

Barcelona takes over the baton from Copenhagen for the UIA World Congress of Architects - Barcelona 2026

The transfer took place at the closing ceremony of the world event that the Danish capital hosted between July 2 and 6.

The future curatorship of the Barcelona Congress will have habitat, sustainability, technology, culture and education as its main working values.

During the international event, the graphic image of the 2026 Congress was presented, as well as the international competition to select the curatorship.

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Barcelona has taken up Copenhagen's baton in the organization of the **World Congress of Architects of the International Union of Architects (UIA) Barcelona 2026**.

During the closing ceremony of the World Congress of Architects that the Danish capital hosted between July 2 and 6, the five institutions promoting the eponymous event that Barcelona will organize in 2026 – the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and Urban Agenda (MITMA), the Department of Territory of the Generalitat de Catalunya, the Barcelona City Council, the Higher Council of the Orders of Architects of Spain (CSCAE) and the Architects' Association of Catalonia (COAC) – have presented the roadmap towards the event, which will take place in parallel to the World Capital of Architecture.

The dean of COAC, Guillem Costa Calsamiglia, spoke during the closing ceremony and stated that **"Barcelona has always been a laboratory for architectural research and urban planning**, and now we want to work to turn it into an international forum for discussing architecture and urban planning in 2026 and beyond."

International commitment

During the UIA Congress in Copenhagen, alliances were forged with institutions, organisations and professionals from around the globe. The main issues, already being worked on, were lay down on the table, such as the promotion of preservation, architecture's decarbonisation or the regeneration of public spaces.

These challenges, among others, will be part of the proposal that the new curatorship will have to develop, and whose names will be chosen from a two-round international competition open until **September 7**. The team of curators, which may be **multidisciplinary**, as long as the leadership is assumed by an architect, will be chosen by a prestigious jury made up of Ángela García de Paredes, Beth Capdeferro, Carme Pigem, José María Sánchez, Josep Bohigas, Josep Ferrando, Josep Lluís Mateo, María Hurtado de Mendoza, Philip Ursprung and Zaida Muxí.

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The Copenhagen Congress has also served to showcase the graphic image of the 2026 event, a powerful and multifaceted identity from *Pràctica studio* that shows the transformative capacity of architecture through action.

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