

Research Academy (RA)

MISSION

- Collecting, exchange and dissemination of knowledge and experience on architectural research;
- Mutual inspiration through good-practices and thought-provoking concepts;
- Monitoring developments.

INITIAL FOCUS on DOCTORAL EDUCATION

- Monitoring developments in doctoral education;
- Collecting, mapping, initiating and discussing;
- Training of supervisors.

AS A THINK-TANK

- Articulation and promotion of common concerns and interests on research developments;
- Reflection upon and responding to topical issues, revealing and underpinning possible positions;
- Lobbying to EC and other relevant organisations;
- Putting research on the agenda of the meetings with ACE.

Research Academy

We invite members of the Research Academy to work with us on a project to:

- Exchange experiences and best practice
- Stimulate developments in research
- Discuss the role of research in the schools
- Map publishing possibilities
- Lobby towards funding organisations
- Support in establishing top level 3rd cycle education

RA: Periodicals Database

Make the data of periodicals visible;

Maintaining a constant and updated mapping of architectural publications and publicizing the overview of research assessment;

This subproject proposes these objectives, in continuity with the work started by the Periodicals Working Group:

- to update current periodicals database;

- to collect information about architectural research assessment;

- to increase visibility of data.

RA: Research Education

Research education is linked to the third cycle of education as envisioned in the Bologna Declaration (1999). Since then, Schools of Architecture have been substantially investing in research and most schools have established a doctoral programme. After this period it is logical to exchange experiences, context and reflect on what happened:

- How is PhD education structured?
- How is it linked to the bachelor and master education?
- How many PhD students are there in Architecture?
- What is the role of PhD education in the schools of architecture?
- What are the experiences in supervising PhD candidates?
- What can we learn from each other? What can be improved?
- Etc.

Within the Research Academy we intend to facilitate the map the current situation, to exchange experiences and knowledge as well as to establish a subnetwork for supervisors.

RA: Upcoming Activities

13-14 October 2016: University of Ljubljana

- During the first meeting we intend to focus on PhD education and the periodicals database
- Activities will include an exchange on PhD education and the development of a questionnaire to map the situation in Europe
- Discuss Periodicals database (exchange of experiences and discuss future actions)

9-10 January 2017: TU Prague

- Discuss the outcome of the mapping of PhD education in Europe; what can be concluded; which actions to take? A position paper?
- Advocacy: how to develop an advocacy tool? Which organisations and people to target?

8-9-10 April 2017: KU Leuven, Sint-Lucas Brussels

- CA²RE (Conference for architectural and artistic research) will be a conference in collaboration with the ARENA Network and ELIA and will give the forum to PhD candidates; they present/exhibit and their work will be discussed by senior researchers.
- Exchange of experiences of supervisors; senior researchers will be asked to reflect on their supervision experience as well as on their experience during the event on 8-9 April. It will be the possible start of network of supervisors