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Bringing the " Nouveau Bauhaus Européen " initiative to life Announcement

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Let's all commit ourselves to fill this good and important declaration with life.

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Text

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On November 30, 2021, EU Culture Ministers adopted the conclusions on culture, quality architecture and sustainable habitat as key elements of the new European Bauhaus.

Here is a quote:

"Architecture and our built environment are expressions of the culture, way of life and values of the past as well as the present. They form the basis for our cultural heritage of tomorrow and help shape our societies and identities."

The OAI welcomes this wonderful declaration.

It is a call for a holistic, inclusive, interdisciplinary, high-quality, and long-term vision of our building culture and living together.

Now, unfortunately, we too often blissfully pursue too abstract theories instead of acting in a more connected and contextual way and, most importantly, incorporating the behaviour of citizens in the field.

Our intellectual inertia and lack of curiosity too often lead us to believe that simplifying realities, blocking out potential chaos, and our algorithmic models could be the panacea for our everyday lives.

It is incomprehensible why, after all the crises, we still believe that an exaggerated competition is better than a real and fair cooperation, and this at all levels - especially in the vital areas.

The complexity and the strong, exponential impact of the phenomena require far-sighted work on the ground, not virtual escape worlds.

Therefore, we need more free space and more quality and stability reserves for a real robust society that is not so vulnerable.

This EU declaration goes in the right direction and aims at a high-quality architecture and a resilient living environment for all of us.

The European Council also states: "Architects, engineers and urban planners play a central role in all phases of the development of a quality living environment. They make an essential contribution to the common good by considering the territorial diversity and the needs of civil society.

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(1) <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-14534-2021-INIT/fr/pdf>