

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Aarhus School of Architecture

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It is the aim of Aarhus School of Architecture (AAA) to develop strong relations to practice and external collaborations ensuring that the school's research influence the surrounding world and that our research environments are continually developing to the highest possible level. To us, collaborations with external partners are not only about bridge-building but also about communicating and creating knowledge. It is crucial to us that our research collaborations benefit both parties as well as having greater relevance to society reaching out to a larger target group.

With whom and about what

Aarhus School of Architecture can enter into research collaborations with, for instance:

- Universities and other knowledge institutions
- Public stakeholders such as municipalities, regions, agencies or ministries
- Private companies such as architectural or engineering companies, manufacturers of materials, developers, construction companies and craftsmen
- Private foundations and non-profit foundations
- Non-profit organisations, advisory knowledge centres, etc.

As a rule, AAA does not enter into collaborations with private individuals.

Research collaborations may, for instance, deal with knowledge development, urban development, architectural development, product development, collaborations on basic research, surveys and mappings, the application of specific research, pilot experiments or demonstrations

of new knowledge or ideas, joint experiments through artistic research or research by design, etc.

Co-funding

If a project or collaboration requires co-funding from AAA, this will have to be discussed with and approved by the Head of Research.

Any financial involvement by AAA is assessed taking into account:

- How the project relates to the school's research strategy and existing areas and environments of research
- The possible benefits to AAA in terms of research and development
- The other financial obligations of AAA
- The mutual financial commitments involved in the project

GUIDELINES

Aarhus School of Architecture is part of public administration and is, therefore, subject to several laws and principles that do not apply to private companies:

- AAA is an *artistic* institution of education and knowledge whose research and development work is based on an artistic and experimental approach to the field of architecture.
- AAA constitutes a *single* legal entity for which reason binding agreements with external partners cannot be entered into exclusively with the individual researchers but must be entered into with the school.
- The purpose of the project, the contributions of partners and mutual expectations, as well as a dissemination plan, must be described in a collaboration agreement signed by the collaboration partner and both AAA's Rector and Director of Administration.
- AAA is required to comply with the rules regulating state aid and The Competition Act and is therefore not allowed to enter into agreements that distort competition with specific companies or use public funds to promote private companies. AAA is a knowledge partner and has no consulting responsibilities.
- AAA is responsible for the quality, transparency and validity of the research. AAA can, however, not be held responsible for a given result, neither can AAA guarantee any specific results in advance.
- AAA is an independent research institution. The school's researchers must therefore be free to publish research results and



use them for research and teaching purposes. Communicating collaborative projects is therefore invariably a natural part of the work.

- It must be possible for external parties to evaluate the collaborative project.

THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

[Loven for videregående kunstneriske uddannelser \(The Danish Act on Higher Artistic Educational Institutions\)](#)

[Konkurrencelovens § 11a om konkurrenceforvridende støtte \(Section 11 of the Competitions Act\)](#)

[Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity](#)

[Regler for samarbejds- og rettighedsaftaler mellem offentlige forskningsinstitutioner og private virksomheder \(Rules Regarding Collaboration and Rights Agreements Between Public Research Institutions and Private Companies\)](#)