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ACE Sector Study 2010 Confirms Vibrant, Expanding Profession but Revenue Reduced Compared to 2008

The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)¹ has completed and published, with the assistance of Mirza & Nacey, its Sector Study 2010. It updates the first such Study that was run in 2008 and it provides concrete figures and statistics about the architectural profession in Europe. Just under 10,000 architects from 25 countries in Europe took part in the Study, which represents an increase of 25% over the participation in 2008. This ensures that the results are even more accurate and reliable. The Study was made possible thanks to the cooperation of the member organisations of the ACE and the commercial sponsorship that it received as part of its 20th Anniversary events in 2010.

The situation for architects is very diverse across Europe but the design of buildings remains the dominant activity for architects in Europe. The proportion of time devoted to this task has increased since 2008, up to 69% from 66%. It can also be seen that demand from developers and private companies has compensated for a reduced demand from individuals. The public sector did not, despite assurances at the height of the economic crisis, compensate for a reduced demand from the private sector over this period.

A further noticeable change since 2008 is the number of architects that report they live in a different country to the one in which they are registered. In fact the proportion has reduced from 7% in 2008 to just 3.4% in 2010. It seems that one could interpret this to mean that as a result of the economic crisis, many architects has returned to their home countries.

The architectural profession continues to feel the effects of the crisis. This can be seen through the high number of single person offices (it is now close to 50%). This is accompanied by an increase in the estimated number of fully qualified architects in Europe, up from 483,000 in 2008 to over 523,000 in 2010. The 2010 Sector Study of the ACE therefore stands out as a Study that gives a clear picture of the profession and how it is pursued in the different countries of Europe.

To download the 2010 Sector Study, go to the following address:

www.ace-cae.org/public/contents/index/category_id/228/language/en

Where you can choose to have the entire report, or the section that gives details on a country-by-country basis. For further information, contact Adrian Joyce, Director of the ACE at:

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¹ The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is the European organisation representing the architectural profession at European level with its headquarters and Secretariat located in Brussels. Its President for 2011 is Mrs. Selma Harrington from Ireland. Its growing membership consists of member organisations, which are the nationally representative regulatory and professional bodies of all European Union (EU) Member States, Accession States, Switzerland and Norway. Through them, it represents the interests of about 520,000 architects. The principal function of the ACE is to monitor developments at EU level, seeking to influence those areas of EU Policy and legislation that have an impact on architectural practice and on the overall quality and sustainability of the built environment.

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