

MANIFESTO OF THE ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS



Achieving sustainability in the built environment

ACHIEVING HIGH QUALITY ARCHITECTURE & BAUKULTUR

ACE CALLS ON THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TO:

- _ consider the quality of the built environment, European cultural heritage and high-quality architecture as being of public interest,
- _ regard the social and cultural value of architecture as a key lever for more cohesive societies, which helps European citizens to identify more strongly with their built environment,
- _ promote high quality architecture & Baukultur, and the specific nature of architectural services in EU policies for public procurement, service provision, professional qualification and climate change,

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S 2019-2022 WORK PLAN FOR CULTURE, ENSURE QUALITY BASED PROCUREMENT AND HIGHEST STANDARDS IN EDUCATION.

RE-THINKING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

ACE calls on the European Parliament to:

- _ consider the value of Architecture and the built environment as a driver for a sustainable future and for achieving the EU's climate change ambitions,
- _ realise that a sustainable built environment means taking holistic approaches and finding intelligent solutions for an appropriate use of resources,
- _ see decisions taken in the comparatively short planning process of the built environment as having long-term economic, social and environmental effects,

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE ADAPTIVE RE-USE OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS AND TAKE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF DISTRICTS, CITIES AND REGIONS IN EU POLICIES.

SECURING AFFORDABLE HOUSING OF HIGH QUALITY

ACE calls on the European Parliament to encourage the Member States to:

- _ promote sustainable housing based on inclusiveness and a social mix of inhabitants,
- _ maintain the quality of the housing stock in the longterm, apply the principles of circular economy and provide incentives and subsidies to ensure social quality and sustainable solutions,
- _ support peer learning for Local and Regional Authorities,
- _ provide corresponding public subsidies in an accessible and prompt manner.

IN ORDER TO ADDRESS, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HOUSING IN MANY PARTS OF THE EU.

EDUCATION & UP-SKILLING

ACE calls on the European Parliament to:

- _ support the alignment of levels of training in architecture with international standards, namely 5 years study plus 2 years practical experience,
- _ enhance international mobility and open markets for young professionals as a powerful means of achieving better European integration in the future,
- _ maintain automatic mutual recognition of professional diplomas without undermining the level of qualification,

IN ORDER TO PRESERVE HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION THROUGH THE QUALIFICATIONS DIRECTIVE.

THE ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE [ACE]

Its objectives are:

- _ to promote the importance and value of architecture and Baukultur throughout the EU;
- _ to support a sustainable built environment of the highest quality;
- _ to safeguard the highest standards of education & practice;
- _ to foster cross-border practice of Architecture;
- _ to act as the single voice for architects in Europe.

ACE IS AVAILABLE TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERTISE.

comprises 46 Member Organisations in 31 countries representing 575,000 architects. It is committed to support SMEs, secure the public interest, the common good and a sustainable built environment.