JOINT DECLARATION

The high-level practice of the administrative and professional activity through the development and implementation of public policies aims at achieving long-term goals, for the general benefit of society.

Public policies guarantee the coordination of various fields and underlie good practices, while managing to communicate the assumed goals to the public.

As to architecture, they assure a framework for assuming decisions and the process aimed at reaching better results for the built environment, in terms of quality and sustainability. Public policies are useful to the legislative and executive field, to architects who provide specialized services and to the beneficiaries of their designs alike, either public or private.

This year, when Romania is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, is a favourable moment to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life in Romania. A confirmation in this respect is the organization of the *European Conference for Architectural Policies – Future Shapers*, which brings to Bucharest examples of good practices, experiences from other countries and models for approaching common life aspects provided by architects and architecture.

The joint commitment of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration and the Romanian Order of Architects, as a pursuit of their good and steady institutional collaboration, will be embodied, in the future, by the development of a national public policy for architecture, in view of increasing the quality of the built environment. Romania has thus joined the countries which proudly use this goal as a public policy, in line with the objectives assumed by the European community.

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