



**Conference**

# ***Adaptive Re-Use and Transition of the Built Heritage***

***Friday 23 November from 9h00 to 17h30***

***Leeuwarden (The Netherlands), Turfmarkt 11, De Kanselarij***

In the framework of the [European Year of Cultural Heritage \(EYCH\)](#), the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is organising on Friday 23 November in Leeuwarden (The Netherlands) a public conference on *Adaptive Re-Use and Transition of the Built Heritage*.

With the evolution of European societies, many places in our built environment (notably industrial, religious and military sites) have lost their original function. Through smart restoration, renovation or transformation these buildings and sites can find new, mixed or extended uses. As a result, their social, environmental and economic value can increase, while their cultural or historical significance is enhanced.

Responsibility for re-imagining our built environment and heritage is shared by many stakeholders: architects, town planners, public authorities, financial institutions, owners and other built and heritage professionals. This conference will be an opportunity to bring architects and stakeholders of the heritage sector together to discuss:

- the skills, knowledge and competences necessary for quality heritage interventions;
- the design challenges inherent to adaptive re-use and the relationships and dialogue between heritage elements and new architectural interventions;
- the importance of heritage in the definition of a territorial identity and its impacts on the attractiveness of places.

This event relates to the Commission's initiative on [Heritage in Transition](#) which aims to promote good practice and smart ways to transform Europe's industrial, religious and military heritage for new use(r)s. The conference will also aim to bring together the partners of the initiative to take stock of the lessons learned over the EYCH and discuss how to build on the momentum generated by the Year.

***The event will be web-streamed on the ACE Youtube Channel - Visit the ACE website ([www.ace-cae.eu](http://www.ace-cae.eu)) for more information***

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## PROGRAMME

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8h30 - 9h00 **REGISTRATION**

9h00 - 9h45 **OPENING**

- Welcoming Word by **Ferd CRONE**, Mayor of Leeuwarden
- Keynote Speech by **Xander VERMEULEN WINDSANT**, 2017 Winner of EU Prize for Contemporary Architecture – Mies van der Rohe Award

9h45 - 11h00 **SESSION 1: SKILLS AND COMPETENCES OF HERITAGE PROFESSIONALS**

The first session will aim to clarify key concepts (eg. heritage, conservation, adaptive re-use) and discuss the skills, knowledge and competences necessary for quality heritage interventions.

Speakers

- **Koenraad VAN CLEMPOEEL**, Professor at the Hasselt University, Director of the Master Course on Adaptive Re-Use
- **Tapani MUSTONEN**, Finnish architect, Member of the Europa Nostra Board
- **Prof. Wessel DE JONGE**, Dutch architect, Professor on Heritage & Design at the TU Delft

Moderator: **Eugen PANESCU**, Member of the ACE Executive Board

11h00 - 11h20

*Coffee Break*

11h20 - 13h15 **SESSION 2: FINDING A RE-USE THAT FITS - A DIALOGUE BETWEEN HERITAGE AND CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE**

The second session will aim to discuss the design challenges inherent to adaptive re-use projects and the relationships and dialogue between heritage elements and new architectural interventions.

Speakers

- **Nial McCULLOUGH**, McCullough Mulvin Architects
- **Oana BOGDAN**, Bogdan & Van Broeck Architects
- **Levente POLYAK**, Eutropean Platform
- **Jaanus JUSS**, founder and CEO of Telliskivi Creative City
- **Penne HANGELBROEK**, WEST8

Moderator: **Fred SCHOORL**, Director of the Royal Institute of Dutch Architects



13h15 - 14h15

*Lunch Break*

14h15 - 15h30 **SESSION 3: BUILT HERITAGE, IDENTITIES AND TERRITORIES**

The objective of the third session will be to discuss the relationships between metropolitan areas, smaller cities, and regions, in terms territorial positioning, and how heritage contributes to the territory ownership, the definition of a territorial identity and how this impacts on the attractiveness of places.

Speakers

- **Zeljka ZGAGA**, Policy Analyst in the EU Commission, DG Regional and Urban Development, Unit "Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development"
- **Babette WINTER**, Member of the EU Committee of the Regions (CoR), Rapporteur for the CoR opinion on *Cultural Heritage as a strategic resource for more cohesive and sustainable regions in the EU*
- **Oeds WESTERHOF**, Director for the European Capital of Culture in Leeuwarden

Moderator: **Georg PENDL**, ACE President

15h30 - 15h50

*Coffee Break*

15h50 - 17h10 **SESSION 4: WRAP UP OF THE EU COMMISSION'S "HERITAGE IN TRANSITION" INITIATIVE**

The fourth session of the day will bring together representatives from EU networks and partners of the initiative to take stock of the lessons learned over the EU Year of Cultural Heritage and discuss how to build on the momentum of the Year for future actions in this area.

Speakers

- **Lilian GROOTSWAGERS-THEUNS**, Future for Religious Heritage
- **Prof. Koen van BALEN**, Europa Nostra
- **Drs. Hildebrand DE BOER**, European Route of Industrial Heritage
- **Huibert CRIJNS**, European Federation of Fortified Sites
- **Georg PENDL**, Architects' Council of Europe

Moderator: **Hughes BECQUART**, EU Commission - DG Culture

17h10

**CONCLUSION**

- **Georg PENDL**, Presentation of the Leeuwarden Statement
- **Michel MAGNIER**, EU Commission - DG Culture, Director "Culture and Creativity"

