

ECTP-CEU

European Council of Spatial Planners
Conseil européen des urbanistes

TO: ALL CURRENT DELEGATES TO THE ECTP-CEU GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND HONORARY PRESIDENTS

Dear Colleague,

Representing ECTP-CEU on various organisations

For many years the ECTP-CEU has been represented on various organisations and applications are invited for representatives for the period 2024-2028. A full description of the different organisations is appended to this letter.

In 2019 the Executive Committee adopted a policy to define three categories of priority for such representation as follows:

- Priority 1: European organisations or institutions directly involved with spatial planning policies or issues, active on the entire European continent and territorially covering as many ECTP-CEU members as possible. ECTP-CEU representation is meant to be continuous, based on a long-term engagement and a requirement to build contacts and a relationship between the ECTP-CEU and the European organisations. A specific limited budget is allocated by ECTP-CEU if no other funding is provided by the organising entity or others.
- Priority 2: organisations, active in fields that are linked with spatial planning, where ECTP-CEU, due to its Europe-wide approach and being an umbrella organisation, can offer expertise and play an interesting role. ECTP-CEU encourages contact and links with such organisations, and will engage when invited where appropriate, but will in principle not finance any expenses from the ECTP-CEU budget.
- Priority 3: organisations, institutions, countries, regions, or cities that invite ECTP-CEU on an ad hoc basis. If ECTP-CEU contribution is relevant, ExCo can decide that an ECTP-CEU representative participates in an event or meeting. In principle, there is no budget for this, and applications for representatives from ECTP-CEU are decided on the meaningful contribution that spatial planners can make.

Under the first two priority categories, representatives were approved for a mandate period of four years expiring at the end of 2023. (Priority category three includes only ad hoc appointments). ExCo has now decided to establish a new mandate period of four years and invites delegates to the GA and honorary presidents to express a willingness to represent ECTP-CEU on the following bodies/organisations/committees:

Priority 1:

- EU - DG Regio National Territorial Cohesion Contact Points (NTCCP) and UDG (Directors-general)
- EU - DG AEC Formal stakeholder - Paid by DG AEC (Education, Sports, Youth and Culture)
- Council of Europe (CEMAT)
- CoR-Coter
- AESOP

Priority 2:

- IFLA-Europe
- AIVP
- Europa Nostra
- COBATY International
- GPN
- UN-Habitat
- Civilscape

Existing representatives are welcome to apply, but all applicants must make an application stating your name, member country, qualifications and your expertise and suitability for the role. You are required to write up to 500 words explaining why you want this role and how you think the ECTP-CEU will benefit from your expertise.

If you want any further information, please write to the secretariat with any questions. If you are interested in applying, (current representatives can re-apply) please send your expression of interest by email to Martine at secretariat@ectp-ceu.eu.

The deadline for expressions of interest is: **15/09/2023**.



Janet Askew, President



Henk van der Kamp, Secretary General

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Appendix

Full description of Priority 1 organisations

EU – DG Regio EU Territorial Agenda and Urban Agenda.

Expert (*National Territorial Cohesion Contact Points (NTCCP)* and *Urban Development Group (UDG)*) and directors-general (*Territorial Cohesion (DGTC)* and *Urban Matters (DGUM)*) meetings

Regular meetings of Directors-General in EU Member States on territorial cohesion (DGTC) and on Urban Matters (DGUM) are held to discuss current progress in the implementation of strategic documents that have been agreed at EU level. In preparation for both these meetings, expert meetings are organised (NTCCP and UDG) as well. They are organised and hosted by the Member State that holds the Presidency of the EU at the time and they are typically held twice each year in different locations in Europe. ECTP-CEU has achieved stakeholder/participant status in all four of these meetings. The meetings do not include non-EU member countries.

Council of Europe (CEMAT)

The *Council of Europe Conference of Ministers (CEMAT)* is responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning and brings together representatives of the 46 Council of Europe member states in pursuit of a shared objective: the promotion of the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy for a sustainable spatial development of the European Continent. ECTP-CEU has achieved stakeholder status to attend meetings of several organisations under its umbrella: (i) *European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG)*, (ii) *The Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage, and Landscape (CDCPP)*, (iii) the *Conference of the Landscape Convention* and (iv) the *Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations (CINGO)*. CINGO acts against environmental degradation and climate change and health risks in promoting environmental sustainability and action on climate justice. Meetings are held up to twice a year but often less often. They normally take place in Strasbourg. The mandate covers all Council of Europe Members and therefore includes non-EU member states.

CoR-Coter

CoR stands for Committee of the Regions. The Committee of the Regions is an assembly of local and regional representatives that provides a sub-national platform, with a direct voice within the [EU](#). The Committee of the Regions has been a partner with ECTP-CEU on organising the biennial European Planning Awards. Notwithstanding the fact that the committee does not include non-EU member states, the European Planning Awards cover all member countries of ECTP-CEU.

Coter stands for Conference of Ministers for Spatial/Regional Planning. In addition to cohesion policy, the COTER commission deals with transport policy, territorial development, cross-border cooperation, spatial planning and urban matters.

AESOP

AESOP is the *Association of European Schools of Planning*. Its organisation is similar to that of ECTP-CEU in that it is run by academics working in planning schools across Europe. One could say that AESOP represents the academic planners in Europe whereas ECTP-CEU represents the practitioners. It organises an annual academic conference. Strong links have been developed between ECTP-CEU and AESOP and joint activities including summer schools and a professional competence working group are examples. It would be advantageous to ECTP-CEU if the representative was a practising academic, but this is not necessarily a requirement.