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The Sector Study was aimed at 32 countries:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- FYROM
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom

The number of Architects in Europe

Europe - 32 has an estimated 483,000 architects. One quarter (25 per cent) of architects are based in just one country; Italy. The second highest number of architects is recorded in Germany, accounting for 20 per cent of the Europe total. Third highest is Spain, with 45,000 architects and three countries - Turkey, the UK and France – have around 30,000 architects each (between 6 and 7 per cent of the Europe total). So these six countries together account for 74 per cent of all of Europe's architects.

Comparing the number of architects with the general population is another way of examining country variations. There are approximately 0.8 architects per 1000 of Europe's population. The highest 'density' of architects occurs in Italy (2.1 architects per 1000 population), FYROM and Portugal.

The lowest 'density' of architects is recorded in Eastern Europe – Slovakia, Latvia, Czech Republic and Romania, each recording 0.3 or fewer architects per 1000 population.

The range in the 'density' statistic across Europe is huge; in Italy there is one architect for every 485 people while in Slovakia the ratios nearly ten times lower at one architect for every 4155 people.

In this report, when data refers to all of these countries it is labelled 'EUROPE - 32'.

Seventeen of these countries participated in the on-line survey. Totals for all survey country participants are labelled 'EUROPE - 17'.

TABLE 1-1
Estimated number of architects in each country and number of architects per 1000 population

	number of architects	population	architects per 1000 population
Austria	3,800	8,331,930	0.5
Belgium	11,500	10,666,866	1.1
Bulgaria	3,500	7,640,238	0.5
Croatia	3,000	4,435,383	0.7
Cyprus	430	794,580	0.5
Czech Republic	3,000	10,381,130	0.3
Denmark	7,000	5,475,791	1.3
Estonia	700	1,340,935	0.5
Finland	3,600	5,300,484	0.7
France	29,400	63,753,140	0.5
FYROM	3,000	2,045,177	1.5
Germany	95,000	82,221,808	1.2
Greece	15,000	11,214,992	1.3
Hungary	4,000	10,045,000	0.4
Ireland	3,500	4,419,859	0.8
Italy	123,000	59,618,114	2.1
Latvia	700	2,270,894	0.3
Lithuania	2,000	3,366,357	0.6
Luxembourg	600	483,799	1.2
Malta	500	410,584	1.2
Netherlands	9,100	16,404,282	0.6
Norway	3,600	4,737,171	0.8
Poland	13,500	38,115,641	0.4
Portugal	16,300	10,617,575	1.5
Romania	5,500	21,528,627	0.3
Slovakia	1,300	5,400,998	0.2
Slovenia	1,350	2,025,866	0.7
Spain	45,000	45,283,259	1.0
Sweden	5,400	9,182,927	0.6
Switzerland	5,300	7,591,414	0.7
Turkey	32,300	70,586,256	0.5
United Kingdom	31,600	61,185,981	0.5
EUROPE - 32	483,480	586,877,058	0.8

Population source: Eurostat, population as at 1 January 2008, copyright (c) Eurostat

Architects source: Various sources, the starting point was the research publication produced by COAC - *Architectural Practice Around the World* research by the Col·legi d'Arquitectes de Catalunya (COAC), based on information supplied by national institutes and associations of architects of the individual countries. Further data was collected by ACE in Phase I of this research, we attempted to verify all figures using a mixture of primary and secondary sources including Member Organisations' websites, telephone / email. Very often different sources produced conflicting figures, sometimes substantially different. Final figures are our best estimates based on these several different sources. All figures are 'latest available'.



CHART 1-1
Number of architects per 1000 population

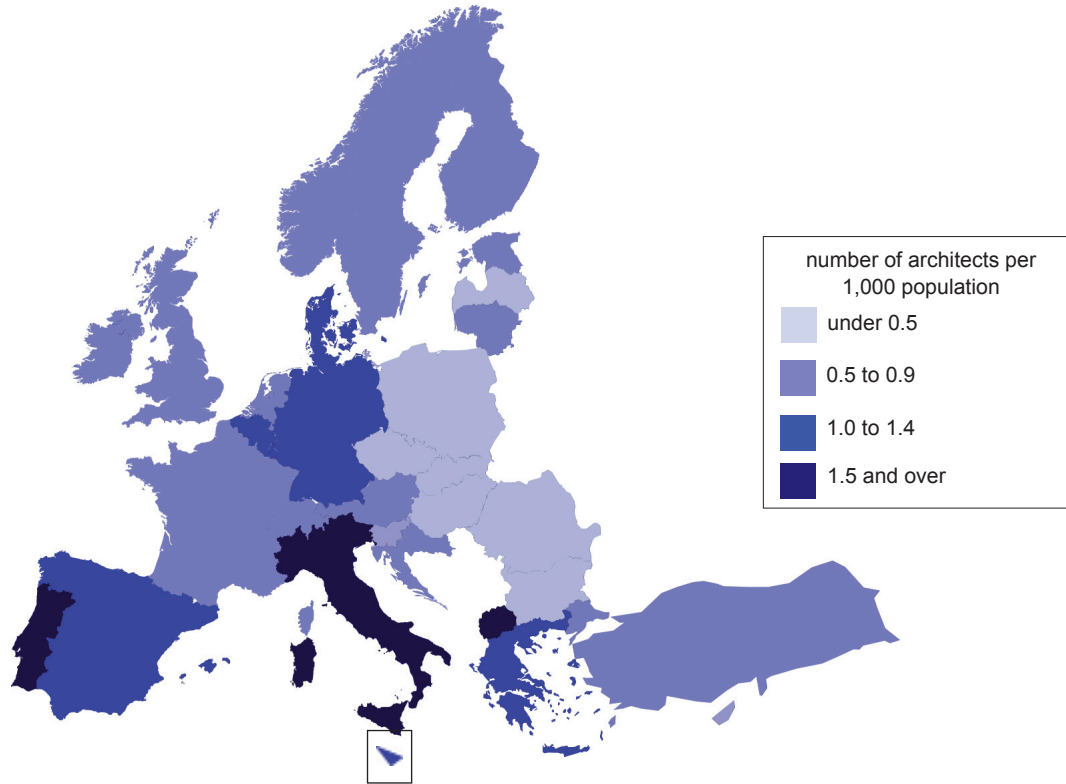


CHART 1-2
Estimated number of architects in each European country

