









Dutch and Polish architects have less decision power in different phases of building projects

Dutch and Polish architects less often are decision makers in different phases of building projects than their European colleagues. In the Netherlands and Poland only in the design phase more than half of the architects makes the end decision. French architects are decisive in several other phases as well, as they in general also are (one of the) decision makers in the implementation, engineering, interior finishing and planning phase. These are some of the conclusions of the Q1 2016 European Architectural Barometer report, a quarterly research among 1,600 architects in eight European countries. European architects act as a leading indicator for the construction activities.

The role of the architect within construction phases – phases where more than 50% is decision maker															
															
Design	70%	Exploitation	58%	Implementation	65%	Development	62%	Development	53%	Design	74%	Implementation	62%	Design	56%
Planning	61%	Planning	54%	Engineering	57%	Design	62%	Planning	51%			Planning	59%		
		Engineering	54%	Design	53%							Design	57%		
				Interior finishing	52%							Development	51%		
				Planning	50%										

The above table shows the phases within the building process where more than 50% of the architects are (one of) the decision maker. In total seven construction phases were included in the research: development phase, design phase, engineering phase, interior finishing phase, planning phase, implementation phase and exploitation phase. Architects were asked to mention whether they are the decision maker, the influencer or have no influence at all, for each construction phase separately. Differences can be seen as the role of British, Dutch and Polish architects is especially within the design phase. In the Netherlands only in the design phase more than 50% of the architects indicated that they are the decision maker. The Netherlands really seem to be an exception as the vast majority of architects think their influence on the product selection is declining and that construction companies gain importance in the decision making process due to their increasing size. In other countries architects still seem to play an important role regarding product and brand selection and the influence of large construction companies seem to be less.

It might be no surprise that architects have a big influence or even make the end decision when it comes to facade materials and other product groups that have to do with the exterior of the building (i.e. Wall building materials, window and door frames). In all countries these product groups are the ones on which architects have influence during the definitive product selection, if not even have the end decision. Still differences can be seen between the countries.

These and many other results and trends of the developments of the European construction market can be found in the European Architectural Barometer, an international market research conducted among 1,600 architects in Europe. This study is conducted in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Belgium and Poland by Arch-Vision four times a year. The research covers the developments of architectural turnover, order volumes and the impact of the crisis. Besides these economic statistics, a specific topic is highlighted each quarter. The topic in Q1 2016 was “Decision Making Unit (DMU), orientation and media orientation”. Architects can be used not only as a reliable source for future building volumes information, but their role is very important as they have great influence on how projects are built and which materials are used.

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