



European Forum for Architectural Policies Conference in Gdańsk, September 18-20.09.2011
Theme: INNOVATION IN REDESIGN OF EUROPEAN CITIES
organised within the framework of Polish Presidency of the EU Council

The organisers - Ministry of Infrastructure, Chamber of Architects of the Republic of Poland IARP, Association of Polish Architects SARP and European Forum for Architectural Policies EFAP have prepared a programme of presentations and discussions addressing the most up-to-date matters related to formation of built environment, underlining architecture as a significant means of innovation.

The Conference participants will represent central and municipal authorities, culture and education, non-governmental organizations, professional bodies in the fields of architecture, urban design and planning, as well as students and the media. The EU Member States, the candidate countries, , Eastern Partnership countries, Russia and Norway are expected to be present.

The proposed process of restructuring of European cities is aimed at their development and increase of attractiveness, while challenged by global competition. The Conference's objective is to indicate the innovative role of architecture and creative potential of architects and urban planners. The Conference is to signal the role of harmony of urban environment, while responding to the *Europe 2020 Strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth*. Life quality in a friendly environment is more valuable than short-term and territory-limited profits and benefits of strictly economical nature. That pertains to all levels of activity: national, regional, municipal, corporate and individual.

Innovativeness in architecture and urban planning will result in the growth of quality of life, on condition that governments, local authorities, the NGOs, researchers and professionals work together hand in hand.

The European Forum for Architectural Policies is a platform for presentations of initiatives undertaken within the territory of the European Union as well as all the activities of Member States' authorities which are indispensable in the process of city redesign.

The programme of the Conference has been composed of three sessions entitled: *The Role of Architectural Policies in Restructuring of European Cities; Identity of the European City – Central and Eastern Europe, the Baltic States; Innovation in Redesign of European Cities*.

The expected results of the panel discussions will be priorities and recommendations necessary to formulate Polish Architectural Policy, a cohesive document to be adopted, like in other Member States, by whoever may influence the growth of innovativeness and quality of architecture and in consequence stimulate sustainable development of Poland.

The venue for the Conference sessions will be the Central Maritime Museum in Gdansk. The additional events include the press conference, site tours, an open lecture in the historic BHP Hall of the Gdansk Shipyard, exhibition "Sustainable Architecture Across Europe" as well as informal meetings in Gdansk and Sopot.

We do hope that the Polish EFAP Conference will inspire interpersonal relations as well as enable the participants to enjoy the Tri-City and Pomerania Region.