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14<sup>th</sup> Biennale of European Towns and Town Planners  
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***Inclusive Cities and Regions  
Territoires Inclusifs***

**Call for Submission of  
Applications for  
Cities to Host the  
Combined Event**

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The European Council of Spatial Planners – Conseil européen des urbanistes (ECTP-CEU) is the umbrella organisation of the European planners' associations, chambers and institutes. It was founded in 1985 and brings together 40.000 professional spatial planners.

The **Biennale of European Towns and Town Planners** is organised every two years since 1995 by the ECTP-CEU (which holds the registered trademark of the event) and represents its major event for the scientific and academic debate in the field of spatial planning.

The **European Urban and Regional Planning Awards** is the other major event held every two years since 2002 (plus three initial events in 1991, 1994 and 1998) by the ECTP-CEU, in co-operation with the European Union's Committee of the Regions since 2010, and rewards examples of good spatial planning with reference to the Charter of European Planning.

The **Young Planners Workshop** is an initiative of the ECTP-CEU which seeks to set out young planners' perspectives and experiences within the context of new European paradigms. It is held every year in conjunction with the Biennale or the Planning Awards.

**General Assemblies** of the ECTP-CEU are held twice each year, one in Spring and the other in Autumn, and are the body where the delegates of the member associations meet and decide about the policies and activities of the umbrella organisation.

## 1 Event format for 2023

The Biennales and Planning Awards are traditionally held every two years (Biennales in odd years and Awards in even years). The pandemic put a stop to these events. The 2021 Biennale was cancelled and postponed to 2023, while both, the 2020 and the 2022 Planning Awards were cancelled and postponed to 2023.

The 10<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> Young Planners Workshops were both held: the 10<sup>th</sup> in 2020 was held completely online, while the final session of the 11<sup>th</sup> was held in hybrid form (in person and online) at the 2021 Autumn General Assembly in Athens.

Therefore, in Autumn 2023 one combined event of the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennale, the 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Awards and the 12<sup>th</sup> Young Planners Workshop, as well as ECTP-CEU's General Assembly, will take place at the venues provided by the host city.

## 2 Eligible candidate cities

This call is open to any city or town located in one of the countries with an ECTP-CEU full member organisation, namely Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom.

Candidate cities must be well connected to the major European public transport networks.

## 3 Duties

Candidate cities must comply with the obligations set out briefly hereafter.

- Propose dates that are compatible with the format laid out in the attached Organisation Protocol.
- Propose a common main theme of the Biennale, Planning Awards and Young Planners Workshop. The increasing phenomenon of migration as an ongoing, constant element in European societies and the subsequent need of new paradigms for inclusion policies in spatial planning suggest inviting the candidate cities to adopt as the main theme **Inclusive Cities and Regions - Territoires Inclusifs** taking into account, among others, also the 'Re-Start Europe' principles set out in ECTP-CEU's manifesto of the same name and to focus on what the above-mentioned manifesto calls 'inclusive and just future for all communities'.
- Co-operate with the ECTP-CEU and the CoR in the framework of the Organisation Committee, the Scientific Committee, the Awards Jury and the Young Planners Working Group and recognise these as the decision-making bodies for organisational and scientific issues; and the Organisation Committee will be composed of representatives of the ECTP-CEU, the CoR and each of the other co-organisers.
- Organise, within the frameworks of the Organisation Committee and the Scientific Committee, plenary and parallel conference sessions, workshops, exhibitions, city tours,

technical visits and social events for the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennale.

- Organise the public exhibition, presentation, discussion and awarding ceremony of the 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Awards.
- Provide, if financially feasible, for simultaneous translation services between English and French and other languages during the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennale and the 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Awards.
- Host the final session of the Young Planners Workshop, organised on-site by the ECTP-CEU, which includes a working session, an exhibition, and a public presentation with discussion of the works produced by the young planners.
- Host the 2023 Autumn General Assembly of the ECTP-CEU.
- Host other important national or preferably international events on spatial planning, if desired; these events must however stay under the umbrella of the ECTP-CEU, the Biennale and the Awards.
- Produce the final publications of the conference materials and presentations of the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennale, the 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Awards and the 12<sup>th</sup> Young Planners Workshop.
- Assume the complete financial risk of the combined event through public financing and/or private sponsors.

