



Olga Mihalikova, Executive Director, UIA

Olga Mihalikova brings over two decades of architectural governance experience to her new role as Executive Director of the International Union of Architects. Throughout her 22-year career with the Slovak Chamber of Architects, she progressed through various positions before serving as Chief Executive Officer from 2021, overseeing comprehensive services for more than 2,000 registered architects whilst maintaining her role as Secretary General of the Institute of the Slovak Chamber of Architects.

Her extensive experience in professional qualifications recognition established her as a key contributor to European Union policy development. From 2003, she has been part of the delegation to the Architects' Council of Europe, where she became involved in and later chaired the Professional Qualifications Directive/Professional Practical Experience and Continuous Professional Development Working Group. She also served as an expert representative to the European Commission's Subgroup for Recognition of Professional Qualifications in Architecture.

From 2012, she chaired the European Network of Architects' Competent Authorities, with meetings involving representatives from approximately 25 EU member states and contributing to the development of European certificates for architects' qualifications and enhanced notification guidance for architects' qualifications.

Her project management capabilities were demonstrated through her oversight of the Prize for Architecture CE ZA AR, where she coordinated events for 600 attendees, managed media campaigns, and oversaw international jury proceedings, combining professional administration with public engagement.

She holds a Master's degree in Management from the Economic University in Bratislava, with additional specialised training in facility management and European institutional policy processes. Her linguistic abilities span six languages, including native-level competency in Slovak and Hungarian, and advanced proficiency in French and English.

Olga's career has been characterised by consistent involvement in professional standards development, international cooperation, and architectural governance at both national and European levels, positioning her well for advancing the mission of the International Union of Architects.

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