

DRAFT PRINCIPLES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Based on Annex C of the founding charter (1985 Charter of Amsterdam) and updated 2012

1. The objectives of the ECTP-CEU as defined in its Statutes are to collect, study and promulgate information related to the exercise of the profession of the planner in the Member States of the Council of Europe and across their Institutes and Associations, the defence of the rights of planners and research into a definition of their obligations. The association works towards this objective regardless of any political, linguistic or philosophical consideration.
2. This Charter of Professional Conduct sets out the principles by which all the professional activities the members of the ECTP-CEU will be guided. All members are expected to observe the provisions of the Charter.
3. Professional Town Planners shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to uphold the reputation of the profession in general and their Institute or Association in particular. They shall respect and uphold the professional ethics of the Institutes or Associations of each of the countries within which they undertake work.
4. Each Institute or Association will draft its own detailed Code of Professional Conduct and will be responsible for the observance by its members of its Code. This will embody the following Principles, to which all Planners in Europe agree to subscribe:
5. Professional planners
 - a. shall act with integrity and honesty with the interests of the community being their paramount consideration;
 - b. shall exercise their independent professional judgement to the best of their skill and understanding;
 - c. shall maintain their professional competence throughout their working lives through continuing professional development , including adhering to the advice of their Institute or Association
 - d. shall support their staff in developing and maintaining their competences, to expand their knowledge, experience and ability;
 - e. shall rely solely on professional capability to obtain commissions and not to seek to supplant another practitioner; and always to notify a previous practitioner on being approached to proceed with work on which such practitioner had been engaged.
 - f. shall discharge their duty to their employers, clients, colleagues and others with care and diligence;
 - g. shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, sex, sexual orientation, creed, religion, disability or age and shall seek to promote equality of opportunity;
 - h. shall respect other related professions and shall collaborate with them and seek their expertise whenever appropriate to the nature of the task.
 - i. shall not bring the profession or the ECTP-CEU into disrepute.
6. In particular, members will not make or subscribe to any statements or reports which are contrary to their own *bona fide* professional opinions and shall not knowingly enter into any contract or agreement which requires them to do so. All the activities of members will be legal, decent, honest and truthful and must avoid exaggeration and show respect to other members