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We need a rebirth of our Program for Architectural Policy

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The 14th edition of the Guide OAI Références, recently published, exquisitely reflects the current dynamics in the construction sector in this country.

In this book, architects, consulting engineers and the other OAI professional groups (urban planners, interior designers and landscape architects and engineers) present their diverse and creative solutions for our living environment.

However, there is still sometimes a lack of coherence, contextuality and, above all, clear priorities and values shared by all the actors involved, so that we can better and quickly address the acute crises - climate and housing.

That is why the OAI advocates a revival, or better yet, a rewriting of the Program for Architectural Policies signed by the government in 2004. This comprises 14 precise courses of action. Some points have already been implemented, others still need to follow.

The document is the result of cooperative negotiations between ministries, administrations and all actors from the Luxembourg construction industry (designers, handlers, entrepreneurs,...).

Especially now it is important to fundamentally rethink this process, after the COVID crisis has clearly brought out our existential problems. This once again after the COP26 in Glasgow, as well as the EU program New European Bauhaus.

This includes a resilient functioning of our living space on a social, ecological and economic basis. Above all, a true and courageous building culture that allows the sharing of common quality of life.

However, we must not overwhelm ourselves with useless rules, and we must not legally cover even the smallest risk 100 percent every time.

The courage and the incentive for creative action must remain.

Real and intelligent administrative simplification should finally be brought about. In addition, a well-thought-out Code de la Construction should be created coherently with clear priorities so that the work can continue.

Luxembourg should continue to be a pioneer, according to the motto: Design first, build smart!

More than ever, we need common goals, values and, above all, trust in objective knowledge from independent experts. We must also give them the means to fulfill their missions in all transparency.

The current crisis of confidence in scientific facts is very dangerous for peaceful coexistence.

Not only out of acute fear but with a clear and enlightened head we should be in solidarity and also act in this sense.

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⁽¹⁾ The program for Architectural Policy, approved by the Government on the 11th of June 2004, can be download in the Médiathèque on www.oai.lu.