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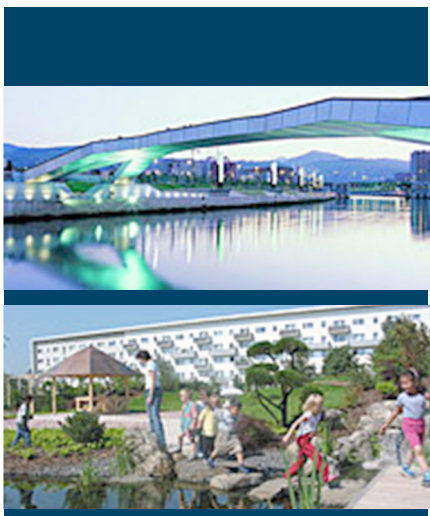
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European Spatial Planning

Sustainable development

Regional

Participation

Local scale

Territorial cohesion

9th European Urban and Regional Planning Awards 2011-2012 Call for Entries



Urban, Landscape

Cultural Heritage

Nature

European

Water, Energy

Cross-border

Economy

Management

Citizens

Cultural

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ECTP, with the support of the Committee of Regions, invites you to be candidate for the 9th European Urban and Regional Planning Awards 2011-2012.

**The closing date for Nominations is
28th February 2012**

Planning Awards

The European Urban and Regional Planning Awards, conferred by ECTP-CEU (European Council of Spatial Planners (*) – aisbl : association internationale sans but lucratif), give recognition to planning strategies, schemes or developments which make an outstanding contribution to the quality of life in urban and rural regions of Europe.

The aims of the Awards Scheme are to:

- Demonstrate to the general public, and to the planning profession in particular, successful and innovative planning projects and developments through which the quality of life of European citizens is enhanced and improved, socially, economically and environmentally.
- Promote the views, ideas and Vision of ECTP-CEU on the future of European cities and regions as expressed in the New Charter of Athens 2003 to create and enhance conditions favourable to the promotion of sustainable development.
- 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 economic and social cohesion, enhancing cultural identity, to mention but a few.
- Demonstrate clearly the advantages of the participatory planning process, facilitated and enabled by professional planners, showing how the co-operation between and the direct participation of stakeholders, Local Authorities, development agencies and interested citizens can have a synergistic effect of benefit to the whole planning process.
- Illustrate the growing significance of the concept of “territorial cohesion” and explain through programmes, plans, concepts and best practices how planners and other stakeholders in spatial development reach across borders to formulate joint strategies for tackling problems in an interconnected world.

The scope of the subjects to be considered for the awards embraces published plans and studies, projects involving community participation, and significant physical development, either at a trans-national, national, trans-regional, regional scale or at a local scale. The themes or topics are freely chosen ; they do not have to be considered of “European relevance” to be submitted.

Assessment Criteria

To evaluate the nominations, an independent jury representing the planning profession will be nominated by ECTP-CEU and 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 recognisable 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 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.

National preselection process

National Planning Institutes and Associations which are members of ECTP-CEU are encouraged to nominate entries which represent the best practice within their country. Nominated projects can be the winners or runners up of national award schemes or schemes which have undergone other forms of selection through the national organisations.

Entries may be submitted only by the national Planning Institutes and Associations of ECTP-CEU. Nominations from individuals are not eligible. Individuals wishing to have projects, etc. considered should submit their nominations to the local selection process as early as possible.

Entry Requirements

The submitted study, scheme or development must have been approved or completed before the closing date of nomination.

Nominations should be accompanied by (in both hard copy and electronic format):

- 1** A detailed written description of the entry in English (a French translation will be requested in case the entry is shortlisted as winner or for special merits).
The description must be no longer than four A4 pages including the title, tables and references. Papers must be in DOC format (Microsoft Word document) using Times New Roman 12pt type for headings and titles and Times New Roman 11pt type for all other text. Please do not use headers or footers in the paper. The top, left, right and bottom margins should all be set to 1 inch (2.5 cm).
- 2** Two A1 colour panels on a rigid backing, providing clear explanation, detailed location and illustration in English if possible.
- 3** One DVD containing an electronic version of: a) both panels complete, b) each individual picture, image, caption and logo used for the panels, c) the written description supplied by the pre-selected entries, as indicated in 1) above. Further material (pictures, movies, promotional materials, etc) can also be included.
- 4** A named contact of the planners - the team or the team leader - actually responsible for the planning input into the selected project, a named contact of the local authority or agency which financed the work and the name of the chief officer (e.g. chief executive or mayor) and the chief planning officer.
- 5** The evidence of the involvement of young planners (less than 38 years) in the team, if this was the case.
- 6** The bank evidence of payment of the entry fees.

The national Planning Institutes and Associations of ECTP-CEU will make the first selection from the entries and send those chosen to the International Jury not later than **28th February 2012** (last date of receipt of application).

All nominations sent to the International Jury by the national association should use the **official nomination form** available on the ECTP-CEU website including:

- 1. A citation as to why the nominated project is considered outstanding by that organisation and thus worthy of recognition at a European level.
- 2. Named contacts at the national Planning Institute or Association responsible for the national selection and of the national rapporteur who will give objective answers to any professional questions about the national selection.
- 3. An electronic version of both the panels and the texts supplied by the pre-selected entries as indicated above.

The Awards

ECTP-CEU will present Certificates of Achievement to the winners. Awards will be given to those entries considered outstanding according to the assessment criteria.

The Awards will be made to the authority or body responsible for the commissioning or production of the scheme and to the professional planners involved.

The Award ceremony will take place during the Autumn 2012. The ECTP-CEU and Committee of Regions will ensure a large media coverage of this event and of its' winners. Each winner will have his or her project published in the newsletter of the Committee of Regions.

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

Further Information

For further information about the past series and for nomination forms please contact the national associations and institutes of planners belonging to ECTP-CEU.

Addresses to be found at:

Website : www.ectp-ceu.eu | ECTP-CEU e-mail : secretariat@ectp-ceu.eu

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STATUTES

Approved by (Belgian) Royal Decree 8 March 1988

Modified by the General Assembly 24 October 2008

CHAPTER 1: NAME, OFFICE, OBJECTIVE, DURATION

ARTICLE 1: In accordance with the law of 2 May 2002, the international association with a scientific purpose 'Conseil Européen des Urbanistes - European Council of Town Planners' whose Statutes were approved by Royal Decree on 8 March 1988 is transformed into an «association internationale sans but lucratif» [international not-for-profit association] entitled:

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CONSEIL EUROPÉEN DES URBANISTES

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ARTICLE 3: The association, which is devoid of any profit motive, has the objective of collecting, studying and promulgating information related to the exercise of the profession of 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.