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PASSERELLE DES TROIS PAYS .
France, Germany.
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The Architects' Council of Europe

The **Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)** is the representative organisation for the architectural profession at European level.

Founded in Treviso, Italy in May 1990, **ACE** will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2015.

ACE's goal is to influence EU legislation and policies that impact on architectural education and practice, as well as the overall quality and sustainability of the building environment. Its key objectives are

- to act as the single voice for architects in Europe;
- to promote the importance of Architecture throughout the EU;
- to safeguard the highest standards of qualification for architects;
- to advocate quality in architectural practice;
- to foster cross-border co-operation and facilitate European practice;
- to advance architectural quality in and the sustainable development of the built environment.

ACE comprises Member Organisations that are the nationally representative regulatory and professional bodies in the EU Member States, the Accession Countries and other European countries with a special status in relation to the EU. Through them, the **ACE** represents the interests of over half a million architects.

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Introduction and report of ACE President

Luciano Lazzari

Priorities and strategies – we supplemented the usual vertical coordination (Access, Practice, Responsible Architecture) with horizontal coordination, picking up linkages between the thematic areas. 10 work groups were combined into 5 to facilitate greater synergies and we have emphasised the need to focus on results. We started developing nine policy positions in support of our Manifesto for the European Parliament elections which will conclude in 2015.

Peer Review – the Briefing of Experts organised in preparation for the Peer Review (to evaluate regulation governing access to the profession) was a major exercise and allowed us to distil a position on regulation based on 11 points, which the experts could use to present a coherent and united front. This was followed with a Special Session at the November Assembly attended by Commission officials and representatives of other liberal professions.

European Commission – a concerted effort was made to consolidate existing relations with Commission Directorates (MARKT, TRADE) and develop new ones (ENTR, ENV). Interaction has been maintained with DG TRADE re: the CETA and TTIP negotiations and ACE's interest in MRAs with CALA and NCARB. ACE has also pursued links with DG ENTR in the context of Construction 2020, the Liberal Professions work group and support for our international programme. ACE has also been actively pursuing applications for EU-funded research projects, with two recent successes.

Long term political vision – work in the area of Responsible Architecture has seen the biggest shift in interest, with a new Coordinator (Sara Van Rompaey) and an active chair of the Environment & Sustainable Architecture work group (Judith Kimpian). Sustainability, urban regeneration and life-cycle assessment, climate change are all now subjects of scrutiny on the world stage. ACE signed the “2050 Imperative” Declaration (on carbon emissions) in Durban in August.

Italian Presidency – ACE also participated in the organisation of a conference, “EU Cities Re-loading” with CNAPPC and EFAP, held in Milan during the Italian Presidency of the EU.

Future of the Profession – we revived contacts with Schools of Architecture through the EAAE and are working with them on an ERASMUS+ project and developing a Prize for Best Diploma Project on the theme: “EU Architect 2030”.

International Programme – it is of great importance to offer outlets to European architects, providing them with information and a programme of internationalisation. We are re-assessing our relations with UIA and the regional organisations – ARCASIA, AUA, FPAA. We have also had meetings to advance mutual recognition talks with the Canadian, American and Korean architects.

External links – have been actively pursued, including meetings with the engineers (EFCA, Brussels and Warsaw), the European Forum for Architecture Policies (EFAP), the interior designers (ECIA), the competent authorities network (ENACA) and the research community (ECCREDI).

The ACE Sector Study – has been expanded to incorporate some new questions on cross-border work. Initial draft results were presented at the November Assembly and the definitive document will be published early in 2015. After a long period of recession, a number of countries are now showing signs of growth, albeit from a low base.

Rationalisation of meetings – a number of work group meetings have been organised back-to-back, or in conjunction with the Finance Committee or General Coordination meeting, to allow delegates to cover several topics for the price of a single trip. Face-to-face meetings of the Board and various work groups have been supplemented by telephone conferences. Notwithstanding important meetings and seminars e.g. the fees seminar in Dublin, a Board meeting in Zagreb, a General Assembly in Padua, and the Milan Conference, savings have been made on EB/ACE meetings' budgets.

Communications – the frequency of newsletters has increased, alternating between internal news (MOIS) and external news (ACE Info). As a result, information is now issued on a monthly rather than a quarterly basis.



Report of ACE Secretary General

Ian Pritchard

Legislative programme

2014 was a busy year as far as our legislative programme was concerned, as a number of Directives - which formed part of the Single Market Act I - came up for review. Both the new Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD) and the new Public Procurement Directive (PPD) were published early in the year, which left us with the task of developing transposition guides for our Member Organisations.

In parallel, DG MARKT (Business Services Unit) started reviewing the implementation of the Services in the Internal Market Directive (SIM), in particular as regards article 15 (requirements to be evaluated like fees, company structures etc.) and article 23 (insurance).

No sooner was the ink dry on the new PQD than we heard that the Commission would invoke Article 59 (Transparency) in order to undertake a review of regulations governing access to certain professions (including architects). We made a particular effort to gather copies of national responses, urged our Member Organisations to secure permission to designate experts to accompany government officials and invited these experts to the ACE for a Briefing session the day before the Peer Review.

In the area of energy consumption, we geared up for the review of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (re-cast) due in 2016 but preparatory work will start sooner.

Advocacy

2014 was the year of the European Parliament elections. ACE took steps to develop a Manifesto, based on Member Organisations' priorities distilled from the "99 Minutes" session held at the Leuven Assembly the year before. The Manifesto was circulated to Member Organisations for distribution at 'hustings' (head-to-head candidates' debates) organised all over Europe. Later in the year, when the 751 new MEPs returned from their summer break, copies of the Manifesto were delivered to the European Parliament. Since then, we have been busy, with the work groups, developing more detailed policy positions to back up the various demands contained in the Manifesto.

Although our main interlocutor continued to be DG MARKT (for qualifications, procurement, services), we developed closer relations with DG ENTR (now both part of DG GROW). We maintained our involvement in the five thematic groups that underpin the Construction 2020 Strategy. We also joined the Liberal Professions work group set up by DG ENTR and are involved in their work to develop the entrepreneurship skills of SMEs.

