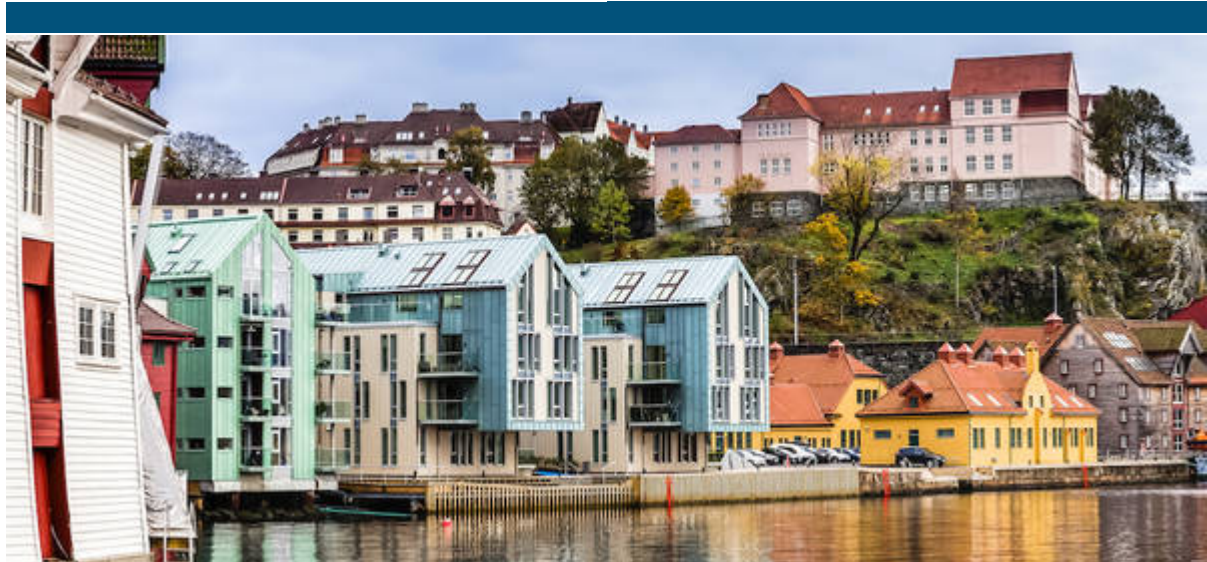


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## ACE CORE ISSUES

### Construction 2020 Strategy - New round of meetings



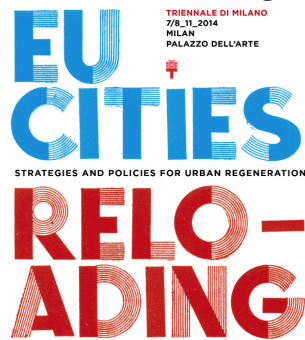
A new round of meetings of the thematic groups set up by the Commission in the framework of the Construction 2020 Strategy took place this autumn. The ACE is represented in the five groups: 1) Stimulating investment in renovation and innovation; 2) Skills & Qualifications; 3) Sustainable use of natural resources; 4) Internal Market, products & services; 5) International Competitiveness. On 26 November, Thematic Group 2 discussed EU qualification harmonisation initiatives and funding opportunities for training activities in the construction sector. On 23 October, Judit Kimpian, Chair of the Work Group "Environment & Sustainable Architecture" presented to the Thematic Group 3 the [ACE policy position on Closing the Performance Gap and the Disclosure of energy performance data of buildings](#). On 14 October ACE Secretary General Ian Pritchard gave a presentation to Thematic Group

5 on the barriers to Architects' international mobility. Recommendations of the Thematic groups will be presented in March 2015 during at the final conference of the High Level Strategic Forum.

