

The Association of Estonian Architects in Sweden

The Association of Estonian Architects in Sweden (EAS) is an idealistic organisation, with the aim of promoting architecture as art and science particularly in Estonia and Sweden, but also within an international context. The members of EAS are persons by Estonian birth, living in Sweden and working in the architectural field. The formal seat as well as the main activity of the organisation takes place in Stockholm, but EAS also has members in Gothenburg, in Southern Sweden, and in several other Swedish cities.

The organisation was founded in 1990, when the contacts with our Estonian colleagues were intensified, needing a more definite shape. During the years immediately after the liberation EAS has supported the colleagues in Estonia with necessary office equipment as well as knowledge and experiences from abroad. E.g. several seminars on town and regional planning have been organised for architects working at municipal or regional level. Several Swedish building laws and codes have been translated on the account of, among others, the Estonian Ministry of Environment. Moreover, for our Estonian colleagues many study tours in Sweden have been organised. EAS has good contacts with the Swedish architectural organisations, as well as with the Swedish Institute, which often has supported our larger projects financially.

With the help of visiting lecturers EAS has tried to remind countrymen abroad of the Estonian historical architectural heritage, and also inform them of the post-war development, and of actual building activities in Estonia. Co-operating partners have been the Estonian Architects Association (EAL), The Society of Municipal Head Architects (EPK), the Architectural Department of the Academy of Arts, and the Estonian Museum of Architecture.

Today, with a more limited need of help, the contacts with the Estonian colleagues have transformed to a friendly exchange of view-points, and developing collegial relations. EAS has with great interest and satisfaction followed the rapid development of the Estonian building field, but also sometimes made critical comments, in public or through contacts with the authorities. Also in the future EAS will attempt, as far as possible, contribute to the development of Estonian architecture.

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