Streamlining

In an attempt to do more with less, we held more back to back meetings to reduce travel for delegates. We also rationalised a number of work groups - PQD and Traineeship were combined; Scope of Service and Liability were combined; Procurement and Competitions held joint meetings; Urban Issues absorbed the work of the Housing group; and RQI absorbed work on the Services Directive (SIM). We also rationalised staff portfolios, in order to reduce the focus on administration and allocate more human resource to policy and communications.

Collaboration

We made a particular effort to work in partnership with other bodies. The President and Secretary General attended EFCA (engineers) Procurement conferences in Brussels and Warsaw. We revived the Joint Working Group as a focus for our interaction with the European Association for Architectural Education (EAAE) and to re-build a programme of interaction with the Schools of Architecture. The Secretary General also attended the EAAE Assembly in Hasselt to make a presentation on ACE work. W Haack attended a meeting of the European Network of Heads of Schools of Architecture (ENHSA) in Barcelona to explain the Peer Review and D Bacic attended the last of a series of EAAE-ENSHSA conferences in Chania (Greece).

The Secretary General attended meetings of European Network of Architects' Competent Authorities (ENACA) in Budapest and Copenhagen, to keep abreast of work and to brief them on ACE work in the area of Mutual Recognition Agreements. We worked together on issues relating to the new Directive and



SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL HOUSING.
Berchem-St-Agathe, Belgium.
Architect: Buro Il & Archi+I.
Photo: Filip Dujardin.

Traineeship and we collaborated with our Italian Member Organisation (CNAPPC) and the European Forum for Architecture Policies (EFAP), in relation to a political event in Milan, during the Italian EU Presidency.

International

ACE sent an exhibition to the World Congress of the International Union of Architects (UIA) in Durban, and the President and I attended the UIA General Assembly. We took advantage of the presence of so many different nationalities to have side meetings with the Africa Union of Architects (AUA) and the Architects' Regional Council for Asia (ARCASIA) as well as MRA talks with the Americans and South Koreans. We also made contact with the CAU-Brazil with which we signed, later in the year, a Memorandum of Understanding. Work with DG ENTR on developing the entrepreneurial skills of SMEs will feed into the international programme we are planning for 2015, including the organisation of a briefing on Export Support Services available to help the "internationalisation" of SMEs.

Member Organisations

I made 18 visits to 12 countries: Belgium (Hasselt, EAAE Assembly), Croatia (Zagreb, Executive Board meeting and 5th Anniversary of the Croatian Chamber of Architects), Denmark (Copenhagen, ENACA meeting and interview for the Danish Architects magazine), Estonia (Tallinn, presentation at the Annual General Meeting of Estonian Union of Architects), France (Paris, lecture at the University of La Villette), Germany (Berlin – ACE Public Procurement work group; Cologne – Professor Henssler to discuss his report on the Liberal Professions; and Wiesbaden – to speak at the retirement of Wolfgang Haack from the BAK), Hungary (Budapest, ENACA meeting and to meet the President of the Chamber of Hungarian Architects), Ireland (Dublin, Fees seminar), Italy (Milan, CNAPPC-ACE-EFAP Italian Presidency event; Naples, DG ENTR Liberal Professions work group and Padua, ACE General Assembly), Poland (Warsaw, meetings with IARP and SARP), Spain (Madrid, meeting with CSCAE/Unión Profesional, to discuss the economic value of the profession and the UK (London, RQI meetings).

Corporate Development

I have continued to develop our business procedures to help the Board to operate as efficiently as possible. We have introduced a Declaration of Material Interests policy, taken out an insurance policy to protect Board members, introduced a Risk Register, developed a template for Project Initiation to ensure that projects are always properly scoped and funded, and we also developed a Sponsorship Policy. In 2015, we will form a Future & Strategy group to assist the Board in determining a future, long-term vision and strategic priorities.



Access to the Profession

Coordinator: Wolfgang Haack

The highlight for this work area was the approval of the new Professional Qualifications Directive and the ensuing Article 59 Transparency exercise (peer review).

Peer Review

(John Graby, chair ACE RQI work group; Wolfgang Haack)

Shortly after the publication of the PQD, the Commission began its Transparency review of regulations governing access to the professions, with a special focus on 6 professions, including architects. Member States responded to a Proportionality questionnaire and submitted National Reports for a Peer Review by Member States in September. Over the summer, ACE collected national responses and lobbied to ensure that architect-experts accompanied National Coordinators to the meeting. ACE held a briefing for experts at which key regulatory issues were examined to ensure there were no divisions and that consistent arguments were deployed. In November, COM representatives were invited to discuss the Review at the ACE General Assembly.

Professor Laura Lee (Professor at Mellon Carnegie University, Pittsburgh, USA) opened the Assembly session with a « Vision for the Future of the Profession ». She recommended that the Profession

- aspire to the highest standards for the health, safety and well-being of citizens;
- advocate for an enabling regulatory environment;
- work for the recognition of the value of design and its relevance as an intelligent investment;
- encourage integrated governance models with quality-based procurement;
- develop community engagement models for a sustainable future;
- recognise the importance of continuous learning and professional development.

She encouraged the profession to communicate its professional expertise clearly to the public – and its offer of consumer-focused collaboration – to clients/owners, public/society, users/occupants.

John Graby addressed the « Mobility of Architects » highlighting the importance of automatic recognition for mobility. The findings of the transparency exercise contained some inaccuracies, and while variety is noted in national systems, this has no effect on mobility and there is no such thing as “no regulation”. He pointed to

- the distinction between mobile professionals and remote cross-border service provision;
- the need to align EU and international standards;

- the minimum standard of the Directive is lower than national standards in 80% of cases;
- reserved functions mostly relate to building permits and site supervision – for public protection. Professional governing bodies ensure that those registered are properly qualified and conduct themselves professionally. Commission's own study shows that where functions are shared, there is no uncompetitive behaviour;
- ACE wishes to help the Commission with Professional Indemnity Insurance, transposition, CPD, Codes of Ethics and could help to develop an electronic platform of information on architectural services;
- Practical Professional Experience is not an alternative to academic study – it is additional;
- Continuing Professional Development is designed to maintain skills, not a requirement for entry to the profession and cannot provide additional qualifications or access to another profession;
- Chambers are mostly established with powers delegated from the State to co-regulate the profession through a system of registration in the public interest.

