

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)



ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DES ARCHITECTES D'EUROPE

BETWEEN

ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE (CAE)

And

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PORTUGUESE SPEAKING ARCHITECTS (CIALP)

CAE (Architects' Council of Europe) is a non-profit organization founded in Treviso (Italy) on 11 May 1990 by the merger of the former Liaison Committee of the Architects of the United Europe (CLAEU) and the former Council of European Architects (CEA).

Since then its governance has steadily evolved in order to achieve its aims and objectives. The working structure of the ACE is devised in such a way that it maintains and ensures a high level of effectiveness within the realm of European architectural and professional policy.

CIALP (International Council of The Portuguese Speaking Architects) is a membership international organization for professional bodies representing architects from Portuguese Speaking countries, territories and regions. Officially formed in 2009 it has been working for more than 20th years in strengthening the institutional relations and architectural knowledge between its members. Currently CIALP has 9 members.

WHEREAS the **International Council of The Portuguese Speaking Architects**, hereinafter called **CIALP**, and the **ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE**, hereinafter called **CAE**, having regard to the long standing ties that exist between their members and institutes, mindful of the importance of the roles of the respective organizations and convinced of the necessity and desire to reinforce the cooperation between them;

- WHEREAS both **CIALP** and **CAE** recognize the importance of working towards a more coherent and efficient rationalization of resources;
- WHEREAS **CIALP** is the Body that represents the architectural profession in Portuguese Speaking countries, territories and regions;

- WHEREAS **CAE** is the Body that represents the architectural profession in Europe;
- WHEREAS both Organizations enjoy their own statutes, bylaws, procedures and also their full independence;
- WHEREAS both Organizations are dealing with similar issues from different perspectives and with different legal frameworks;
- NOW THEREFORE, convinced that the reinforced cooperation described in this Memorandum of Understanding will help to consolidate actions and efforts towards addressing mutual concerns and interests pertaining to architecture, architectural heritage, education, research, professional mobility, environmental issues, professional development and professional practice, among others;
- LIKEWISE, confident that this cooperation will also help to promote harmonious coordination between the **CIALP** and the **CAE**, in relation to their respective decisions and actions and;
- FURTHERMORE, with full knowledge of the various work areas in which such a rationalization can be sought and being aware of the mutual benefit that can result for each of the two Organizations in adopting an approach that allows for better working synergies;

THE TWO ORGANISATIONS NOW AGREE THE FOLLOWING

1. To rationalize the resources of the Parties in pertinent activities at all levels;
2. To seek possibilities of recognition of educational qualifications for the practice of architecture in each other's countries and territories.
3. To reinforce the capacity for action of the Parties towards third parties;
4. To explore opportunities for joint positions and/or joint actions of the Parties towards third parties;
5. To cooperate in lobbying activities, if and when appropriate;

6. To invite and encourage reciprocal representation at their respective working bodies;
7. To share information of mutual interest;
8. To promote high educational standards for the architectural profession;
9. To promote common Continued Professional Development initiatives;
10. And finally, to undertake to establish and concretely define a closer cooperation between the Parties at political, technical and working levels.

This MOU has a duration of three years, counted from the date hereof and shall be automatically renewed for equal periods, and may be abolished by either signatories with at least 120 days of notice of the expiry date and cannot however, compromising programs, projects and ongoing activities, unless by agreement.

This MOU is at-will and may be modified by mutual consent of authorised officials from either party. This MOU shall become effective upon signature by the authorised officials from either party and will remain in effect until modified or terminated by any one of the partners by mutual consent. In the absence of mutual agreement by the authorised officials from any party, this MOU shall end immediately after a period of 48 months' inactive status.

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On behalf of the organization I represent, I wish to sign this MOU and contribute to its further development.



Date: _____

(Authorised signature)

Luciano Lazzari, President, ARCHITECTS' COUNCIL OF EUROPE (CAE)



Date: _____

(Authorised signature)

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