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On-going consultations

Consultation on the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)

This public survey is about the negotiation and conclusion of a pluri-lateral agreement on trade in services between the EU and 21 WTO-members, namely Australia, Canada, Chile, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Hong Kong China, Iceland, Israel, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Pakistan, Peru, Switzerland, Turkey and the USA. More information and the online consultation can be found on the [Commission website](#). Consultation open until **6 September 2013**.

Consultation on additional categories for a revised draft General Block Exemption Regulation on state aid measures ('GBER II')

The adoption by the Council of Ministers of the revision of Council Regulation (EC) No 994/98 in July 2013, creates the legal basis for future block exemptions in new categories, *inter alia* in innovation and in culture and heritage conservation. This public consultation addresses the compatibility criteria for those new categories. More information and the online consultation can be found on the [Commission website](#). Consultation open until **10 September 2013**.

Consultation on Sustainable Buildings

The consultation asks citizens, businesses, NGOs and public authorities for ideas on how to reduce the impacts of the construction sector, make buildings more sustainable and create green opportunities for businesses. The European Commission wants to gather views and additional information on the possible introduction of EU wide measures to achieve better environmental performance of buildings. Resource use and related environmental impacts throughout the life-cycle of buildings are part of the scope. More information and the online consultation can be found on the [Commission website](#). Consultation open until **1 October 2013**.

Thank you for keeping the ACE Secretariat informed if you respond to one of these consultations

Competitions

Urban regeneration of the block Aurifícia Porto (Portugal)

The Portuguese Council of Architects – Northern Chapter launched an international competition on the *Urban regeneration of the block Aurifícia Porto*. This international competition, commissioned by the architects Manuel Fernandes de Sá and Alberto Cuchí, aims to contribute to the reflexion on practices in urban regeneration, interdisciplinary dialogue and critical thought, proposing operational strategies to this specific area of Porto. Competitors are challenged to present ideas to enhance and stimulate new living

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and civic appropriation systems, encouraging the emergence of new activities, promoting the revival of old usages and enhancing the creation of new jobs, taking into consideration the existing built environment. Deadline for submissions: **18 September 2013**. More information at www.norte41.org, http://www.concursosoasrn.com/concurso_EN.asp?id=22, and www.oasrn.org.

Establishment of Baltic Sea Art Park in Pärnu (Estonia)

The Museum of New Art, in cooperation with the Union of Estonian Architects and Pärnu City Government, announced an international architectural competition to establish the Baltic Sea Art Park in Pärnu. The objective of the competition is to find the best vision, in terms of architecture and planning, to further develop the art park of the Baltic Sea countries. Deadline for submissions: **10 October 2013**. More information at www.mona.ee and http://www.arhliit.ee/english/competitions/domestic/art_park.

UIA Durban 2014 – Call for papers

UIA 2014 Durban invites practitioners, academics, designers and students from all disciplines involved with city making to contribute to a unique debate on human settlements and the evolution of cities. The Congress theme, "*Architecture elsewhere*", will celebrate diversity by exploring other communities, other regions, other disciplines, and other ways of thinking about, practising and teaching in the built environment. The intention is to acknowledge the built environment as a major force that may be harnessed towards a better life for all – through the sub-themes *Resilience*, *Ecology* and *Values*. Abstract submission deadline: **31 October 2013**. More information at: http://www.uia2014durban.org/inside_the_event.htm

LESS competition – Low Energy Solutions for Shops

The Valencian Institute of Building (IVE) and the CONSUM cooperative, are launching an international competition to support innovative solutions aimed at improving stores' energy performance. The point of the competition is to develop innovative products, technologies or services whose implementation in stores will lead to enhanced energy performance and therefore a reduction of the CO₂ emissions. Deadline for submission: **6 October 2013**. More information at: www.lesscompetition.com.

Events

International conference on Sustainable Buildings – 25-28 September 2013, Graz (Austria)

The "SB13 Graz" is an international conference in the domain of sustainable buildings, which was started more than ten years ago by the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) and the International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment (iiSBE). That series of conferences is also part of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). More information at: <http://www.sb13.org>.

"Your ideas can change Europe" – Single Market Month – 23 September to 23 October 2013

The European Union is organising the Single Market Month – a month of online debates between individuals, businesses, organisations, policy-makers and EU leaders to discuss ideas to improve the EU Single Market. The first week 1, from 23 to 27 September on "*how to find work, set up a business or get your qualification recognised in Europe*" is of most direct concern to ACE. This event is particularly likely to suit those Member Organisations with a federal or regional structure. Please pass on this information to your regional bodies. Find more information on <http://www.yourideasforeurope.eu>.

Thank you for keeping the ACE Secretariat informed of any action you or your regional bodies might take.