On the positive side, architects are a success story for the Single Market. 96% of Architects' applications for cross-border registration are satisfied (cf. only 62% from Engineers). An informal network of competent authorities (ENACA) exists and ACE has pursued, enthusiastically, the voluntary convergence agenda of the SIM Directive (Code of Conduct, consumer-facing Quality Charter, development of core scope of service to provide a common basis for PII, consideration of alternative dispute resolution systems).

Martin FROHN (DG GROW) introduced the « Mutual Evaluation of Regulated Professions » aimed at producing better regulation, not de-regulation. The Member States had notified c. 6000 professions and examined regulations governing access in terms of - overriding reasons of public interest; information on concrete effects of the measures; reserves of activities; assessment of cumulative effect.

The objective is to ensure entry barriers are proportionate to protect public interest and to consider the impact on mobility, quality, prices, cost to consumers, innovation, employment and economic growth.

Martin Frohn noted differences in the regulation of engineers that are difficult to explain. He stressed that Member States must determine what they want to protect – but the variety is huge. They should also



NORWEGIAN NATIONAL OPERA
AND BALLET.
Oslo, Norway.
Architect: Snøhetta.
Photo: Jiri Havran.

consider the cumulative effect of requirements and the need for evidence-based policy positions.

The Commission is not concerned about variety per se – and this was more of a problem for other professions than for architects. Meanwhile, low mobility figures for cross-border service provision may not tell the whole story. There may be a certain amount of unrecorded (undetected) activity.

Traineeship *Wolfgang Haack.*

The new PQD modified minimum standards for the cross-border movement of architects from 4 years' academic training to 5 (or 4 years + 2 years' experience). W Haack proposed 5 hypotheses:

- traineeship cannot be part of an academic study course, which has different aims;
- traineeship does not compensate for academic studies that do not meet article 46 requirements;
- the profession must be responsible for the content of professional traineeship and its evaluation;
- traineeship – independent of the academic studies – prepares the trainee for the required level of responsibilities and functions expected of an architect;
- as an important global economic player, the EU has to make sure that European professional standards meet the requirements of our international trade partners.

He introduced the speakers for the session:

Andras Zsigmond (DG GROW), John Chave (PGEU - Pharmacists Group in Europe), Birgit BEGER (CPME - Comité Permanent des Médecins Européens), Margaret Hynds o'Flanagan (ACE, chair WG PQD) and Professor Laura Lee.

Conclusions included:

- ensure systems are in place to facilitate mobile graduates;
- make requirements clear to graduates migrating to gain experience;
- make requirements clear to the authorities who have to recognise or oversee Professional Practice Experience;
- variable approaches to regulation disguise the fact that all architects require practical professional skills some of which are best delivered in a 'live' practice environment;
- Continuing Professional Development, while growing in importance, cannot replace Professional Practice Experience;
- setting minimum standards below general requirements runs the risk of a race to the bottom in economically pressured times. The benefits of intra-EU mobility risk being outweighed by an inability to compete internationally.

Margaret Hynds o'Flanagan argued that Practical Professional Experience is indispensable. Its structure is as important as the amount of time spent. ACE and ENACA had undertaken a study of current provisions, readiness to implement and key concerns (e.g. minimum requirements for access to the profession, traineeship and general concerns) to help Member Organisations with transposition. The research also covers payment, supervision, the role of the Competent Authority, specific content and how this is recorded, monitoring outside the EU, assessment, timing and the extent to which specific standards are set.

Discussion based on number of years overlooks the importance of investing the whole process with quality. Minimum standards are wrong if they lead to a lowering of national standards and ACE's negotiating partners ask why the Member States have higher national standards.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS DIRECTIVE - PQD

(Margaret Hynds o'Flanagan).

Notwithstanding improvements in the Directive (where the minimum standard, for cross-border automatic recognition had been increased from 4 years' study to 5 years or 4 years' study plus 2 years' traineeship), the outcome was disappointing as the standard had still not been aligned with the international norm (cf. UNESCO-UIA Charter recommends "5 + 2"). ACE is developing a transposition guide for Member Organisations.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(Michel Procès)

Following the approval of its guidelines at the end of 2013, ACE launched last Spring an online Register of approved systems. Registered schemes undertake to recognise other schemes on the list, thereby providing for mutual recognition of CPD provision and contributing to professional mobility.

REGULATORY QUESTIONS & ISSUES

(John Graby)

In addition to overseeing the response to the Peer Review, the group started developing the optimum regulatory position that ACE can support and an initiative designed to illustrate the economic value of the profession.



Practice of the Profession

Coordinator: Indrek Nakk

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT & ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITIONS

(Thomas Maibaum/Georg Pendl)

Following the approval of the new Public Procurement Directive in the beginning of 2014 (to be implemented by 2016), ACE published an Implementation document (containing Recommendations and Guidelines) in April. This is designed to assist Member Organisations in developing their advocacy work and to encourage national legislators to use the option to exclude price/cost only as award criteria for architectural services; to lobby for the best possible access to public contracts for young architects and SMEs; and to prescribe preferences for procedures which prioritise the use of architectural design contests and the competitive procedure with negotiation.

SCOPE OF SERVICE

(Ruth Schagemann)

Following the approval, in the Spring, of a common core scope of service, which could become the basis for any initiative to develop a common liability/insurance regime, the group began to examine cost information systems and insurance.

A Fees seminar in Dublin allowed the group to study cost information systems in half a dozen Member States. It was concluded that while the profession itself is not allowed to promote fees, some mechanism is needed to ensure that clients are informed, in a transparent way, about quality and prices. Of course, all parties (consumers, government authorities, architects) must be involved and it is necessary to comply with competition law. Moreover, requirements have to be non-discriminatory, necessary and proportionate. Notwithstanding the urge to deregulate (led by article 15 of the Services in the Internal Market (SIM) Directive – “requirements to be evaluated”), it is clear that without some basis on which to calculate fees, Government departments are experiencing difficulties in setting budgets, while the courts have no data on which to base their

judgements. ACE will finalise a political position on fee-systems in 2015.

