

Plenary Session: Fostering Synergies: Advancing Collaboration Between Academia and Professional Practice

Friday 8th December – 2.50pm–4.30pm – Room: Aithousa Teleton, Kallipoleos Campus

Keynote Contributions: Oya Atalay Franck (EAAE), Dubravko Bacic (ACE), Ruth Schagemann (ACE online)

Invited Contributions: Gregoris Patsalossavis, Michalis Cosmas, Alessandra Swiny, Markella Menikou, Chrystalla Psathiti, Pantoleon Skayiannis, Panayiota Pyla

Chairs: Nadia Charalambous, Alkis Dikaios, Christos Christodoulou

Discussion Topics:

- Collaboration between academia and small-scale architecture firms, especially those lacking dedicated Research and Development (R&D) departments, presents a valuable opportunity for mutual benefit. How can we establish sustainable frameworks or platforms that facilitate ongoing communication and partnerships?
- In the context of informing higher education curricula with practical insights, what specific methods or channels can be implemented to ensure a continuous flow of real-world experiences into academic programs, fostering a more dynamic and relevant learning environment for students?
- Exploring cross-sectoral collaboration, what specific strategies can be employed to encourage the exchange of curricula, resources, and expertise between fields like architecture, planning, urban studies, and engineering? How can these collaborative efforts be structured to optimize learning outcomes for students and better prepare them for the multifaceted demands of the professional world?

Plenary Format:

- [Introduction by the Chairs](#)
- [Position statements by Keynote Contributors on Discussion Topic 1 \(5–7min\)](#)
- [Position statements by Invited Contributors \(4–5min\)](#)
- [Same as above for Discussion Topics 2 and 3.](#)
- [At the end of all position statements by all contributors Q&A session](#)