

## STATEMENT

The Architecture & Society Thematic Area of the Architects Council of Europe (ACE-CAE)<sup>1</sup>, met in Santiago de Compostela, Spain on 22-23 June 2007 at the invitation of the Minister of Housing and Land Use of the region of Galicia to discuss and coordinate its workgroup topics of Housing, Research, Urban Issues, Environment and Sustainable Architecture.

This meeting was a joint workshop with CECODHAS<sup>2</sup> and URBACT Hous-Es Network<sup>3</sup> as well as the President of the Spanish Council of Architects CSCAE. It took place in the context of current policy developments at EU level in the area considered, in particular the Leipzig Charter and the participants concluded with the following statements:

1. To promote the development and adoption of policy measures on quality standards of the European Habitat, calling for the universal right for adequate housing and for an environment that promotes social cohesion with high quality community spaces.
2. To maintain and enhance the quality of the European urban and rural landscape as a cultural asset, to protect its heritage and to promote the value of identity and a sense of place.
3. To recognise the essential contribution that cities should make to this agenda in collaboration with national and regional government bodies, citizens and concerned professionals.
4. To recognise the value of taking holistic approaches to developing solutions which incorporate the principles of low energy sustainable design.

### List of participants:

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<sup>1</sup> The Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) is the professional representative organisation of the architectural profession in Europe. It has 44 Members who are the representative and regulatory architectural bodies from all of the EU Member States, the Accession States and Norway and Switzerland. It therefore represents, through its Members, about 450,000 architects across Europe. [www.ace-cae.org](http://www.ace-cae.org)

<sup>2</sup> CECODHAS is the European network for the promotion of the right to decent housing for all. In its membership CECODHAS has 46 regional and national federations which together represent over 39.000 public, voluntary and cooperative social housing enterprises in 19 countries. Together they provide over 21 million homes across the European Union. [www.cecodhas.org](http://www.cecodhas.org)

<sup>3</sup> [www.urbact.eu/hous-es](http://www.urbact.eu/hous-es)