

2025 Joint Conference

Architects + Engineers: Partnership for Resilient Design *Benchmarks for quality criteria in the living environment through New European Bauhaus*

15 May 2025, 9:00 – 17:00 CEST

European Convention Centre Luxembourg (ECCL)

Place de l'Europe 4, L - 1499 Luxembourg (Plenary 1, level 0)

In recent years, thanks in particular to the New European Bauhaus, there has been a growing political awareness of the positive contribution that a high-quality built environment can make to the common good.

The New European Bauhaus invites us collectively to reimagine our living spaces in order to make them more sustainable, inclusive and beautiful and to create enabling conditions for the green transition. It also promotes greater collaboration between stakeholders of the buildings and construction sector, rightly emphasising that a transdisciplinary approach is a prerequisite for high-quality places.

Intellectual services of architects and consulting engineers play a central role in the planning and design of our built environment – from buildings to public spaces and infrastructure. The services they provide therefore contribute significantly to the public interest.

The procurement phase is a critical time in the life cycle of a construction project. The choice of the procedure, its terms and conditions as well as the project brief have a significant impact on the design and construction works and the ultimate quality of what is built and the purposes it serves.

For the first time, the Order of Architects and Consulting Engineers in Luxembourg (OAI) and the pan-European organisations representing the architectural profession (ACE) and the consulting engineering companies (EFCA) and the chartered engineering professions (ECEC) are joining forces to organise a common conference that will aim to:

- showcase how the architectural and engineering professions create resilient design, in line with the New European Bauhaus ambitions;
- explore challenges they face and innovative tools that can support their collaboration;
- highlight the specificities of the procurement of design services and make concrete recommendations for the revision of the EU Public Procurement Directive, so that it can best support high-quality design in Europe.

The conference will be attended by around 300 professionals from the built environment from all over Europe, including high-level representatives from the OAI, ACE, EFCA and ECEC, as well as the European Commission and the Luxembourg Government.

Simultaneous English-French translation will be provided.

The conference is co-funded by the Creative Europe programme of the European Union.



Detailed conference programme, brief CVs of the speakers and the registration form : www.oai.lu/conferencelux

PROGRAMME

Moderator: Jacki DAVIS

Morning session (09:00 – 12:25)	
09:00 – 09:20	Welcome by the four Presidents
	Michelle FRIEDERICI, OAI President
	Ruth SCHAGEMANN, ACE President
	Inés FERGUSON VAZQUEZ DE PARGA, EFCA President
	Nina DRAŽIN LOVREC, ECEC President
09:20 – 09:30	Welcome by Dubravka ŠUICA, European Commission, Commissioner for the Mediterranean
09:30 – 10:00	Collaboration for the highest quality design 2 iconic collaborative projects in Luxembourg
	Lycée Michel RODANGE Mathieu NICOL, Architect, JIM CLEMES ASSOCIATES Schroeder & Associés - Felgen & Associés Engineering - Mersch Ingénieurs-Paysagistes
	POST Headquarters Helix Shahram AGAAJANI, Architect, METAFORM T6 – Ney & Partners - INCA, Ingénieurs-Conseils Associés - Goblet Lavandier & Associés
10:00 – 10:10	Interactive session – live poll/survey and instant results Collaboration – NEB - Procurement
10:10 – 10:25	“Maîtrise d’oeuvre OAI – MOAI.LU” Methodology and related standard contracts
	Corinne STEPHANY, Architect
	Jacques SEYWERT, Consulting Engineer
	Mike DUSSELDORF, Consulting Engineer

New European Bauhaus as a platform for collaborative, innovative and resilient design	
PANEL 1 Achieving resilient design through collaborative planning, involving all key parties	
10:25 – 11:05	Dominik SKOKANDIĆ, University of Civil Engineering, Zagreb
	Jeffrey SEECK, EFCA Future Trends Committee Chair
	Reto GMÜR, ACE Executive Board Member, ACE Think Tank Member
11:05 – 11:35	Coffee break
PANEL 2 Collaboration of partners via innovative, collaborative tools	
11:35 – 12:15	Gilles CHRISTNACH, CEO CRTI-B
	Diego ZOPPI, ACE Executive Board Member, Coordinator of the “Practice of the Profession” Area
	Ingrid ALVSÅKER, EFCA Digitalisation & BIM Committee Member
12:15 – 12:20	HouseEurope! Florian HERTWECK, Architect, Prof. MARCH Uni.lu
12:20 – 13:45	Lunch break (Foyer 1 , level 0)

Afternoon session (13:45 – 17:00)	
New European Bauhaus: inspiration for the revision of the Public Procurement Directive	
13:45 – 14:15	What do design partners want from the revision of the Public Procurement Directive? Common position ACE / EFCA / ECEC / OAI
	Quality/qualification based selection Pierre HURT, OAI CEO
	Valueapp.lu: Value Delivery - How to Calculate Time-Effort Transparently Sacha MENZ and Axel PAULUS, ETH-Zurich

New European Bauhaus as a driver for change in procurement practice

Panel 3

Application of best practice from the first 5 years of the New European Bauhaus, in the revision of the Directive

14:15 – 14:55	Lucia MARTINEZ LORENZO, EC, DG GROW, Public Procurement Unit
	Melanie WALDMANN, EFCA Working Group on Public Procurement Expert
	Katarina O'COFAIGH, ACE Public Procurement Work Group Chair
14:55 – 15:25	Coffee Break

Panel 4

Prioritising quality, innovation and resilience over price

15:25 – 15:35	French Law on Public Contracting (MOP) Fabien GANTOIS, CNOA France Vice-President
15:35 – 16:15	Nina DRAŽIN LOVREC, ECEC President
	Jaap DE KONING, EFCA Internal Market Committee Chair
	Carl BÄCKSTRAND, ACE Vice-President

Conclusions (16:15 – 17:00)

16:15 – 16:25	Architectural Policies in Europe Implementation of quality criteria in Luxembourg Eric THILL, Minister of Culture
16:25 – 17:00	Ruth SCHAGEMANN, ACE President
	Inés FERGUSON VAZQUEZ DE PARGA, EFCA President
	Nina DRAŽIN LOVREC, ECEC President
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Luxembourg Declaration on Public Procurement