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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



"RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES AND BIOCLIMATIC ARCHITECTURE FOR SHELLS, TO SHELTER PEOPLE AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS"

The Technical Chamber of Greece and the UIA Work Programme on architecture and renewable energy sources (ARES) announce the launch of an international ideas competition that invites architects to develop **new construction methods and practices** for efficient shells and settlement units that will satisfy the **urgent housing needs** engendered by different geographic, topographic, ecological, social, or political crises.

Architects from around the world are invited to submit viable solutions for inhabitants that can be set up quickly and economically, and respect the environment and natural resources.

The goal of the competition is to collect **innovative ideas and examples of bioclimatic shelter typologies** that utilise **renewable energy sources** and can be exploited in different locations, climates, and cultures. Proposals should seek to generate, on the short and medium term, **a vast urban and social restructuring**.

A total of 70 000 Euro will be awarded to the various winners. The eleven-member, international jury will award three prizes of 20 000, 15 000, and 10 000 Euro, as well as five honourable mentions of 5 000 Euro each.

To be announced in Naples on the occasion of **World Habitat Day** and the **World Day of Architecture**, the competition will be officially open on **1 November 2006**, and registrations will be accepted **until 31 January 2007**. Submissions must be sent no later than 29 June 2007.

The competition website will also open on **1 November** at the following address:
<http://www.arescompetition.com>

For more information:

Technical Chamber of Greece (TEE)

www.tee.gr

UIA Work Programme - Architecture and Renewable Energy Sources (ARES)

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