



To all ACE Member Organisations

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Council Work Plan for Culture 2019-2022

Dear colleagues,

Let me add some words to the information you find in the message.

Of course we were not the only ones to push for this, but we did by having a few meetings, in the Commission, with the Austrian Permanent Representation in Brussels, etc.

"*High-quality architecture and built environment for everyone*" is one of the 17 topics of the Council Work Plan for Culture. Through this, the EU has taken up the momentum created by the Swiss President with the Davos declaration, which is referred in the document as well.

There shall be an OMC group on High-quality Architecture with the aim to have a conference and possible Council conclusions.

This is a major step forward of recognizing architecture as a matter of cultural good and common interest.

Just lean back, relax and read the following quote pdf the document: "*The focus will be put on architecture as a discipline that encompasses the right balance between cultural, social, economic, environmental and technical aspects for the common good*".

Have you ever read such from the lips of a politically relevant body?

It is a major step getting us from the field of pure business and construction sector to the cultural field, the field of quality and the field of the common interest.

It is a first step, and we shall continue to work on this.

Best wishes

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