
- participatory procedures can be an important part of the preparation of a competition.
- public opinion is of an advisory nature, but has to be respected and included in the jury's comments and recommendations. However, the decisions are taken by the jury alone.

### **Media**

It is essential for the success of the participatory procedure to allow for adequate media preparation and reporting. All media have to take care that anonymity and confidentiality are fully respected to avoid invalidating the whole procedure. The result of the jury's deliberation must be presented at a public event by the chairperson of the jury.

### **Content of the Brief**

It is recommended that the participatory process is described in the brief, for reasons of transparency.