In the autumn, the group turned its focus to Insurance. Last year, DG MARKT began a review of article 23 of the SIM Directive, in light of the fact that there had been indications that difficulty in finding adequate insurance cover for cross-border work was proving to be a barrier to professional mobility. DG MARKT published a general questionnaire on Business Services and another on SIM was sent to the Member States. Commission officials attended the autumn Scope of Services meeting and indicated they would be willing to approach the insurance industry on behalf of the profession or facilitate interaction, but require evidence of real problems (rather than anecdote) which ACE is trying to collect. Late in the year, ACE received a briefing on the results of the ELIOS II study (DG ENTR) that is also trying to find solutions to insurance problems for cross-border service provision. ACE will finalise a policy paper on insurance in 2015.

TRADE IN SERVICES

(Ian Pritchard)

ACE had a further meeting with CALA regarding a possible Mutual Recognition Agreement between the EU and Canada, in the context of the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement. Detailed information was exchanged over the summer to facilitate CALA's inter-Provincial consultation. The UIA Congress in Durban afforded the opportunity for ACE to resume dialogue with NCARB/AIA (USA) and KIRA, South Korea). Talks with the Americans may be pursued in the Spring, in the margins of the next round of EU-US TTIP talks (Trans-atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership), while talks with KIRA were further pursued by video-conference in December, facilitated by the European Commission and the Korean Trade Ministry. Finally, also late in the year, the Commission launched a consultation to review its 15 year old Free Trade Agreement with Mexico.

SEINÄJOKI CITY LIBRARY,
Finland.
Architect: JKMM Architects.
Photo: Mika Huisman.





Responsible Architecture

Coordinator: Sara Van Rompaey

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE (ESA) (Judit Kimpian)

The ESA work group supported ACE work on the EU's Construction 2020 Strategy. The group completed a position paper on the disclosure of energy performance data of buildings, which was discussed with officials at DG ENTR/ENER in September and presented at the October meeting of Thematic group 3.

S. Van Rompaey and J. Kimpian met DG ENV to discuss the Commission's Communication on resource efficiency opportunities in the building sector. ACE welcomed the Communication, which echoes our 2013 recommendations to the Consultation on Sustainable Buildings and our position policy 'Closing the Performance Gap'. The Commission acknowledges the lack of reliable, comparable, affordable data and methods to analyse/benchmark the environmental performance of buildings, and proposes to involve ACE in the development of core indicators in 2015.

ESA prepared ACE's response to the consultation on progress towards the 2020 energy efficiency objective and a 2030 energy efficiency policy framework arguing that further EU policy measures and financial incentives are needed to foster energy efficiency in buildings and to ensure that private investment in energy efficient retrofit is financially viable, without negative impacts on long term building resilience and social inclusion.

We followed up the Member States' implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive – in particular EED art. 4 (national building renovation strategies); EPBD art. 9 (Nearly Zero-Energy Buildings); and EPBD art. 11 (adoption of a voluntary common EU certification scheme for the energy performance of non-residential buildings).

ACE supported the 2nd edition of the Sustainable Construction Glossary, with the European Concrete Platform and the European Economic and Social Committee (new edition available in 2015) and worked with the **Research & Innovation Panel** to explore funding opportunities.

URBAN ISSUES (Antonio Borghi)

in 2014, the work of the Housing group was absorbed. A meeting was organised in February in conjunction with the conference '*Cities of Tomorrow – Investing in Europe*'. A second meeting (Milan, November) coincided with the joint ACE-EFAP-CNAPPC Forum *EU-Cities Reloading*.

One of group's main achievements was the publication of a brochure on *The Role of the Architectural Profession in Delivering Responsible Design*. The author, A. Zammit, described the document as a brief collection of thoughts about current urban challenges and how the architectural profession can help to turn them into opportunities. The brochure, which was publicly presented at the *EU-Cities Reloading* Forum, can be downloaded in English and French from the ACE website.

The Work group responded to the EU's public consultation on the urban dimension of EU policies, calling for more bottom-up, participatory planning structures and integrated urban policies.

Finally, the Work Group supported the re-establishment of the URBAN Intergroup at the European Parliament, through a letter of the European Housing Forum.

WELLNESS ORHIDELIA.
Podčetrtek, Slovenia.
Architect: ENOTA.
Photo: Miran Kambic.





Communications Review Lionel Dunet

2014 saw the launch of the new [ACE](#) website. With a brand new look, a revamped structure, and a set of new tools and functionality, the new [ACE](#) website offers a much friendlier user interface enabling visitors to access [ACE](#) online resources more quickly and easily. A new section entitled *Architects in Europe* gathers all information available in each European country (national statistical data, access to the profession, traineeship requirements, CPD, insurance, etc.). The new website is key tool to enhance [ACE](#) visibility, to keep Architects, policy-makers and partners informed, but also to improve internal communications with Member Organisations.

Early next year, an online survey will be conducted to measure users' satisfaction. The [ACE](#) website will continue to develop in 2015: launch of the online CPD Register, creation of an International section, creation of an image gallery to showcase European architecture, publication of [ACE](#) Manifesto positions, publication of the new Sector Study and sharing of news from Member Organisations.

A modernisation of the [ACE](#) Info was undertaken simultaneously. The quarterly PDF newsletter has been replaced by an electronic newsletter, now released every two months. The improvement of its content will be pursued in 2015. [ACE](#) press releases and [ACE](#) Alerts are now also embedded in emails.

[ACE](#) started in 2014 the publication of the Member Organisations Info Sheet (MOIS) – a new kind of newsletter, which intends to inform [ACE](#) Member Organisations on the work and actions arising from Board meetings and to report on external representations of the Board and Secretariat. The MOIS are issued every two months, alternating with the [ACE](#) Info. A Special Edition of the MOIS will follow each General Assembly to summarise outcomes and discussion, and provide photographs and links to speakers' presentations.

Participation and engagement in [ACE](#) social networks (Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn) is steadily growing.

In parallel, [ACE](#) developed a Sponsorship policy in order to assess the increasing number of sponsorship offers (events, publications, etc.) received by the organisation. In 2014, [ACE](#) sponsored the first edition of *GeoBIM Europe*, a two-day conference dedicated to BIM, and agreed on a partnership with the *Design & Build Review* magazine.

