

# European Forum for Architectural Policies

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### architecture & sustainable development

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## press release

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Christine Albanel, Minister of Culture and Communication, is pleased to announce the forthcoming conference of the European Forum for Architectural Policies to be held in Bordeaux on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008 on the theme of "Architecture and sustainable development". Part of the official programme of the French Presidency of the EU, this event, launched on the initiative and under the aegis of the French Culture and Communication Ministry, is being organized by arc en rêve, centre d'architecture in collaboration with the association of the European Forum for Architectural Policies and in partnership with the City of Bordeaux and the Communauté Urbaine de Bordeaux. Open to professionals from across Europe, the event aims to provide a dynamic forum where skills and experiences can be exchanged in the field of sustainable architecture.

Sustainable development is likely to bring profound changes to city planning and architecture. While safeguarding our planet's future is a goal to which all Europe aspires, the transformations this will imply should be actively controlled and not just endured. How does this apply to architecture and urban design? Environmental awareness should not mean that technical solutions govern the way we conceive our lifestyle. What does building 'sustainably' actually mean? Should we be reasoning in terms of frugality and limited growth?

Architecture as a creative driving force involves economic, political, social and cultural choices. In the age of sustainable development, how can we rethink our metropolitan areas? How can architecture reach beyond standardised norms? How should we choose programmes and projects? And for what purposes?

Architects, landscape designers, clients, critics and researchers will be joining us to fuel our discussions. The workshops, conferences and meetings with professionals will be held in the Entrepôt, providing a unique visual backdrop for the occasion.

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On 9<sup>th</sup> October, English philosopher John Thackara will give a keynote speech. Then, three consecutive workshops will be held on the following themes – 'Conceiving metropolitan territories – from expansion to densification' ; 'Building Sustainably – changing views of urban projects and architecture' ; and 'Building Alternatively – the norms that rule the game'.

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On 10<sup>th</sup> October the day will begin with fieldtrips to sites in and around Bordeaux followed by discussion sessions. The conference will end with a roundtable taking as its theme 'What can and should architecture be doing in the age of sustainable development?'

**At the end of the conference, the Forum will adopt a text which will be sent to the institutions of the EU with a view to reinforcing the role of architecture as a vector in making Europe's towns appealing places to live, offering their inhabitants a rich and diverse cultural environment.**

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\* The European Forum for Architectural Policies, created in Paris in July 2000, is a network of experts including institutional and professional representatives from the EU member states. It aims to foster the exchange of ideas and experiences relating to the promotion of architectural policies, with a view to improving the quality of buildings, of city and countryside planning, and of the living environment as a whole, both locally and Europe-wide.



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