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Update on the call to members of ECTP-CEU for case studies of Post-COVID recovery plans building on the Re-Start Europe declaration. A joint project with Lincoln Institute

More info on the call

The *ECTP-CEU RE-START Europe Declaration* contains principles which must be applied to post-Covid recovery, acknowledging that they have to be translated according to the circumstances of each country or region. The key message of the declaration is that spatial planning has a key role in delivering a “just recovery” from Covid-19.

The ECTP-CEU is aware that there is already a great deal of work going on in different countries across Europe to predict some outcomes of the post-Covid era, with plans in hand to prepare and plan for a potentially uncertain future. How has the pandemic changed the ways we live and work? What impact has it had on the way we conduct spatial planning? And how can we ensure that spatial planning is central to the recovery of countries, regions, cities and rural areas in the coming years?

The *RE-START Europe Declaration* analyses some current trends and issues and proposes a list of principles of how we might re-start Europe. It also addresses many of the objectives of the Lincoln Institute, and by finding out about the different projects across Europe, the ECTP-CEU can make a contribution to the work of the Lincoln Institute. For more information on the Lincoln Institute, see <https://www.lincolninst.edu/>

The *RE-START Europe Declaration* contains 9 principles, which include our commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the New Urban Agenda, and the New Leipzig Charter, as well as the *ECTP-CEU European Charter of European Planning* and the *ECTP-CEU European Charter on Participatory Democracy*. It also contains six “mega-trends” which are:

1. Planning for uncertainty ;
2. Planning for greater safety and security ;
3. Local empowerment and supported devolution ;
4. Renewed role of the national and cross border spatial planning ;
5. Planning to tackle growing inequality ;
6. Beyond austerity and fiscal issues.

The ECTP-CEU, in this call, is seeking bids from our members for examples or (brief) case studies of **spatial planning** to illustrate the kinds of post-COVID plans that are being prepared. Each example should demonstrate its relevance under at least one of the above trends. The scale of each is not prescribed - it could be country-wide, regional or local-, but it should be capable of being relevant to the above trends.

Each case study should comprise a maximum of 5 pages of writing, plus any illustrations, maps etc. in addition to this, and following a format:

- a. set out the context of the case study, with links to the one of the above trends from RE-START Europe ;
- b. describe the objectives and expected or achieved outcomes of the case study in detail ;
- c. conclude with how it has been implemented (if it has); or the next steps and offer ideas for further research.

Objective

To document, share and discuss relevant spatial planning case studies within ECTP-CEU's learning network organisation, with an outreach to local, regional, national and European bodies, including private and public actors.

Practicalities - How to make a bid?

Extended deadline (phase 1) to July 10th 2021

Phase 1: Sending letter of interest

Member organisations interested in joining, send a simple mail message to secretariat@ectp-ceu.eu (ref: 'Re-start case studies + name of case study') promoting an interesting case study within their country, explaining how it could contribute to the implementation of the Re-start Europe Declaration, also indicating the location, partners involved and a contact person. Member organisations can of course talk to interesting actors in the planning field and ask them to participate.

The letter of interest must be send by **July 10th 2021** to secretariat@ectp-ceu.eu.

Phase 2: Shortlist of cases and elaboration of a 5-pager

The Executive Committee of the ECTP-CEU, assisted by the Re-Start Working group, will make a shortlist of interesting cases, requiring each to comprise 5 pages plus illustrations, maps and diagrams if necessary, (following a simple format) by **October 1st 2021**. For each selected and developed case we provide a lump sum in order to cover the costs.

Phase 3: Reflection during General Assembly

A first set of interesting cases will be presented and discussed during the 2021 Autumn GA in Athens.

Phase 4: Publication of best cases

The final list of cases (up to 10 in total) will be published by the ECTP and the Lincoln Institute by the end of December 2021.

See <https://www.lincolninst.edu/>

See RESTART manifesto: <https://ectp-ceu.eu/ectp-ceu-re-start-europe-manifesto/>

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