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ACE INTERVIEW

Interview with Leopoldo FREYRIE, President of the Italian National Council of the Order of Architects (CNAPPC)



The CNAPPC President talks about possible architectural projects after the Milan Expo, the Public Procurement Directive and the future prospects for Italian Architects and students of Architecture. [Read the interview](#)

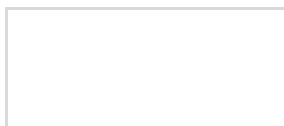
ACE NEWS

EU Single Market Strategy - ACE meeting with Commissioner Bienkowska



ACE acknowledges the publication of the European Commission's Single Market Strategy but warns against the misuse of EU legislation and undue deregulatory tendencies. [Read more](#)

COP21 - Manifesto for Responsible Architecture



Ahead of the COP21 summit to be held in Paris from 30 November to 11 December, the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), the International Union of Architects (UIA), the National Council of the Order of French Architects



(CNOA) and the International Council of French Architects (CIAF) have endorsed a Manifesto presenting Architects' commitment to tackle the challenges posed by climate change. [Read more](#)

ACE-EAAE Prize - European Architecture Medals for the Best Diploma Projects

The European Architecture Medals for the Best Diploma Projects is an annual European competition that awards excellence in crossing the threshold from education to profession. [Read more](#)

Fitness Check on the Construction Sector

As part of its REFIT programme, the EU Commission is currently undertaking a "Fitness Check" for the Construction Sector, in order to identify the impacts of EU legislation on the construction sector. ACE is supporting this exercise. [Read more](#)

ACE response to the consultation on the evaluation of the EPBD

On 30 October, ACE submitted its response to the EU consultation on the evaluation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. [Read more](#)

Article in the Design & Building Review magazine

Nicholas Galabov, Member of the ACE Executive Board, wrote in the October issue of the Design & Building Review magazine an article entitled "*Architecture, the Climate of the Future*". [Read more](#)

EU NEWS

The EU Commission presents the new Trade and Investment strategy



The Commission is proposing a new trade and investment strategy for the European Union, entitled 'Trade for All: Towards a more responsible trade and investment policy'. The new approach builds on Europe's excellent trade track record. [Read more](#)

2016 Commission's Work Programme



On 27 October, the EU Commission presented its Work Programme for 2016, which includes 23 planned key initiatives across 10 political priorities. [Read more](#)

The EU Commission refers Greece to the Court of Justice of the EU for failing to comply with obligations under the EPBD

The EU Commission decided in November to refer Greece to the Court of Justice of the EU for not having calculated the cost-optimal levels of minimum energy performance requirements for buildings. [Read more](#)

EU announces easier access for services exports from Least-Developed Countries

On 18 November 2015, the EU notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) that as of today it will start granting easier access to services exported from the world's Least Developed Countries (LDCs), through

preferential treatment. [Read more](#)

Eurostat report on Housing conditions in 2014

On 23 November Eurostat published a report on housing conditions in Europe in 2014. The report reveals that in the EU, more than half (59.3%) of the population was living in houses and 40% in flats in 2014. [Read more](#)

Eurostat: Production in construction stable in EU28

In September 2015 production in the construction sector fell by 0.4% in the euro area (EA19) in relation to August 2015 and remained stable in the EU28. [Read more](#)

MEMBERS' NEWS

[Architects Registration Board \(ARB\) - Elections 2016](#)

[General Assembly of the Ordre des Architectes et des Ingénieurs-Conseils \(OAI\)](#)

[CSCAE news: New Treasurer and Medals & Spanish International Architecture Prize 2015](#)

EU PROJECTS

At the moment the ACE is involved in five EU funded research projects. All projects relate to the building sector and address issues related to sustainability, energy efficiency, renovation, innovative materials and technologies. Through these ACE seeks to promote the architects' role in building sustainably and energy retrofitting:

- LEEMA - Low Embodied Energy Insulation Materials
- iNSPiRe- Tackling high-energy consumption
- A2PBEER - Energy Efficient Retrofitting of Public Buildings
- ERASMUS+ - Confronting Wicked Problems: Adapting Architectural Education to the New Situation in Europe
- Prof/Trac - Open Education Platform for Continuing Professional Development on NZEBs (Nearly Zero Energy Buildings)

[Read projects' news and updates](#)

AWARDS

[European Green Building Leaders Announced in WorldGBC Awards](#)

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

[Public consultation on the Review of Directive 2012/27/EU on Energy Efficiency. Deadline : 29 January 2015](#)

PUBLICATIONS

[Euractiv: Half of French climate finance spent on building renovation](#)

[Euractiv: Commission plans scheme to boost energy efficiency investment in buildings](#)

[BPIE Discussion paper: The active role of buildings in a transforming energy market](#)

[How to end Energy Poverty? Scrutiny of Current EU and Member States Instruments](#)

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[Smart Cities, Energy Efficiency & Renewables - Exhibition & Conference for South-East Europe - 5-7 April 2016, Sofia, Bulgaria](#)

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