



## **The Government of Catalonia starts the process for the new Architecture Law**

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On Tuesday 3 December, the Executive Council approved the report prior to processing the draft law for the new Architecture Act, with the aim of getting the new legal text passed by the end of 2014.

The overall objective is to highlight public interest in architecture, ensuring its preservation as a cultural and social asset, and distinguishing it as an essential means of guaranteeing social cohesion and people's wellbeing by setting quality objectives for all kinds of projects.

The Association has played a key role in pushing through this law, which was announced by the Minister for Territory and Sustainability, Santi Vila, at our headquarters last July. Furthermore, the COAC will be actively involved in the whole process of drafting the law.

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**The COAC wins  
plaudits for its  
international  
outreach**

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The award was given in recognition of the COAC's efforts to internationalize Catalan architects.

The awards ceremony was held on Tuesday 3 December in the Plenary Room of the Senate in Madrid and was attended by HRH Felipe, Prince of Asturias, the Minister for Public Works, Ana Pastor, the President of the Senate, Pío García Escudero, and the President of the CSCAE, Jordi Ludevid.

The award distinguishes the almost two decades during which the COAC has striven to foster, promote and facilitate the internationalization of its architects. It gives particular recognition to the ArqCatMón project, which the Association organized in 2005 and which, coordinated by Jordi Farrando, helped Catalan architecture to win increased recognition beyond our borders

through a magnificent exhibition staged in Istanbul featuring more than 500 international projects designed by 242 Catalan architects.

During the ceremony, Ana Pastor, the Minister for Public Works, highlighted COAC's 'constant and invaluable backing and support, which is so necessary if we are to be successful abroad', referring to the recent creation of COAC's Correspondent Network abroad, a collaborative network of member architects who work outside Catalonia and can currently be found in 23 cities on five continents.

The Spanish International Architecture Awards are sponsored by the Spanish Architecture Forum, which includes the Higher Council of Architects' Associations of Spain (CSCAE), architects' associations and architectural schools and foundations, and are aimed at disseminating the excellence of its architects and urban planners in the international sphere.

The CSCAE awarded its 2013 Medal to the former Minister for Public Works, Rafael Arias Salgado, and architect Jaume Duró.

This first edition of the award included five categories: Award for Architecture (the new Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam), Award for an International Tender Project (Gösta Museum of the Serlachius Foundation in Finland, by MXSI Mara Partida, Boris Bezan and Héctor Mendoza), Award for Associated Spanish Company (Constructora San José), Young Architect's Award for an International Project (Centre Léonce Georges by Pilar Calderón and Marc Folch) and the Support for Internationalization Award, which was won by the COAC.

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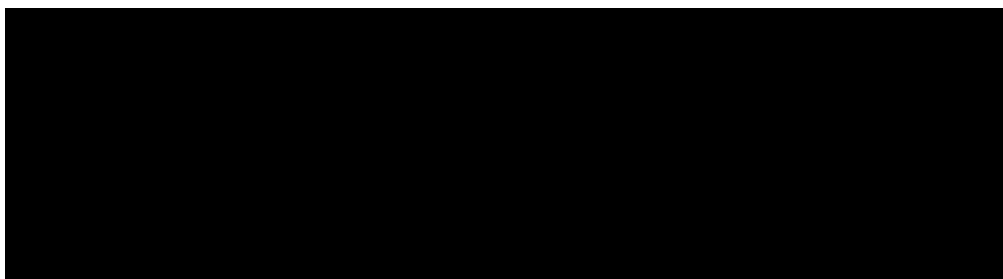


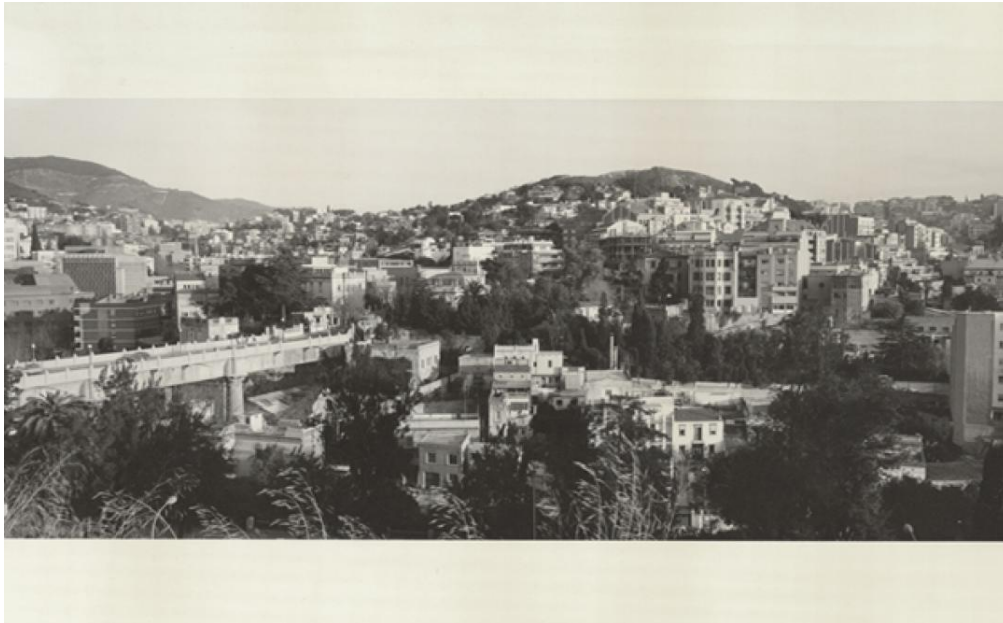
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The Articles of the Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya govern its rules of organization and operation as well as the rights and responsibilities of the architects member.

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