

## W001 Definition of architecture

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**Architecture** is the art of building ideas.

**Architecture** must serve contemporary society but it also has a big power to transform it.

**Architectural ideas** can spring from a multitude of starting points and influences: social needs, site characteristics, light, space, materials and so on.

**Architectural ideas** must be strong, clear, coherent, versatile and flexible.

**The architectural design process** translates the ideas into reality.

**The architectural design process** must evolve the architectural ideas in response to different factors (programme, economy, urban regulations, structural and technical aspects) without losing their essence.

**The architectural design process** must enrich the architectural ideas by the different views and needs of all groups involved in the design process: society, clients, urban planners, technical advisors, etc.

**The materialization** is based on coherence between concepts, materials and constructive techniques.

**The main aim of architecture** is to create spaces that provoke human emotion by combining elements that define those spaces: dimensions, proportions, light, materials and textures.