## ACE MATTERS

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### EU Cities Reloading Forum, 7-8 November in Milan



In partnership with the Italian Chamber of Architects (CNAAPPC) and the European Forum for Architectural Policies (EFAP), ACE co-organised the *EU-Cities Reloading Forum* on Strategies and Policies for Urban Regeneration. The event brought together European political leaders, mayors, legal experts, bankers, architects and urban planners to discuss how to move to a new urban paradigm, for more sustainable and inclusive cities, able to meet the economic, social and environmental challenges of our time. During the Forum the ACE co-signed a Manifesto issued by the CNAAPPC calling on the EU institutions to take action for the regeneration of European cities. The Manifesto recalls that the regeneration of cities requires integrated urban policies, providing solutions to problems involving the environment, social interaction, mobility, waste management and energy savings, to name a few. Architecture is the instrument able to integrate the different disciplines and competences to tackle the challenges European cities are facing. [Read the Manifesto in English, French and Italian on the ACE website.](#)

### Participation of the ACE Board in the celebration of the 5th Anniversary of the Croatian Chamber - Meeting with Minister Anka Mrak Taritaš



The 7th ACE Executive Board Meeting of the year was held in Zagreb on 10 October 2014. This was planned to coincide with the celebration of the 5th Anniversary of the Croatian Chamber of Architects (CCA). The Ceremony was attended by many dignitaries and the Executive Board. After speeches by the mayor of Zagreb and the ACE President, CCA President, Tomislav Curkovic, presented the Chamber's work and achievements since its creation. Selma Harrington was given an award in recognition of her past contribution as ACE President to the formation of the new CCA. On the next day, ACE President Luciano Lazzari, Area 3 Coordinator Sara Van Rompaey and Secretary General Ian Pritchard met with the Croatian Minister of Construction, Mrs Anka Mrak Taritaš to discuss the

implementation of the Professional Qualifications and Public Procurement Directives, the on-going Peer Review exercise and Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

### New ACE Communications & Administrative Officer



We are pleased to announce that Gerardo Ambrosecchia has joined the team of the ACE Secretariat as ACE Communications & Administration Officer. Gerardo holds a BA in Communication Studies and an MSc in International Relations, and has previously worked with European Associations and Institutions. He will contribute to further develop ACE communication activities and support ACE administration.

## EU NEWS

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### Juncker's Investment Plan for Europe



On 26 November EU Commission President, Jean-Claude Juncker, presented a € 315 billion Investment Plan. *"This is an investment offensive that optimises our economic policy. We are focusing on long-term, large-scale European investment to create jobs. We are also targeting SMEs – Europe's job creators – to give a boost to the real economy"*, President Juncker said. *The ACE welcomes this Investment Plan as it echoes several of the priorities highlighted in its [recent Manifesto](#): Removing regulatory barriers within the Single Market; Better access to finance for SMEs; Better use of EU Structural Funds; Long-term investments, notably in energy and resource efficiency, research & innovation and education. ACE calls on the Commission and Member States to take action to quickly implement the Plan. *More information on the Plan may be found on the [Commission website](#).**

### EU leaders adopt energy and climate targets for 2030



On 23 October, EU leaders reached an agreement on the 2030 Framework for Climate and Energy Policies. Member States have committed to: 1) Reducing EU greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% below the 1990 level by 2030; 2) Increasing the share of renewable energy to at least 27% and 3) Increasing energy efficiency by at least 27%. A special "flexibility clause" was added to the final text, making it possible for the European Council to return to the targets after the UN summit in December 2015. The energy efficiency target is not

legally binding at the national level or EU level and will be reviewed in 2020, having in mind a 30% EU-level target, according to the summit conclusions. This decision of the Council is disappointing insofar as the EU Commission proposed a 30% energy efficiency target, and the EU Parliament a 40% target. [Learn more about the agreement on the Commission website.](#)

### Work Programme of the new Commissioner for Internal Market



The incoming Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Elżbieta Bieńkowska, highlighted [in a recent speech](#) her priorities and announced some initiatives for the construction sector. Ms. Bieńkowska's main focus will be on the simplification and predictability of legislation for business. She will propose a revised Small Business Act, aiming to ensure that the time and costs of setting up a business will be radically reduced. On the other hand, Ms Bieńkowska stressed the need for a fitness check of the construction sector and its legislation, and to further exploit the potential for energy efficiency improvements.

### Eurostat: Production in construction down by 0.9% in EU28



According to a [recent survey conducted by Eurostat](#), the statistical office of the EU, in September 2014 compared with August 2014, seasonally adjusted production in the construction sector fell by 1.8% in the euro area and 0.9% in the EU28. Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases were observed in Slovenia (-8.6%), Italy (-5.4%), Sweden (-3.2%) and France (-2.3%), and the highest increases in Romania (+7.9%), the Czech Republic (+2.7%) and Bulgaria (+2.4%).

