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Eugen Pănescu is a leading architect and urban planner whose work focuses on a cultural approach to the built environment and the regeneration of urban areas. He is a member of the Executive Board of the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE), where he serves as the Baukultur coordinator, responsible for sustainability, the circular economy, housing policy, cultural heritage, and the New European Bauhaus (NEB).

Concurrently, he is the Vice-President of the Order of Architects of Romania, responsible for the regulatory and legislative framework. Since 2002, Pănescu has contributed to the development of architectural practice in Romania as a co-founder of the Planwerk office, subsequently developing a large-scale international consulting practice specializing in master plans for urban renewal. His professional philosophy places a strong emphasis on adaptive reuse and the careful modernization of existing buildings.

Over the past three years, his expertise has expanded to include financial and environmental instruments: he is the co-author of a national Housing Quality Matrix, designed to introduce better criteria for bank lending. Pănescu also plays a key role in strategic climate planning, developing the Guidelines for Carbon-Neutral Cities under the M100 program within the European "Mirror" Mission, and advising on the National Building Renovation Plan in Romania.



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