

## **Confronting Wicked Problems: Adapting Architectural Education to the New Situation in Europe**

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The project is coordinated by the Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO).

The project's point of departure is the acknowledgement that architecture as an education, a discipline, and a profession has to redefine and release its potential for problem-solving and innovation within a new economic and societal context. This new normal implies that the knowledge basis, teaching methods, and role models transferred in architectural education have to be adapted to a new reality. There is a strong demand for diversification both in architectural education and in practice. Generally the project raises the question of how to teach architecture today in Europe, and especially how curriculum and teaching should be adapted to the new societal and professional situation. The project aims at strengthening the architectural graduates' ability to face this new normal and thus at improving their social impact and employability.

### **Think tank model**

The project identifies three subtopics, or wicked problems, that will undergo investigation: (1) Teaching Architectural Design and Professional Knowledge (TADPK), (2) Sustainability and (3) Heritage.

Three separate think tanks are set up to deal with each wicked problem. Think tanks have the following configuration:

#### **Sustainability:**

- Faculty of Architecture at Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment at Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism in Bucuresti, Romania
- EAAE
- ACE

#### **Heritage:**

- CTU Faculty of Architecture in Prague, Czech Republic
- **Department DSA of Sciences for Architecture (Polytechnic School) at Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy**
- Faculty of Architecture and Arts, Hasselt University, Belgium
- EAAE
- ACE

#### **Teaching Architectural Design and Professional Knowledge (TADPK)**

- Escola Tècnica Superior d'Arquitectura de Barcelona at Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain
- Oslo School of Architecture and Design, Norway
- EAAE
- ACE