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**THE XIIITH EUROPEAN
URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING AWARDS
2020**

**CALL FOR ENTRIES
&
INFORMATION BROCHURE**

**PROMOTING THE
EUROPEAN URBAN AGENDA
AND
THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Introduction

The European Urban and Regional Planning Awards, organized every two years by the ECTP-CEU since 1990, provide a common framework for planning practice and rewards examples of good planning all over Europe and allow the European Council of Spatial Planners to promote the concrete implementation of the Charter of European Planning approved in April 2013 in Barcelona.

This Charter provides a Vision for Europe's Cities and Regions for the XXI Century in the globalization context considering spatial planning as an essential approach to achieve cultural, social, environmental and economic cohesiveness.

Since 2010, these awards have been supported by and have been in collaboration with the Committee of the Regions of the European Union where the Awarded projects have been presented to the COTER (Commission for Territorial Cohesion Policy and EU Budget) assembly of local and regional elected members.

Planning Awards 2020

The European Urban and Regional Planning Awards, presented by the ECTP-CEU (European Council of Spatial Planners), give recognition to planning developments, strategies, schemes or urban design projects which make an outstanding contribution to the quality of life in urban and rural regions of Europe.

The aim of the Awards Scheme is to:

- Demonstrate to the citizens, to public representatives and to the planning profession, successful and innovative planning projects and developments through which the quality of life of European citizens is enhanced and improved, socially, economically and environmentally.
- Illustrate the diversity and wide scope of planning activity today: in regeneration of urban and other areas, economics and leisure, transport and traffic management, as well as promoting social cohesion and enhancing cultural identity.
- Promote integrated approach of urban issues according to the Leipzig Charter and the European Urban Agenda objectives: Sustainable use of land and Nature-Based solutions, Climate adaptation (including green infrastructure solutions), Energy transition, Air quality, Urban mobility and Digital transition, Housing, Cultural Heritage, Security in Public Spaces, Urban poverty, Circular economy, Jobs and skills in the local economy and Inclusion of migrants and refugees.
- Promote objectives of the UN 2030 Agenda, particularly SDG 11, to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
- Demonstrate clearly the advantages of the participatory planning process, facilitated and enabled by professional planners, showing that co-operation between stakeholders, local authorities, development agencies and interested citizens can have a synergistic effect of benefit to all participants.
- Promote the views, ideas and Vision of the ECTP-CEU on the future of European cities and regions as expressed in the European Charter 2013 to create and enhance conditions favourable to the promotion of sustainable development.
- The scope of the awards embraces published plans and studies, projects involving community participation, and significant physical development, either at a trans-national, national, trans-regional, regional or at a local scale.

Assessment Criteria

To evaluate the nominations, an independent jury representing the planning profession will be nominated by the ECTP-CEU and the Committee of the Regions. This panel will take into account one or several of the following criteria:

- Application of the principles of sustainable development, for the enhancement of the environment and any recognizable social and economic benefit resulting from the achievement in terms of human well-being, greater safety or greater efficiency;
- The originality and innovation of the achievement or approach;
- The quality of the professional work involved in design, in the development of planning concepts or in the application of planning techniques;
- The extent to which the scheme may serve as a reference for other work elsewhere or as a base for the development of further related schemes;
- The importance of integrative approaches to planning in order to deal with issues in a holistic manner;
- The degree to which already developed land is reused rather than consuming virgin greenfield sites for urban development;
- The positive results of its implementations;
- The role played by the planner as enabler or co-ordinator and the demonstration of the added value brought to the project through the involvement of young planners;
- Extensive co-operation with stakeholders and public authorities, and in some instances, the creation of a new format for consultation and decision making.

Categories of the Awards

The categories of the Awards are the following:

- Regional Planning
- Local Spatial Plan
- Urban project
- Urban Design

The jury may recognize a winner in each category but can extend the number of winning projects justifiably when projects of similar value concur.

Special Mention

In the case of good examples in a particular theme, the jury may also decide to make a special mention.

Selection Process

All kind of entries related with the European Territory are welcome. Private as well as public institutions, companies, planning offices, or any combination of these can send in a project, design, realisation, policy or process.

There are two ways of entering the selection process: directly or through ECTP-CEU member organisations.

Both full and corresponding members of the ECTP-CEU are encouraged to nominate entries representing the best practices within their country. Any project can be proposed, including winners or runners up of national or regional award schemes or schemes which have undergone other forms of selection.

The way entries are proposed have a direct influence on the entry fee (see further section 'Entry fee').

ECTP-CEU recommends contacting the member associations (see www.ectp-ceu.eu website, "members").

Deadline of reception of all entries: 01 June 2020

Entries should be sent to the ECTP-CEU in electronic format: secretariat@ectp-ceu.eu
See the specifications and requirements here below.

All entries will be examined between June and August 2020

No result will be communicated before the Awards Ceremony

Jury

The Jury will be chaired by Vincent Goodstadt, Honorary Professor at the University of Manchester, past President of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and Président d'Honneur of the ECTP-CEU. A representative of the Committee of the Regions (CoR), a representative of the EU DG Regio and international Planners from the ECTP-CEU Network will join the jury.

Entry Requirements

Each entry should include:

1. A detailed written description of the entry in English **or** in French. The description must be no longer than four A4 pages including the title, tables and references. Please send this description in word or another editable format.
2. A high resolution version of two colour panels in 80 X 150 cm format (80cm wide, 150cm high), providing a clear explanation, detailed location and detailed illustrations in English. The high-resolution files are needed to print on rollups and serve for the jury and the exhibitions that will then be organized.
The sent files must be:
 - in jpg, tiff or pdf
 - minimum 150 ppi, preferably 300 ppi.
 - Be careful not to use too small text.
3. A summary CV (1 page max)
4. The bank evidence of the payment of the entry fees.
5. All material (electronic versions of the panels, the written descriptions, CV, bank evidence) should be placed in a downloadable zip file and the web address (url) provided at submission. Sending by 'wettransfer' is also accepted.

This online submission form is on the ECTP-CU website: www.ectp-ceu.eu

Receipt on the online submission form and the zip file with all elements completes the application.

The Awards

The European Council of Spatial Planners will present Certificates of Achievement to the winners. Awards will be given to those entries considered outstanding according to the assessment criteria.

Ceremony

The Awards ceremony will be held in autumn of 2020 at a venue to be announced. This event achieved high media profile on the previous occasions and it is anticipated that the event will achieve similar coverage.

All entry holders will be invited to attend to the Ceremony to participate in a session for presentations and debate.

Publication

All entries will be published in the ECTP-CEU web site, social media, and in an e-book.

The ownership of results of the Awards shall lie with ECTP and their publication shall be exclusively managed by the Executive Committee of the ECTP-CEU.

Entry fees

The Entry fee to the 13th European Urban and Regional Planning Awards varies depending if it is sent directly or if it is endorsed by an ECTP-CEU member (national spatial planning association).

If sent directly: 500,00 €

If endorsed by an ECTP-CEU member: 250,00 €

Projects that have won a competition organized by an ECTP-CEU member can benefit free access to the ECTP-CEU Awards.

Endorsement by an ECTP-CEU member may be stipulated on the registration form or confirmed by e-mail exchange.

The payment should be made by bank transfer to:

Bank Name: ING Banque

Account number (IBAN): BE56 3100 0708 1288

Account name: Conseil Européen des Urbanistes

BIC code: BBRUBEBB

Further Information

For further information about past awards, and for nomination forms, please contact the national spatial planning organisations that are members of ECTP-CEU or the ECTP-CEU secretariat.

Addresses to be found at: www.ectp-ceu.eu

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