All these duties and additional information are set out in detail in the attached Organisation Protocol.

#### **4 Call, Draft Protocol, Accompanying Document and Recommended Readings**

The Call for submission of applications for cities to host the Combined Event is composed by two distinct documents, one accompanying document and three recommended readings:

- *Call for Submissions of Applications* (this document);
- *Draft Organisation Protocol* to be signed by the ECTP-CEU and the co-organisers, likely with commonly agreed changes mainly to chapters 7 and 8;
- *Migration & Inclusion* in the framework of inclusive cities and regions - territoires inclusifs (accompanying document);
- *Re-Start Europe - ECTP-CEU declaration for an inclusive and just post-covid future for all communities* (October 2020);
- *European Charter of Participatory Democracy in Spatial Planning Processes* (October 2015);
- *Charter of European Planning* (April 2013).

The three recommended readings are available for download from the 'Publications' section on ECTP-CEU's website:

<https://ectp-ceu.eu>

## 5 Evaluation Commission

The evaluation commission of the ECTP-CEU, whose task is to assess the application of candidate host cities and to maintain the dialogue with the applicants, is composed by the members of ECTP-CEU's Executive Committee and the Chair of ECTP-CEU's working group on Awards and Biennales, namely:

- Janet Askew, RTPI (England), President;
- Markus Hedorfer, ASSURB (Italy), Vice-President;
- Chantal Guillet, SFU (France), Secretary-General;
- Ignacio Pemán, AETU (Spain), Awards & Biennales WG Chair;
- Gerhard Vittinghoff, BAIK (Austria), Treasurer;
- Martin Baloga, ZUUPS (Slovakia), Young Planners Project Chair;
- Catherine Vilquin, CUB (Belgium), Migration & Inclusion WG Chair;
- Kent Håkull, FKP (Norway), Administrator on the Executive Committee.

## 6 Deadline, Submission and Contact

Deadline for submission of applications to host the Autumn 2023 Combined Event is Monday, **19<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 12:00 hours CEST** (Central European Summer Time). Immediately after the deadline, the evaluation commission of the ECTP-CEU will begin assessing the applications.

It is expected that in the letter of application the following information is outlined:

- Name of the city which applies to host the Combined Event;
- Name(s) and contact information of co-organiser(s) who will co-operate with the ECTP-CEU and the CoR to plan, organise and hold the Combined Event (other co-organisers may be added at a later stage if advised or necessary);
- Name(s) of the sponsor(s) and public administration(s) who will assume the financial risk of the Combined Event (other subjects may be added at a later stage);
- Proposed dates of the Combined Event, preferably not earlier than 16<sup>th</sup> October and not later than 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023; the proposed dates may be subject to further changes during the discussion phase.

Applications and all questions and communications before and after the deadline must be sent via email to

**[biennale@ectp-ceu.eu](mailto:biennale@ectp-ceu.eu)**

and must always contain the name of the proposed host city as

the first word in the subject of the message in the form 'City – our concern'.

Attached **documents** must all be sent as PDF files, while attached **images** as PNG, JPEG or TIFF files. A single email message must not exceed 25 Mbytes, but distinct email messages can be sent, possibly by numbering them in the subject line. All attached documents and images must conform to the following naming syntax:

*city\_xx\_name.ext*

where *city* is the name of the candidate host city, *xx* a consecutive number (with a leading zero if appropriate) for all attachments through all email messages from the very first message to the final application, including possible integrations that might be requested by the ECTP-CEU, *name* is a very short (not more than 8-10 characters) description of the file content, and *ext* is the conventional file name extension ('pdf', 'png', 'jpg' or 'tif').

**Questions** can be asked at any stage and interested candidate cities are encouraged to **contact** the ECTP-CEU through [biennale@ectp-ceu.eu](mailto:biennale@ectp-ceu.eu) before the deadline to discuss about how to produce the formal application and how to try to strengthen possible weak aspects of the proposed event concept.

The assessment and selection procedures are conceived as a **transparent process**, where the goal is to maximise the success of the event and at the same time optimise the ratio between workload and tangible results for the candidate host cities. For this purpose, the candidate host cities will be informed about applications coming from concurrent cities.

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