Finally, the Executive Board started a reflection on the modernisation of the [ACE](#) logo.



OFFICES.
Engis, Belgium.
Architect: Alexandre Lodzia-Brodzki.
Photo: Alexandre Lodzia-Brodzki.



EU-funded projects

Project Officer, Veronika Schröpfer

In 2014 **ACE** continued work on the three FP7 projects: **LEEMA**, **iNSPIRe** and **A2PBEER**, started a new **ERSAMUS+** project with the European Association of Architectural Education and had one Horizon 2020 proposal accepted for funding. All projects relate to the building sector and address issues related to sustainability, energy efficiency, renovation, innovative materials and technologies. Through these **ACE** promotes the architects' role in building sustainably and energy retrofitting, and to raises its recognition by engaging with a range of EU stakeholders, conferences and publications.

LEEMA (January 2012- December 2015)

www.leema.eu

The **LEEMA** project aims to develop novel, inorganic insulation materials and building-insulation masonry components that will be suitable for applications both in new and retrofitted buildings. The developed materials will have significantly lower embodied energy (by 70-90%), a lower unit cost (by 25-30%) and good technical and environmental performance. The project completed its third year and the partners are finalising the materials. The core product developed is a loose filling material, which can be used to in other applications, such as cavity wall insulation, Fesco boards, fibre cement boards or expanded perlite filled insulation bricks. It is very versatile and can be fine-tuned according to its application. **LEEMA** held a workshop at the **ACE** General Assembly in Brussels in November 2014 and **ACE** edconduct a questionnaire on the architects' requirements of insulation materials and building insulation masonry components and is actively involved in the dissemination of the project results.

iNSPIRe (October 2012- September 2016)

www.inspirefp7.eu

The **iNSPIRe** project aims to tackle high-energy consumption by producing systemic renovation packages that can be applied to residential and office buildings. The packages will reduce primary energy consumption of buildings to less than 50kWh/m²/year and suit a variety of climates, ensuring optimum comfort for users. The project's partners are currently finalising the prototype building envelopes, for demonstration in 2015. The metal and glass facades have several novel features, e.g. **iNSPIRe**'s micro heat pump, solar heating and cooling collectors and lighting solutions. **ACE** is

planning visits to demonstration sites near Madrid, Verona and Ludwigsburg in 2015. A highlight of 2014 was the report on Europe's residential and office-building stock in terms of age, type, energy use, occupancy and ownership by project partners **BSRIA** and **EURAC**. It presents information on the building stock in each country, an overall picture and summaries of policies and incentives available in each country.

A2PBEER (October 2013- September 2017)

www.a2pbeer.eu

The **A2PBEER** is developing a systemic energy efficient buildings' retrofitting methodology for public buildings and will take advantage of synergies derived from interventions at district level. **A2PBEER** will include available building solutions and more innovative ones developed by the project e.g. a "high performance envelope retrofitting", based on an external and internal super-insulated façade panels and smart windows, "smart lighting systems" combining LED and natural light, and the "Smart Dual Thermal Substation", a new approach to district heating based in smart grid functionality and integrating heating and cooling. A "kit-concept" will be applied in the development of new solutions in order to deploy adaptable and affordable solutions. One of **ACE**'s main roles is to ensure the dissemination of project outcomes and assist the development of training materials aimed at architects and other groups.

ERASMUS + "Confronting Wicked Problems" (September 2014- August 2017)

The **ERASMUS +** project in corporation with **EAAE** started in September 2014 for the 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 2014. The project organises three Think Tanks around the areas of Profession, Heritage and Sustainability. Two Transnational Meetings are planned per year for each Think Tank, plus annual Learning/Teaching/Training Activities in order to directly implement the new ideas into the architecture curriculum. **ACE** is represented with two experts in each think tank.

NOVSTIL
Gotse Delchev, Bulgaria.

Architects:
Zorka Dimitrova Karserdareva,
Juan Jose Pozo Esteban.

Photo:
Zorka Dimitrova Karserdareva.





Strategic alliances and networks

ACE has developed a unique profile and reputation in the heart of EU officialdom in Brussels, despite limitations due to scale, structure and funding. We have also developed relationships with other international networks to strengthen the voice of the profession in the EU.

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS – we will not fulfil our political ambition to raise the status of the profession if Member Organisations do not play their part. While we can advocate common positions centrally, to the Commission and main Parliamentary Committees, we rely on Member Organisations also to present these, to their own MEPs, to their Ministers in the Council and to their National Coordinators. On occasion, the Commission may take refuge behind the lack of demand from the Member States, so it is vital that Member Organisations take care of the national dimension of our joint advocacy work.

ACE values its strategic alliances and continues to engage with partner networks to refine the effectiveness of our involvement.

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION (EAAE) – in 2014, **ACE** re-established the Joint Working Group to provide a focus for more regular interaction with representatives of the Schools of Architecture. This has provided the basis for a joint research bid to the ERASMUS + fund (see EU-funded projects) and a proposal for an **ACE** Prize for the best Diploma Project, the details of which will be worked up in 2015.

EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR ARCHITECTURAL COMPETENT AUTHORITIES (ENACA) – **ACE** enjoys excellent relations with ENACA. We benefit from the involvement of a number of **ACE** delegates in ENACA's work and have undertaken joint research on the readiness to implement the new Professional Qualifications Directive and to understand and comply with new requirements relating to Traineeship.

European Forum for Architecture Policies (EFAP) – **ACE** continued to seek synergies with the work of EFAP, and funded the attendance of one of our Board members at the EFAP Board, and we also assisted EFAP's efforts to re-form and re-structure itself. In the autumn, **ACE**, EFAP and the 'Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori' (CNAPPC) worked together on the "EU Cities Reloading Conference" in Milano, an event organised in the context of the Italian Presidency of the European Union.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF ARCHITECTS (UIA) – **ACE** has good relations with the International Union of Architects and attended its World Congress and General Assembly in Durban last summer. **ACE** continues to seek ways of rationalising its work in relation to that of UIA Regions I and II and exchanges representatives at respective meetings.

REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS – **ACE** is fully committed to developing a model of regional co-operation through international architectural organisations such as the Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA), the Africa Union of Architects (AUA), the Pan-American Federation of Architects' Associations (FPAA) and others. **ACE** has developed contacts in recent years with registration and professional bodies in Canada (CALA/RAIC), the USA (NCARB/AIA), South Korea (KIRA) and the Caribbean Islands (CARICOM group), in response to invitations to maintain dialogue leading towards mutual recognition agreements to facilitate mobility of architects in the context of international trade agreements.

OTHER INDUSTRY BODIES: the **ACE** continues to work closely with other pan-European organisations in the construction industry including EFCA, FIEC, EHF and others.

STOPIČE SPORTS CENTRE.
Novo mesto, Slovenia.
Architect: Jereb in Budja arhitekt.
Photo: B. Budja.





ACE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
PADOVA, APRIL 2014

Financial out-turn for 2014

Treasurer David Falla

EXPENDITURE

Premises	€ 42,869
Maintenance	€ 1,866
Office supplies & services	€ 7,915
Professional fees	€ 43,833
Executive Board expenses	€ 79,393
Communications	€ 7,316
Motor vehicle expenses	€ 10,519
ACE meeting expenses	€ 53,363
Staff costs including restructuring	€ 421,149
Insurance	€ 6,640
Other operating expenses	€ 1,406
Financial expenses	€ 8,565
Projects	€ 95,641
Depreciation	€ 12,231
Extraordinary charges	€

TOTAL EXPENSES

€ 792,706

INCOME

Activities	€ 120,964
Members subscriptions	€ 618,590
Recovered expenses	€ 4,584
Financial income	€ 6,585
Transfer from Reserve (authorised extraordinary charges)	€ 41,913

TOTAL INCOME

€792, 706



Priorities for 2015

ACE President, Luciano Lazzari

In 2015 we will aim to –

- establish a Future & Strategy group – comprising ACE members and outsiders;
- help EU Architects to be more globally competitive, working with DG TRADE and DG GROW (Enterprise, SMEs);
- maintain our focus on evolving regulation; consider re-regulation rather than de-regulation;
- consider how to work better – and be more representative;
- rationalise work groups to ensure that objectives are mutually reinforcing, developing more activity around the three macro areas – Access to the Profession, Practice of Professions and Responsible Architecture – to achieve greater critical mass and better coordination;
- question some of our beliefs and core convictions to avoid complacency, keep abreast of developments at national level;
- consider streaming Special thematic debates at the General Assembly;
- develop alliances for more partnership working.

We will also follow-up work on the ACE Manifesto for European Parliament elections, namely to:


- promote Responsible Architecture – for a sustainable future;
- advance the highest quality professional standards – to safeguard the public interest and ensuring global competitiveness;
- optimise professional mobility – to stimulate jobs & growth in the EU.

In support of the Manifesto “asks” we will develop policy positions:

- to promote the role Architects can play in helping to achieve EU targets for **reducing energy consumption in buildings**;
- to demonstrate the importance of the architect’s role in **renovating existing buildings** and to promote greater energy literacy, incentives for rehabilitation and the reduction of fuel poverty;
- to advocate Quality-based Selection and architectural design competitions in public procurement;
- to recognise the importance of **Life-long Learning** and the role of the profession in delivering Continuing Professional Development;
- to campaign for a **Law on Architecture** that recognizes the **social, economic and public value of architecture and the profession**: and ensure appropriate regulation to guarantee consumer protection;
- to recognise the importance of **investing in education**; develop greater awareness of the built environment in young people introduce architecture into the high school curriculum to create better informed future citizens and clients;
- **to align levels of training with international standards** (5+2) and recognise the importance of traineeship (practical experience);
- to use positive elements of EU Directives **to facilitate cross-border service provision and establishment**, while resisting undue de-regulatory pressures;
- to support the negotiation of binding **Mutual Recognition Agreements** with key countries to provide market access for architects

Internal Market

Directives published in early 2015 have now entered a two-year phase for transposition into national law. During this period, ACE will work closely with Member Organisations to understand and influence, where possible, the manner in which EU legislation is being transposed into the national context. This is particularly important with regard to **Public Procurement** where the Directive allows Member States a range of options, some ill suited to the procurement of architectural services. There are also issues relating to the de-regulatory impact of work on Access to the Professions (cf. Qualifications Directive) and the evaluation of the **Services Directive**.



SCHOTTENHÖFE.
Erfurt, Germany.
Architect: Osterwold+Schmidt
Expander Architekten BDA.
Photo:
Steffen M. Gross.

2015 Political Context Secretary General

The **Italy-Latvia-Luxembourg “troika”** aims to overcome the economic/financial crisis, deliver more jobs, seize digital opportunities, safeguard fundamental rights and play a role in a fast changing world.

THE EU'S STRATEGIC AGENDA AIMS TO

- 1/ create a Union of jobs, growth and competitiveness;
- 2/ move towards an Energy Union with a forward-looking climate policy;
- 3/ create a Union that empowers and protects all citizens;
- 4/ develop the Union as a strong global actor and
- 5/ be a Union of freedom, security and justice.

GUIDELINES FOR THE COMMISSION INCLUDE:

- Jobs, growth and investment
- Internal Market with a strengthened industrial base
- Economic & monetary union
- Energy Union with a climate change policy
- A connected, digital Single Market
- Transatlantic Trade & Investment Partnership
- Europe as a stronger global actor
- A policy on migration
- An area of Justice and Fundamental Rights based on mutual trust
- A Union of democratic change.

The 6-month period **Latvian Presidency** will focus on EU competitiveness and growth; the use of European digital potential in the EU development; and the strengthening the EU role as a global actor.

COMPETITIVE EUROPE (Jobs & Growth)

- facilitate investment;
- implement the European Semester and renewed Europe 2020 Strategy;
- Strengthen the Single Market;
- Advance Energy Union;
- Mainstream industrial competitiveness;
- Deepen Economic & Monetary Union.

DIGITAL EUROPE

(seizing opportunities of the Digital Single Market)

- Safety in the digital environment;
- Digital Single Market;
- Digital by default.