### NEWS FROM MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

[New President and Vice-President at BAIK](#)

[RIBA Liverpool City Tours: Discover Liverpool!](#)

### PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

[SME Survey in the context of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTIP\)](#) -  
Deadline: 15 December

[Public consultation on the Small Business Act](#) -  
Deadline: 15 December

[The best graduation works of architecture students in Baltic States](#)

[CSCAE Gold Medal of Architecture](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

[ACE Urban Issue Brochure on the Role of the Architectural Profession in Delivering Responsible Design](#)

[BPIE report on Energy Performance Certificate across the EU](#)

[BPIE Renovation strategies of selected EU countries](#)

[Luciano Lazzari "What it means be an Architect today"](#)

## EVENTS

[Smart Cities, Energy Efficiency & Renewables, Emergency, Safety- and Rescue Management - Exhibitions and Conferences for South-East Europe, 11-13](#)

## EU-FUNDED PROJECTS

### LEEMA Project



The project is in its third year and currently finalising the materials. The core product developed is a loose filling material, which can be used to develop other applications, such as cavity wall insulation, Fesco boards, fibre cement boards or expanded perlite filled insulation bricks. The product is very versatile and can be fine-tuned according to its application. ACE just developed the [new LEEMA roll-up poster](#) and a workshop was held during the second ACE General Assembly in Brussels. Moreover, ACE conducted a questionnaire on architects' requirements of insulation materials and building insulation masonry components. A big 'Thank You' to all respondents; we will keep you informed on the results. The next LEEMA event will be at [BAU 2015](#), one of the World's leading trade fair for architecture, materials and systems, 19-24 January 2015, in Munich, Germany. Visit [Schlagmann Baustoffwerke GmbH & Co KG](#), one of LEEMA's partners at the fair to get to know more about the project.

### iNSPiRe Project



[iNSPiRe](#) is developing renovation packages which aim to reduce the primary energy consumption of a building to lower than 50kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year. The project's industrial partners are currently finalising the prototype building envelopes, which will be ready for demonstration at the various demonstration sites for both office and residential buildings in 2015. The metal and glass facades have several novel integrated features, such as iNSPiRe's micro heat pump, solar heating and cooling



[March 2015, Sofia](#)

[50th Anniversary of the Commonwealth Association of Architects \(CAA\) and International Conference, 15 to 19 June 2015](#)

[4th Informed Cities Forum, 26-27 March, Rotterdam](#)

## COMPETITIONS

[International Union of Architects Public Health Group - 2015 Student Competition](#)

[SOGEMI tender – International Ideas tender for the new Fruit and Vegetable Market in Milan](#)

[CODAmagazine - Call for Entries: Light as Art](#)

collectors and lighting solutions. Read the latest project up-dates in the fourth [newsletter](#). ACE is planning to organise visits to the demonstration sites for architects in the regions of Madrid, Spain, Verona, Italy and Ludwigsburg, Germany during 2015. Please contact the ACE project officer Veronika Schröpfer, if you are interested in participating.

### A2PBEER Project



The [A2PBEER](#) project is developing a systemic energy efficient buildings' retrofitting methodology for public buildings and will take advantage of synergies derived from interventions at district level. The second [newsletter](#) reports on the brochures, reviews the partners' meeting in Ankara in September and promotes the recent release of Social Media. Additionally it presents case studies in Turkey, Spain and Sweden.

### ERASMUS+ Project



The **Erasmus+** project in co-operation with the EAAE started in September 2014 for a duration of three years. This project with the title 'Confronting Wicked Problems: Adapting Architectural Education to the New Situation in Europe' had its kick-off meeting in Chania, Greece, during the EAAE General Assembly in August. The project is organised into three Think Tanks for the areas of the Profession, Heritage and Sustainability. Two Transnational Meetings are planned per year for each Think Tank, plus annual Learning/Teaching /Training Activities. The Sustainability and Profession Think Tanks have already held their first meetings in order to determine the scope of the work ahead.



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