

The Policy On Architecture Of The Czech Republic /

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC,

whose objective is to improve the quality of living conditions for its citizens, particularly regarding the provisions of

- Article 7 of the Constitution of the Czech Republic,
- Article 35 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Basic Freedoms,
- Act no. 183/2006 Coll. on Land-Use Planning and Building Code (Building Act),
- Act no. 360/1992 Coll. on the Professional Practice of Certified Architects and on the Professional Practice of Certified Engineers and Technicians Active in Construction, as amended,
- Act no. 17/1992 Coll., on the Environment, as amended,
- Act no. 114/1992 Coll., on the Protection of Nature and Landscape, as amended,
- Act no. 20/1987 Coll., on National Heritage Care, as amended,

while taking into account the provisions of the Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications, and on the basis of the EU Council Resolution 2001/C 73/04 on architectural quality in urban and rural environments and on the basis of the EU Council Conclusions 2008/C 319/05 on architecture: culture's contribution to sustainable development,

and taking into account other international Treaties adopted by the Czech Republic which thereby committed to fulfil obligations under these Covenants,

CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT

the space of the Czech Republic is co-created by architecture, landscape and segments of nature in urban and rural environment;

the urban environment of towns and countryside quality is determined especially by the quality of its architecture including urban planning;

the architecture quality including urban planning and landscape management is the basic and immediately perceived indicator of cultural and civilisation advancement of our country;

the architecture quality influences significantly and continuously attitudes and behaviour of every citizen as well as of the whole society in all fields of human activity, particularly in the social and economic ones;

the architecture quality implicates fundamentally the way how the world community perceives our state and thereby directly determines conditions of economic and social assertion in the globalised world;

quality architecture is a significant tool for provision of sustainable, economical and harmonic development of settlement friendly to

the environmental quality and influencing the landscape and nature conditions;

quality architecture manifests creative potential of citizens and creates a unique ethic and aesthetic legacy from the present generation to future generations;

architectural creation is concurrently intellectual, economic, cultural, artistic and professional activity which concerns all social fields;

systematic architectural creation is a professional service to the society having particularly economic and cultural nature;

well set-up conditions for architectural creation have positive influence on aesthetic and economic quality of development and, subsequently, on the whole economy;

architectural competitions are highly transparent, quality emphasizing and also economical way of public architectural or urban planning procurements;

COMMITTS

I. to support development of quality architecture including urban planning in urban and rural environments,

II. to increase public awareness of significance of architecture including urban planning for life quality,

by systematic influence upon the following fields of

upbringing and education

1. through support to urban planning and architectural themes, particularly to themes focusing on harmony between architectural activity including urban planning and values of cultural landscape, on generation of sustainable urban environment and architecture and on their understanding within the system of pre-school, elementary, secondary, post-secondary and other education;

2. through support to themes concerning questions of balanced share of and harmonic relationship between the new architectural creation and protection of architectural heritage in the system of pre-school, elementary, secondary, post-secondary and other education;

3. through establishment of much more efficient model of the state support to the field of professional education, science and research in the field of urban planning, architecture and landscape management at universities and similar educational institutions, particularly at architecture-oriented faculties;

4. through support to cooperation between state and self-administered institutions and architecture-oriented universities or similar educational institutions and professional institutions in the field of urban planning, architecture and landscape management and support to development of the system of professional training for state and local administration servants participating in decision-making processes in the field of urban planning and architecture;

5. through support to form suitable conditions for development of the system of lifelong education of architects, urban planners, landscape architects and engineers in cooperation with professional organisations and architecture-oriented universities and similar educational institutions;

6. through encouraging architecture-oriented universities and similar educational institutions to carry out architectural courses for as broad as possible public;

7. through encouraging architecture-oriented universities and similar educational institutions to carry out programmes for lifelong education of professional public;

public development

1. through preferring sustainable, economical and also quality emphasizing urban and architectural solutions in construction and setting up such conditions and assessing criteria, which would emphasize such properties, particularly in the public procurement process;

2. through setting up and provision of conditions and criteria of drawing on funds from public budgets or EU funds which prefer sustainable, economical and also quality emphasizing urban and architectural solutions for purposes of public and private constructions;

3. through preferring and organising architectural competitions as transparent, quality emphasizing and economical way of public architectural and urban planning procurement or procurement of PPP projects;

4. through focusing on influence of laws, by-laws and methodical guidelines under preparation on quality of urban and rural environment, architecture, urban and landscape planning, maintaining wealth and diversity of architectural and urban heritage as well as natural and landscape heritage and legacy for next generations while maintaining vivid character and development of urban environment and architecture;

5. through encouraging all state administration authorities to prefer sustainable, economical and also quality emphasizing urban and architectural solutions in the course of the public procurement process or the procurement process of PPP projects, particularly concerning results of architectural competitions;

6. through encouraging all state administration authorities to lean upon opinions of qualified experts while making decisions influencing quality of architecture, urban planning and landscape in urban and rural environment;

7. through encouraging all state administration authorities to focus on influence of generally binding decrees and orders to be adopted on quality of urban and rural environment, architecture, urban and landscape planning, maintaining wealth and diversity of architectural and urban heritage as well as natural and landscape heritage and legacy for next generations while maintaining vivid character and development of urban environment and architecture;

general support of architectural quality in urban and rural environments

1. through active promoting of architecture within the programmes supporting and developing culture and management of cultural values, wealth and diversity of the environment;

2. through enunciating of the state concept of the architectural heritage care and of the financial participation thereof at its renovation;

3. through support to establishment and activities of the Czech Architecture Centre;

4. through enforcing and promoting of the programme of the State Policy on Architecture, particularly in the land-use planning and building decision-making process;

5. through encouraging all state administration authorities to appreciate and emphasize exemplary urban and architectural solutions grown in the place of their competence;

6. through encouraging all state administration authorities to support and promote significance of architecture quality and quality of urban environment of towns and villages and their landscape and natural environment in cooperation with professional institutions in the field of architecture and local museums and galleries.