ENGAGED EUROPE

- neighbourhood & beyond;
- Trade;
- Development;
- Security & Defence
- Migration;
- enlargement.

Objectives for work areas in 2015

FOLLOW UP TO THE EU'S TRANSPARENCY PEER REVIEW

Review Action Plans from Member States (from April 2015) arising from the Peer Review exercise conducted in autumn 2014 and react as appropriate.

Monitor the de-regulatory impact of any State interventions vis-à-vis the profession at national level and develop an optimum regulatory position that **ACE** can promote.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS DIRECTIVE

Finalise and publish an **ACE** Transposition Guide to assist Member Organisations in their work, at national level, to optimise the implementation of the Professional Qualifications Directive.

Start preparing for the next quinquennial review of the Directive (2017) and resume work on accreditation.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

(Traineeship)

Refine and develop a more detailed definition and scope of Professional Practice Experience (Traineeship) and a clear, readable summary table showing the component parts (for all Member Organisations).

Publish research undertaken with ENACA and the Competent Authorities on this subject.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Continue to promote the development of CPD systems at national level that comply with the **ACE** Guidelines; develop its register of approved national CPD systems; and continue to encourage the mutual recognition of systems that are included in the **ACE** Register. It will also engage with other regional organisations (ARCASIA, AUA, FPAA) to promote mutual recognition on a wider basis.



CENTAR ZAMET.
Rijeka, Croatia.

Architect: Studio 3LHD.

Photo:
Damir Fabijanic, Domagoj Blazevic.

SCOPE OF SERVICES, LIABILITY & INSURANCE

Fees: - develop a policy position promoting cost information systems, adequate fees and transparency, for use at national level.

Insurance: - continue to develop its overview of the situation in the Member States regarding insurance and liability, paying particular attention to cross-border activities, as well as the identification and elimination of impediments to the provision of cross-border services.

The group will also respond to the ELIOS II recommendations from DG GROW, work in Business Services (identification of barriers to cross-border service provision) and monitor the COM's plans to conduct a survey on Building Permits and participate in "informed interviews".

The group's work will be closely coordinated with that of RQI, Trade in Services, Public Procurement and also the ACE's internationalisation programme.

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

The new Procurement Directive offers an opportunity to erase certain anomalies that exclude SMEs from markets. ACE will promote the Transposition Guidance and Recommendations published in 2014 to assist Member Organisations to make representations at national level.

ACE is particularly keen to encourage Member Organisations to avail of the opportunity to use the option under the Directive that excludes price only or cost as an award criteria for architectural services, and to lobby for the best possible access of young architects and small offices to public contracts. ACE will also lobby for procedures, at national level, that give priority to the architectural design contest and the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN COMPETITIONS

This is a core issue to help architects obtain work and promote high quality outcomes, requiring transposition of rules and best practice criteria. The work group will up-date the ACE website, including the 10 Recommendations, the Public Procurement matrix and the master document, develop detailed recommendations re: the new Directive and collate information on procedures in other countries.

TRADE IN SERVICES

In 2015, ACE expects to conclude its mutual recognition agreement with CALA (Canada), participate in on-going dialogue with NCARB (USA) facilitated by the European Commission and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and follow up the December 2014 EU-South Korea telephone conference to mark the anniversary of the Free Trade Agreement (cf. international Programme).

BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING – BIM

In view of growth of Building Information Modelling in various EU Member States, ACE will establish a work group to look at the legal, technical and financial issues surrounding the advent of BIM, develop its policy and engage with work to develop an European (CEN) standard.

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE, URBAN ISSUES AND HOUSING

The group will support the advocacy work of Member Organisations during the implementation and review, in the Member States, of the Energy Performance in Buildings Directive (re-cast) and the Energy Efficiency Directive.

The group will also respond to the EU's agenda to

- create a framework of indicators to assess the environmental performance of buildings;
- create a voluntary EU certification scheme for energy performance of non-residential buildings;
- implement and review the 2030 Framework for climate and energy policies;
- develop CEN standards for the assessment of the sustainability of construction works;
- consider the possibility of developing a Sustainable Buildings Directive; and
- involve itself in energy-related projects funded by EU Programmes.

The group will also prepare to address the quinquennial up-dating of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive.

Absorbing the work of the Urban Issues & Housing work group, the group will seek to

- develop a brochure on the contribution of the architectural profession to the urban dimension of the EU policy-making process (with special regards to the EU Cohesion Policy);



KODALY CONCERT CENTRE.
Pecs, Hungary.

Architect: Fialovszky Tamás, Hőnrich
Richárd, Keller Ferenc, Sólyom
Benedek.

- finalise position on Integrated Territorial Investment and Community Led Local Development;
- develop a position on the role of Heritage in Sustainable Urban Development;
- finalise policy position promoting the European Compact City model;
- develop an ACE Policy on Housing;
- draft set of Housing Quality indicators;
- undertake work on affordable housing, and access to finance;
- finalise a policy position on the role of architects in the renovation of existing buildings; and
- promote policy positions made in the 2014 Urban Issues brochure.

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

ACE will continue to maintain a Research & Innovation panel to evaluate requests to participate in EU-funded projects, advise on existing project work, disseminate the results of EU project work and deliver content for a EU CPD platform. It has already committed to join a consortium to work on the PROF. TRAC project, involving its Member Organisations in Italy, Slovenia, Denmark and Greece. It will also spread information on opportunities for architects and Member Organisations as and when it becomes available.

INITIATIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

ACE will start an initiative to enhance the role of the architectural profession in addressing the challenges posed by climate change, in particular its capacity to find climate change mitigation and adaptation solutions.

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMME

In 2015 a Graphic Identity Charter will be prepared in order to better define ACE's visual identity. A Communication Charter, gathering key communication principles for the Secretariat, the Board and Member Organisations, will also be prepared.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

This programme will explore, with DG GROW, ways in which to help our members – most of whom are SMEs - to compete globally for work.

To this end ACE will organise an International Export Briefing, with speakers from DG GROW and DG TRADE, and develop the international section of our website, to make available online information on international practice and export opportunities. It

will seek to provide practical assistance to members seeking work and engage with various international organisations e.g. UIA, ARCASIA, AUA and FPAA.

