



## Who can participate in the design competitions organized according to the international standards?



### I have no experience in this type of project. Can I participate in the competition?

Yes, you can participate in the competition. The design competitions organized by the Romanian Order of Architects impose no conditions for restricting participation in the competition based on experience in a certain type of project, of a certain complexity. The independent and professional Jury, which includes both a majority of nationally and internationally recognized architects, will decide to what extent the proposed project meets the requirements of the competition.



### I am an architecture student. Can I participate in the competition?

Yes, as long as you participate as an employee or collaborator of a certified architect with the right to sign in their country, who will submit the project in the competition. They can ensure the coordination of the project, the authorization process in case of winning the competition, and will assume professional responsibility for all the missions contracted following the competition, according to the law. The design competitions organized by the Romanian Order of Architects aim at contracting the winner for the design services and successfully implementing the winning project. For this reason, students cannot participate in the competition independently.



### I am an independent architect from Spain. Can I participate in the competition?

Yes, any architect from a Member State of the European Union, the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation can participate in design competitions organized by the Romanian Order of Architects, as long as they practice the profession in a legal form, according to the national law of the country of origin.



### I am an architect from Chile. Can I participate in the competition?

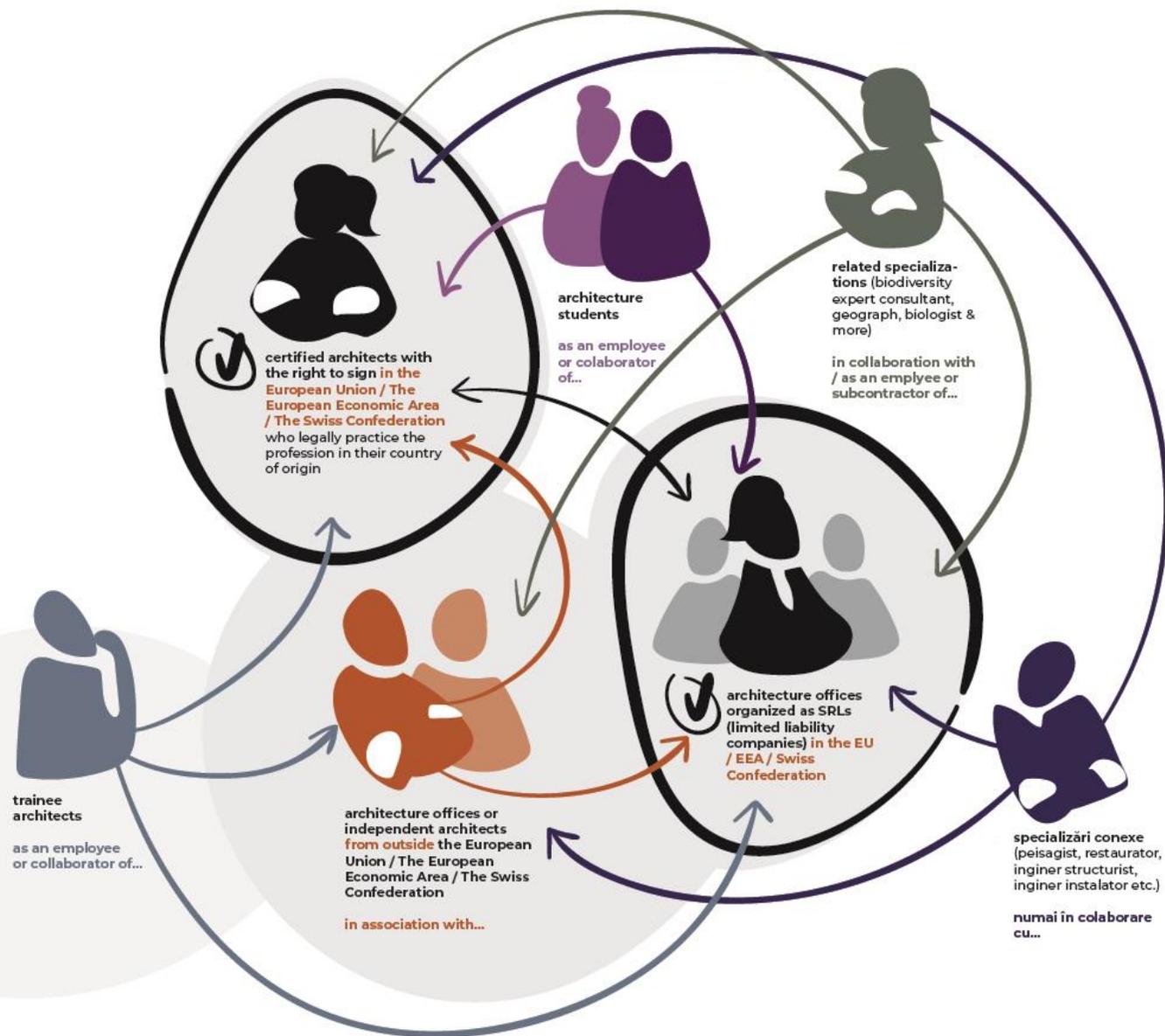
Yes, you can enter the competition! But only in association with an architect or an architecture office from a Member State of the European Union, the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation, who will become the leader of the association, and will submit the competition project.



### We are an individual architecture office, two employees of another architecture firm and a biodiversity expert. Can we participate in the competition as a team?

You can participate in the competition - as an association of professionals who practice their profession in a legal form, according to the legislation of the country of origin. The leader of the association will be the one who enters the project in the competition and will assume the professional responsibility for fulfilling the contracted missions, in case you will be winners. The biodiversity expert can become a collaborator of the association leader, for example.

