



*Public Conference*

## ***Perspectives: Young Architects Forum***

***Saturday 23 November from 9h00 to 17h00***

**Collegi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya (COAC)  
Plaça Nova 5, Barcelona**

Architecture remains a very attractive profession for the younger generations. According to the latest Sector Study, published by the Architects' Council of Europe, the number of architects in Europe is steadily growing and the profession is today relatively young: 30% of architects in Europe are aged under 40 and 15% have 5 years or less experience.

In a context of highly competitive markets, where business and professional practices are changing rapidly, young architects and architectural practices face many challenges and issues: getting work, participating in public procurement and design competitions, experiencing new forms of collaboration and new business models, working in other EU countries, exporting services internationally, continuing professional development, etc.

On 23 November, the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is organising a public conference in Barcelona that will bring together 12 young European architects (aged under 40) who will:

- Explain how they perceive the practice of the profession today (risks, opportunities, challenges, difficulties),
- Share experiences, good practice and innovative solutions for the creation and running of an architectural office and the practice of the profession,
- Present their visions/ expectations/ desires for the future of the profession,
- Express what they expect from the European Union to support the practice of the profession and achieve quality in the built environment.

***French-English interpretation will be provided (no Spanish interpretation)***

***The event will be web-streamed from the ACE website***



**8h45**                    **REGISTRATION & WELCOMING COFFEE**

**9h15**                    **WELCOMING**

- **Xavier MATILLA**, Head of Architecture and Urbanism, Barcelona City Hall
- **Assumpció PUIG**, Dean of the Colegio de Arquitectos de Cataluña (COAC)
- **Lluís COMERÓN**, President of the Consejo Superior de Colegios de Arquitectos de España (CSCAE)
- **Georg Pendl**, President of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)

**9h30**                    **KEYNOTE SPEECH** by **Kjetil Trædal THORSEN**, Snøhetta founding partner

**10h00**                    **SESSION 1**

*Presentations followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience*

- **Cristina GAMBOA MASDEVALL**, La Col (Spain)
- **Jan THEISSEN & Björn MARTENSON**, AMUNT (Germany)
- **Cristi BORCAN**, StudioBasar (Romania)
- **Walter PRENNER**, Columbusnext (Austria)

**11h30**

*COFFEE BREAK*

**12h00**                    **SESSION 2**

*Presentations followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience*

- **Sebastian SKOVSTED**, Johansen Skovsted Arkitekter (Denmark)
- **Jaufret BARROT**, Finalist 2016 Young Talent Architecture Award (France)
- **N'UNDO** (Spain)
- **Filipe MAGALHÃES**, Fala Atelier (Portugal)

**13h30**

*LUNCH BREAK*

**14h30**                    **LAUNCH OF THE 2020 EDITION OF THE YOUNG TALENT ARCHITECTURE AWARD (YTAA)** by **Anna RAMOS**, Director of the Fundació Mies van der Rohe

**14h40**                    **SESSION 3**

*Presentations followed by panel discussion and Q&A with the audience*

- **Erkko AARTI**, AOR (Finland)
- **Sofia DONA** (Greece)
- **Marieke KUMS**, Studio Maks (the Netherlands)
- **Tinatin GURGENIDZE**, Tbilisi Architecture Biennial (Georgia)
- **Enrico MUSCHELLA & Antonino CALIÒ**, WHOLE - Urban Regeneration (Italy)

**16h10**

*COFFEE BREAK*

**16h40**                    **PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

**16h45**                    **CONCLUDING REMARKS** by **Tamas SZUCS**, EU Commission – DG Education & Culture

**17h00**                    **END OF THE CONFERENCE**

Moderator: Joan Vitòria i Codina (El globus vermell)

