

EDAP MEETING | Cyprus, 6 May

CONTRIBUTION TO THE EU WORK PLAN FOR CULTURE 2027–2030

High-quality living environment for everyone

Under the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the European Directors of Architectural Policies (EDAP) met in Nicosia on 6 May 2026 to reflect on the future contribution of architecture and high-quality Baukultur to the European project and to explore avenues for strengthened cooperation at European level.

Building on the work of the OMC Group of Member State Experts on high-quality architecture and living environments (2021), the Council Conclusions on culture, high-quality architecture and built environment as key elements of the New European Bauhaus initiative (2021), [the Council Recommendation on the New European Bauhaus](#) and the implementation of the current Work Plan for Culture 2023–2026, it was reaffirmed that high-quality architecture and living environments are essential components of Europe’s cultural, social, environmental and democratic future.

The meeting highlighted the growing recognition across Member States that architecture and Baukultur policies contribute not only to cultural objectives, but also to climate resilience, public realm, affordable and quality housing, social inclusion, public health, territorial cohesion and sustainable development. In this context, the New European Bauhaus, together with the Davos Process and the Davos Baukultur Alliance, continues to provide important European frameworks linking sustainability, aesthetics, inclusion and high-quality Baukultur.

The importance of strengthening a shared European culture of architecture and through strong public policies, peer-learning and interdisciplinary cooperation was underlined.

During the meeting, there was broad support for ensuring that the future EU Work Plan for Culture 2027–2030 includes appropriate references on high quality living environments and the role of architecture and Baukultur polices as well as on EDAP, enabling it to continue its work as an informal European network for exchange, peer-learning and policy dialogue, among Member States, European institutions and relevant stakeholders.

Investing in high-quality living environments was recognised as not only a cultural ambition, but also a strategic investment in Europe’s resilience, sustainability, competitiveness and democratic quality of life.