## Participation is open to...



## **I am not from European Union. Can I participate in competitions?**

Since the purpose of competitions is to select the best project for objective defined by the Competition Brief, for the award of the design contract, in order to implement the winning project, the participation restriction "The Design Competition is a public, single-stage competition, open to Romania, all countries of the European Union, of the European Economic Area, and to the Swiss Confederation." is given by the fact that the winning architect must ensure the signing of the technical documentation for the approval-authorization procedure and must undertake the professional responsibilities according to the law. Therefore, certified architects from Romania, the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation can participate in the competition provided that in case of winning the competition they prove the right to authorize projects as an architect in that country and they initiate the process of acquiring the right to signature for the temporary provision of services in the field of architecture on the Romanian territory according to law 184/2001 regarding the organization and exercise of the profession of architect (rep.), art. 12, para. (3):

"Architects who are citizens of the Member States of the European Union, those of the Member States of the European Economic Area and citizens of the Swiss Confederation who have the right to practice the architect profession with a right of signature or other equivalent right in one of those States and who provide temporary or occasional services in the field of architecture in Romania, without requesting establishment in Romania, will acquire the right to sign without being registered in the National Register of Architects and will be automatically registered in the Order of Architects in Romania, during the provision of those services."

Competitors of legal entities and individuals from outside Romania, the European Union, the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation may participate in the competition exclusively by association with an architect with the right to sign, a member of the Romanian Order of Architects or a similar organization in his country - an EU member state, a country part of the European Economic Area or the Swiss Confederation – who legally exercises the profession of architect according to the national legislation of the country of origin, in which case the project will be submitted and signed by the architect in question.

In order to equate authorization for architects holding this right in the EU Member States, the Member States of the European Economic Area and the Swiss Confederation, in case of winning the competition, please note the following: "Architects acquire the right of signature granted by the Order of Architects of Romania (OAR), in accordance with the law, if they have the full exercise of civil rights, if they meet the conditions of honorability and trainee period, as the case may be, of practical professional experience, provided by Law 184/2001 on the organization and exercise of the profession of architect, republished, as subsequently amended and supplemented, by Directive 2005/36 / EC on the recognition of professional qualifications, consolidated."

The specific procedure for obtaining the right to authorize projects, and, implicitly, the capacity to provide architectural services on the Romanian territory, is described in point 2.3. „Acquiring the signature right by nationals of the Member States of the EU, EEA and the Swiss Confederation who have the right to practice the profession as an architect with the signature right or another equivalent right in one of these states and who apply for the right to provide architectural services in Romania on a temporary and occasional basis” via the website of the Order of Architects of Romania, within the article available online at this link: <https://www.oar.archi/exercitarea-profesiei/recunoastere-calificari-internationale-si-echivalare-sau-dobandire-drept-de-semnatura-recognition-of-international-qualification-and-right-of-signature>.

### **Do you accept competition entries from outside the EU?**

According to the Competition Rules: “*The projects shall be handed over personally or sent by courier to the headquarters of the Secretariat acknowledging the receipt of the projects, at the following address: .... **The deadline for submitting the projects to the Competition Secretariat, either personally or by courier, is the one indicated in the Competition schedule. Exceeding the deadline shall entail the rejection of the offer.***”

We would like to bring to your attention the fact that Customs procedures are part of an independent process. The customs authorities do not inform anyone about the existence of any package, nor are they compelled to do so. The customs procedure for international packages may take a lot of time, and in some cases exceeding the deadline for project submission, leading to the rejection of the project. To prevent this, we recommend that either you have a Romanian or European business partner, or you deliver the package in person.

### **Can a team register for the competition? If so, how?**

If by registration we refer to the registration of potential participants in the competition using the official website, we mention the following: according to the Competition Rules, registration does not condition participation in the Competition and the registration enables the candidate to receive answers to the questions, and newsletters regarding the running of the Competition. On the other hand, the participation in the competition refers to the registration - submission of the project in the competition, in compliance with the provisions of the Competition Rules – Conducting the competition.

The materials submitted by the competitors according to Competition Rules – Content of the Projects, comprise the sealed envelope - containing the participants' participation documents (which will be opened and verified only after all members of the Jury sign the Jury Report and its annexes, upon ending of the Jury sessions). The OAR Form, the DUAE Form filled in for each tenderer / associate / subcontractor / supporting third party and the The Joint-Venture Agreement/Subcontractor Agreement are among the documents submitted by competitors indicating information about the team. Until the submission of the project (with the indication of this information), it is the choice of the participants whenever the composition of the team changes.

**Can architects without the right to sign – students, trainees, but who perform and apply their vision through collaborations participate in the competition?**

**Can I participate in association with an architect who has the right to sign?**

With regard to establishing of joint ventures/subcontractor agreements, please take into account the following: "The competitors may be individual architecture offices, partnerships formed by individual architecture offices, or other legal forms of exercising the profession of architect or urban planner, according to the national legislation of the state of origin or legal persons (design companies) in Romania or in other countries, either individually or as a joint venture. In the case of a joint venture, its leader will register the project in the contest.

The candidates entering the Competition as legal entities shall have as associate or employee a certified architect, member of the Order of Architects in Romania or of a similar organization in his or her country of origin, legally practicing and having the required qualification as architect, in compliance with the national legislation of his or her country of origin. The candidates, whether individually or as joint ventures, must have the legal capacity of concluding a design services contract in Romania, which will have to be proven to the Contracting Authority, should they win the Competition."

Therefore, you can participate in the competition as a team, provided that you are practicing the profession in a legal form described by law and provided that, in the case of the participation of a team formed by separate legal entities, they participate in the competition as an association of those entities. In this case, the project will be registered by the leader of the joint venture.