

Texts of :

THE CHAMBERS OF ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS IN THE INVESTMENT DESIGN ACT

See below:

promulgated in State Gazette(SG), issue 20/4.03.2003, amended, issue 65/22.07.2003, amended, SG, issue 77/27.9.2005, amended, SG, issue 30/11.4.2006, amended, SG, issue 29.9.2006, amended, SG, issue 13/08.2.2008, supplemented, SG, issue 28/14.4.2009

Chapter One GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. This Act shall regulate the conditions and procedures for the acquiring, recognition and withdrawal of the design capacity for the purpose of pursuing the profession of “architect” or “engineer” in the spatial development planning and investment design as well as the structure and organisation of the activities of the professional organisations of the architects and engineers in the spatial development planning and investment design.

Article 2. (1) The Chamber of Architects shall be the professional organisation of architects, landscape architects and urban planners who have obtained design capacity in spatial development planning and investment design.

(2) The Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design shall be the professional organisation of engineers who have obtained design capacity in spatial development planning and investment design.

(3) The Chamber of Architects and the Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design are continuators of the activities and tradition of the Chamber of Architects and Engineers established by the repealed Decree concerning the Chamber of Architects and Engineers and the academic organisation of the engineers and architects in Bulgaria of 1937 (promulgated, SG, issue 221 of 1937; amended, issue 226 of 1937).

Article 3. The Chamber of Architects and the Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design are legal entities with headquarters in Sofia.

Article 4. (1) The Chamber of Architects and the Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design shall perform their activity on the territory of the country by Regional Colleges.

(2) The Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design shall be divided into sections according to the specialities or group of specialities under the provisions of the Chamber's Statute.

Chapter Two OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF THE CHAMBERS

Article 5. The Chamber of Architects and the Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design shall:

1. represent their members and protect their professional rights and interests in compliance with the interests of society.
2. prepare a Code of Professional Conduct of the architects, landscape architects and urban planners and of the engineers and shall monitor its observance.
3. not allow monopoly, unfair practice and unequal treatment of its members;
4. create conditions for the client /investor/ to choose freely architects, landscape architects, urban planners and engineers.
- 5.) work for the protection of the copyrights of architects, landscape architects, urban planners and engineers on the design and its practical realisation in compliance with the legislation in the field of copyright and neighbouring rights in force in the Republic of Bulgaria.
6. prepare and offer opinions on statutory acts related to spatial development planning, investment design and construction works;
7. support competitiveness in the design activities ;
8. cooperate with similar chambers (professional organisations) at European and international level.
9. (amended, SG, issue 728/2009) cooperate with higher education institutions training architects, landscape architects, urban planners and engineers by participating, through its representatives, in the development of curricula and syllabi as well as in the state examination committees according to the terms and conditions determined in cooperation agreements signed by them;.
10. determine work rules and procedure and shall assist in the provision of practice of the designers with limited design capacity;

11. organise and deliver continuing training in order to maintain and further improve the professional qualification and design capacity of architects, landscape architects, urban planners and engineers.
12. perform all other activities foreseen in the Statutes of both Chambers.

Article 6. In order to attain the main objectives stipulated in Article 5, the Chamber of Architects and the Chamber of Engineers in the Investment Design shall :

1. maintain and update registers of the persons with full design capacity, which shall be annually promulgated in the SG.
2. maintain and update the registers of the design studios;
3. maintain and update the register of designers with limited design capacity;
4. issue certificates for the respective design capacity;
5. supervise the performance of the professional duties of their members and impose sanctions envisaged in the present Act;
6. assist for the settlement of disputes arising between their members and between their members and third parties;
7. adopt methodology for determination of the remunerations for provision of design services. “

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“ The Act herein was adopted by the 40th National Assembly on 3 April 2009 and was stamped by the official stamp of the National Assembly. “

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