

CNOA– NROA - Conseil National Ordre des Architectes –  
Nationale Raad Orde van Architecten  
OA VR – Orde Van Architecten – Vlaamse Raad  
CFGOA – Conseil Francophone et Germanophone  
des Architectes de Belgique

FAB – Fédération des Sociétés d'Architectes d'Belgique  
ARIB – Architects In Brussels  
BVA – Beroepsvereniging voor Architectes  
UWA - Union Wallonne des Architectes

AABW – Association des Architectes du Brabant  
Wallon  
AMO – Architectenvereniging van Mechelen  
ARAC – Association Royal des Architectes de  
Charleroi  
ARAHO – Association Royale des Architectes du  
Hainaut Occidental  
ARALg – Association Royale des Architectes de  
Liège  
ARAN – Association Royale des Architectes de  
Namur  
KBKW – Koninklijke Bouwmeesterkring van  
West-Vlaanderen  
SRAVE – Société des Architectes de Verviers et  
Environs

UPA-BUA – Union Professionnelle d'Architectes –  
Beroepsunie van Architecten

NAV – Netwerk Architecten Vlaanderen

G 30 – Association d'architectes

AR-CO – Société Coopérative d'Assurance de la Construc-  
tion - Coöperatieve verzekeringsmaatschappij gespeciali-  
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UCLouvain – Faculté d'Architecture, d'Ingénierie architec-  
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**It is a question of urgency!**

**We are all culturally and socially  
responsible for space and  
environmental issues.**



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## Imagine,

Better quality of life thanks to higher quality of the spatial, urban and environmental elements,

Better worldwide awareness of our responsibility on human and natural disasters,

Better densified cities, increasing social, economic, cultural and functional diversity,

Better-thought mobility, increasing affordable public transports, reducing individual cars traffic,

Better recycling and circular economy, preserving resources and energy,

Better information and education concerning space and environment,

Better thinking global, acting local, now and for the future generations.

**For these expectations, citizens go on the streets, requiring new ideas and solutions!**

## As politicians and decisions makers, you can help if you:

Respect the [Davos Declaration signed](#) by numerous EU public authorities and professional organizations, developing a new European "Baukultur",

Contribute to the [EU Work Plan for Culture 2019-2022](#),

Give priority to the quality of buildings and public spaces in relation to financial profits,

Favor adaptive reuse of buildings by respectfully preserving and enhancing the values of the built heritage ([Leeuwarden Declaration](#)),

Include spatial and environmental courses in education programs,

Improve dissemination and exploitation of the many European research & innovation projects,

Consider architecture, urban and landscape design, as disciplines that encompass the right balance between cultural, social, economic, environmental and technical aspects for the common good,

Reduce land invasion by buildings and infrastructure, Increase density and compactness of built environment,

Guarantee the right to affordable housings for all.

## And why not :

In one Ministry: Environment, Mobility and Energy policies transversally tied together?

6% in place of 21% taxes on quality architecture, urban and landscape projects, taking account their social effects ?

Quality chambers as independent council between local, regional, national and European levels of decisions ?



## How could you achieve this ?

[Architects, engineers, urban and landscape designers do it for you!](#)

They create efficient built and unbuilt environments.

They procure synthetic visions for the society complex issues and expectations.

They use common sense as a responsibility for all, the poor, the weak, the forgotten, as well as for those who can pay for it.

## You can help with better regulations:

Clarify urban, environmental and administrative constraints.

Consider not only energy performances, but also global uses of a building in its lifetime.

Engage consultations with professionals when establishing normative and administrative regulations.

Harmonize the documents and tools imposed by these regulations.

Enlighten the hierarchy between the local, regional, national, and European regulations.

Quickly monitor the effects of these regulations.  
Improve public tendering regulations by effectively considering not only price but also other quality criteria.

Stimulate creative innovations focusing on social and environmental responsible objectives.

Help designers to achieve their intended objectives based on innovative alternatives.

Consider men and women professionals as equals,

Support young professional's access to the profession,

Organize well-thought & financially well-covered competitions for multidisciplinary services,

Improve project programming and conceptual conditions, for public and private projects,

Respect professional's rules on ethics, liability, and obligation to provide information and refer to an indicative tariff of services.

## You will also help your administrations:

Reinforce platforms of exchanges between citizens, professionals and authorities,

Improve administrative skills and speed up delivering authorizations,

Improve the digitalization of the administrative processes,

Reducing vulnerability of citizens by ensuring administrative transparency and accountability to avoid abuse of power,

Banning unfair competition between public bodies and the private sector,

Privilege quality criteria over financial, juridical and administrative criteria,

Create or reinforce independent assistance structures for public projects management.