

ECTP-CEU

European Council of Spatial Planners
Conseil européen des urbanistes

**Application form
for election to membership
of the Council**

A. PURPOSES OF THE ECTP – CEU

The ECTP - CEU is composed of national Institutes and Associations of Spatial Planners in countries belonging to the Council of Europe, each of which is entitled to at least two delegates.

It has three principal aims:

To strengthen professional and cultural relationships between the Institutes and Associations of Spatial Planners in Europe and the relationships between them, the European Union and the Council of Europe.

To propose systems of teaching and training for spatial planning and to suggest methods of harmonising the present systems.

To put forward and suggest European development policies and to express opinions on important issues.

These Institutes and Associations adopted an International Agreement and Declaration on 8 November 1985 which bound them to adopt common rules on practice and on education and training. In 1987 they ratified Appendix C to the Agreement which relates to rules of professional conduct for Spatial Planners. (Copies of the Agreement and Declaration and Appendix C are attached.)

The ECTP - CEU is based in Brussels.

B. INTERNAL REGULATIONS ON MEMBERSHIP

a) Full membership of the ECTP – CEU is open to those Institutes and Associations of Spatial Planners established in the national States represented in the Council of Europe (hereafter called “European countries”) which meet the criteria for membership adopted by the ECTP – CEU in accordance with the International Agreement and Declaration, namely:

- (i) The essential object of the Institute or Association is the development and promotion of spatial planning as a distinct profession;
- (ii) It is independent or able to demonstrate that it is working towards independence within a defined time;
- (iii) It operates nationally; ECTP – CEU full member associations or institutes are those with a national spatial coverage. Regional, including any sub-national, interregional or local associations or institutes will be admitted as full members only where the regional scale is representative for a different ethnic or language group which is not represented in any other association or institute in that country, or where there is no national association;
- (iv) It can show that (i)-(iii) can be endorsed by authoritative bodies in its member state;

- (v) It consists of personal members but can also include societies or other collective bodies; the ECTP – CEU full member associations or institutes contain individual professional planners whose roles are outlined in *The New Charter of Athens 2003* and who are recognised according to the national rules of regulation of the planning profession. Associations or institutes of sectoral planners may be admitted as corresponding members and will be encouraged to enlarge their membership criteria to accept all professional planners;
- (vi) Associations or institutes including other individual members that are not fully recognised as spatial planners (i.e. students or affiliated professionals), administrative or other associate bodies can be eligible for full membership if they demonstrate that their aims and objectives coincide fully with those of the ECTP – CEU.

b) More than one Institute or Association from any one European Country may be admitted to membership provided that they meet the criteria.

c) Applications for membership are referred to the Executive Committee which determines whether the criteria are met. Formal accession to the ECTP – CEU takes place at a General Assembly meeting after the adoption by the General Assembly at the Annual meeting of a recommendation by the Executive Committee that the applicant must be admitted to membership, having provided evidence that it meets the criteria.

d) Applicants who do not meet the criteria but who can demonstrate that they are taking all practicable steps to meet the criteria, may be admitted to Observer status at the discretion of the Executive Committee for a specified period to enable them to meet the criteria. This period may be extended only if the Executive Committee is satisfied that substantial progress has been made towards meeting the criteria and that they are likely to be met within a further specified period.

e) Observer status is restricted to applicant members and is granted only in the circumstances of d). It is not granted to bodies which clearly have no reasonable prospect of being able to meet the criteria for membership in the foreseeable future.

f) Membership may be terminated by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Executive Committee if a member is no longer able to meet the criteria for membership or if the whole or part of its subscription to the ECTP – CEU is outstanding for six months or more. Applications for reinstatement to membership are dealt with on the same basis as original applications, but any member whose membership is terminated for non-payment of subscriptions will not be reinstated until all arrears are paid.

C. QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. What is the official name, acronym (abbreviation) and address of your Association or Institute?
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2. What are main statutory aims of your Association or Institute?
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3. Is your organisation independent of any body which promotes other professions or able to demonstrate that it is working towards independence within a defined time?
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If not,

a) what is the name of this body and what is the relationship with it?
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b) is your organisation working towards independence, and what action is it taking in pursuit of this goal?
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4. Does your Association or Institute recruit members and operate through the whole country?
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If not, is your Association a regional (sub-national, interregional) or local organisation?
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Does your Association or Institute cooperate with other similar national or regional organisations?
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5. When was your Association or Institute formally established?
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6. How many members has your Association or Institute? (please indicate whether single persons and/or associate bodies)
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If your members represent various disciplines, please specify professional structure of your members?
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Please specify also, if possible, in which groups of activities enumerated in *The New Charter of Athens 2003*, your members are mainly engaged:

- science and education
- spatial planning, urban design, development vision
- political advice and mediation
- urban management and implementation

7. Does your Association or Institute have regional branches?

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Is your Association or Institute a member of a group of national organisations?

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8. Does your organisation enjoy any statutory recognition or is it working towards acquiring such recognition?

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9. Does membership of your Association or Institute confer any statutory or other formal authority?

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If not, is it likely to in the foreseeable future?

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10. What are the requirements for membership of your Association or Institute in terms of academic qualifications and/or experience?

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11. Can all Town Planners (Spatial Planners) in your country become members of your Association or Institute? If not, what are the limitations?

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12. If further clarification is required, could you provide documentary evidence from authoritative sources in your country to corroborate affirmative answers to questions 3, 4 and 10?

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13. Could you reasonably undertake to fulfil the obligation to play an active role within the ECTP - CEU and to pay annual subscription, in accordance with the principles presented in the enclosed paper Duties of Members?

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14. Are you prepared to sign the International Agreement and Declaration and to ratify Appendix C?

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Date:

Signed..... President

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