

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE BALKANS

1.

This Memorandum specifies the joining of regional schools of architecture led by the Faculties of Architecture in Belgrade, Podgorica and Banja Luka to form the Association of Schools of Architecture in the Balkans.

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The Association of Schools of Architecture in the Balkans (ASAB) is open for networking with other Balkan-based architecture schools as well as those outside the Balkans and their joining in the capacity of associate members.

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The highest body of ASAB is the Council consisting of the deans of the member institutions. The Council has a chair, a secretary and expert commissions which are formed as needed.

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This Memorandum is based on the Bologna Declaration, which promotes student mobility and compatibility of studies. ASAB's mission is to promote the Bologna process through scientific and technical cooperation between the member institutions.

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The scientific cooperation between ASAB members will include:

- participation in research
- exchange of faculty members
- exchange of research and study books and materials and their digital reproduction/multiplication
- appointment of expert commissions
- appointment of doctoral mentors and co-mentors
- appointment of commissions for the defense of doctoral dissertations
- establishment of an international journal
- other scientific cooperation in accordance with this Memorandum

6.

The technical cooperation between ASAB members will include:

- participation in national and international projects and competitions
- development of 1st, 2nd and 3rd cycle study programmes
- teaching
- doctoral studies
- review commissions for a range of related professional activities
- coordinated approach to other expert/professional groups and universities
- other technical cooperation in accordance with this Memorandum

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ASAB's first project towards implementing its scientific and technical cooperation will be the organisation of doctoral studies in architecture at the Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering in Banja Luka jointly with the Faculty of Architecture in Belgrade and the Faculty of Architecture in Podgorica.

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This Memorandum is concluded for an indefinite period.

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This Memorandum can be supplemented with written statements of acceptance by all new full and associate members.

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This Memorandum will not be altered or supplemented in writing without the prior consent of all ASAB members.

11.

This Memorandum is made in 6 (six) copies and each ASAB founding member will receive 2 (two) of the copies.

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