Trade in Services work (coordinated with PQD, RQI and SoS) will include the on-going monitoring of policy and strategy, the conclusion of a MRA with CALA (Canada), on-going talks with NCARB (USA) and the resumption of talks with KIRA (South Korea).

REGULATORY QUESTIONS & ISSUES

The RQI group will monitor the follow up to the Article 59 Transparency Review of the new Qualifications Directive and the review of article 15 (requirements to be evaluated) and 23 (insurance) of the Services in the Internal Market Directive.

It will also develop political arguments in favour of cost information systems and an understanding of key regulatory principles that can be used to defend the architect's future and propose a policy document (optimum regulatory position) to help Member Organisations to resist current de-regulatory pressures from the evaluations of the PQD/SIM Directives.

Finally, the group will develop a think-piece to illustrate the economic value of the architectural profession.

SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Working with the EAAE, this group will prepare a white paper setting out the joint objectives of ACE-EAAE collaboration and outline achievements to date and the political basis of the work.

They will continue work on the ERASMUS + project (Confronting Wicked Problems: adapting Architectural Education to the new situation in Europe) and to develop a Prize for best Diploma Project on the theme "Architect 2030".

FUTURE & STRATEGY

The Executive Board will establish a group to develop a longer-term Vision and Strategy for ACE, to provide a broader direction for annual business plans and work group activities. The group will review the current environment and post-recession landscape, apprise itself of opportunities for the profession and prepare to deal with challenges. It will determine the critical themes to be addressed on behalf of its stakeholders and determine the key objectives to be pursued by ACE in order to achieve its vision.



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Dorkovo, Bulgaria.

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Yavor Yordanov,
FOSO architecture & Interior,
Simeon Stoilov Studio

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ACE Structure

Governance, membership

The Architects' Council of Europe is an international, not-for-profit association composed of the national, architectural registration bodies and professional associations. It consists of

- General Assembly
- Executive Board
- Finance Committee
- work areas, configured around three themes and
- permanent Secretariat in Brussels.

The **General Assembly** is composed of Delegates from all Member Organisations. It is the sovereign body and meets twice a year to adopt **ACE** policies and budgets.

The function of the **Executive Board** is to execute policies formulated by the General Assembly and to ensure the proper administration of **ACE**. The Executive Board is composed of 11 Members, 6 of whom are elected by the General Assembly (including the President) for a two year term, with the balance consisting of 5 persons from the Member Organisations (nominated in accordance with an established rotation) also serving for a two-year term of office that alternates with the elections to ensure continuity from one Board to the next.

The **Finance Committee** advises the General Assembly and Executive Board on all matters relating to the financial management of the **ACE**. The Committee is composed of one representative from each EU Member State. Where countries have multiple Member Organisations, they determine, at national level, which member from that State will attend.

The **Work areas** contribute to the development of policy positions and are composed of expert nominees from the Member Organisations. Their work is the lifeblood of **ACE** and informs its policy positions and advocacy.

ACE's work is organised into three thematic areas:

- **Access** (Qualifications Directive, Regulatory Questions & Issues, Professional Practice Experience, Continuing Professional Development, Schools programme);
- **Practice** (Services in the Internal Market, Scope of Services, Public Procurement, Competitions, Trade in Services);
- **Responsible Architecture** (Environment & Sustainable Architecture, Urban Issues * Housing, Research & Innovation)

The **Secretariat's** main function is to support the governance structure of **ACE**, act the permanent interlocutor of the EU institutions and to support the advocacy work directed at them, on behalf of **ACE** and its members. It is responsible for procuring information on the EU institutions' work for dissemination to the Member Organisations, maintaining accounts and managing **ACE** affairs.

List of Member Organisations

AUSTRIA	Bundeskammer der Architekten und Ingenieurkonsulenten BAIK
BELGIUM	Conseil National de l'Ordre des Architectes CNOA Fédération Royale des Sociétés d'Architectes de Belgique FAB
BULGARIA	Chamber of Architects in Bulgaria CAB Union of Architects in Bulgaria UAB
CROATIA	Croatian Chamber of Architects CCA
CYPRUS	Cyprus Architects Association CAA
CZECH REPUBLIC	Czech Chamber of Architects CCA
DENMARK	Akademisk Arkitektforening AA Danish Association of Architectural Firms DA
ESTONIA	The Union of Estonian Architects UEA
FINLAND	Finnish Association of Architects SAFA
FRANCE	Conseil National de l'Ordre des Architectes CNOA Syndicat d'Architecture SA Union Nationale des Syndicats Français d'Architectes UNSFA
GERMANY	Bundesarchitektenkammer BAK Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA Bund Deutscher Baumeister Architekten und Ingenieure BDB Vereinigung Freischaffender Architekten VFA
GREECE	Association des Architectes Diplômés SADAS-PEA Chambre Technique de Grèce CTG
HUNGARY	Chamber of Hungarian Architects MEK
IRELAND	Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland RIAI
ITALY	Consiglio Nazionale degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori CNAPPC
LATVIA	The Latvia Association of Architects LAA
LITHUANIA	Architects Association of Lithuania AAL
LUXEMBOURG	Ordre des Architectes et des Ingénieurs Conseils du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg OAI
MALTA	Kamra tal-Periti KTP
NETHERLANDS	Bond van Nederlandse Architecten BNA Bureau Architectenregister BA
NORWAY	Association of Consulting Architects in Norway ACA Norske Arkitekters Landforbund NAL
PORTUGAL	Ordem Dos Arquitectos OA
ROMANIA	Architects' Chamber of Romania OAR
SLOVAKIA	Slovak Chamber of Architects SKA
SLOVENIA	Chamber of Architecture and Spatial Planning of Slovenia ZAPS
SPAIN	Consejo Superior de los Colegios de Arquitectos de España CSCAE
SWEDEN	Sveriges Arkitekter SA
SWITZERLAND	Conférence Suisse des Architectes CSA
TURKEY	Chamber of Architects of Turkey CAT
UNITED KINGDOM	Architect's Registration Board ARB Royal Institute of British Architects RIBA

Observer Members

SERBIA	Union of Architects of Serbia UAS
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Bratislava, Slovakia.

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