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## 13<sup>th</sup> Young Planners Workshop 2024 Call for Abstracts and Workshop Programme

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## Evolving Needs of Liveable Cities



*Brick Chimney at Etxebarria Park, Bilbao, 2016. This is the title photographer Matt Kieffer gave his work. The photo is taken from Plaza del Gas - Gas Plaza in the direction of the park, which is the result of a huge urban reconversion project from the 1980s, and completed in July 2023, of a former steel foundry plant. Today, Etxebarria Park is the largest urban park in Bilbao.*

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# 11<sup>th</sup> Young Planners Workshop 2022

## Call for Abstracts and Workshop Programme

### 1 About the ECTP and the Young Planners Workshop

The ECTP-CEU (European Council of Spatial Planners – Conseil Européen des Urbanistes), founded in 1985, brings together 40.000 spatial planners from 33 professional planning associations, institutes and agencies from 28 European countries.

It is an umbrella association providing its members with a common framework for planning practice, planning education, continuing professional development and the definition of professional responsibilities.

ECTP-CEU sets standards of education and conduct for the planning profession; identifies, celebrates and rewards examples of good planning all over Europe; and engages in dialogue with local, national and European governments.

In accordance with these objectives, the initiative of the Young Planners Workshop seeks to set out young planners' perspectives and experiences within the context of new European paradigms.

#### 1.1 This year's edition

Similar to last year's edition, when participants presented ideas, strategies, plans, programmes and projects they already had worked out or were working on, once again the ECTP-CEU strongly encourages young practitioners to apply for the workshop. The experience they want to share should possibly be part of one of their first work experience and must refer to their own projects or their own contributions to major projects. The evaluation commission will not accept works from senior planners that are only presented by younger colleagues or in which the young planners are or were only marginally involved.

Those teams whose contributions will be accepted must participate in at least two online meetings: a first one at the end of September and a second one at the beginning of November. During these meetings, the contributions will be discussed and the presentations co-ordinated. They may also be an opportunity to get to know each other better in advance. To permit the young planners in-person participation in Bilbao each admitted group will receive a financial contribution of 500 euros.



*Stadsbuitengracht in Utrecht, The Netherlands. View from “Vredenburgknoop” bridge to the north. The Stadsbuitengracht is the western part of the medieval town’s moat, which had been transformed in 1973 into a 6 to 8 lane urban road system. From 2010 to 2020 the old moat system has been completely restored*

The presentations will be made during ECTP-CEU’s Autumn General Assembly in Bilbao, Spain in the afternoon of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. The morning sessions of the General Assembly are closed, i.e., only open to official delegates, while the afternoon sessions, including the young planners’ presentations and discussions are open. After their specific two-hour session, the young planners also have the opportunity — as last year in Gdańsk — to participate in ECTP-CEU’s ‘Planning in Practice’ workshop session which will be held during the last two hours of the day.

## **2 Theme Description**

“Evolving Needs of Liveable Cities” is an innovative topic aimed at transforming urban landscapes to meet the evolving needs of contemporary cities.

### **2.1 Description of the main focus**

The focus of this year’s edition is to address the new requirements for housing in the context of urban densification, valuable public spaces, pedestrian-friendly and alternative mobility, greenery and water management, the 15-minute city concept, work-from-home culture, positive energy districts, and heat islands removal in the field of residential structures within the cities.

The participants’ projects should explore and propose new



*Vaubanallee (Vauban Avenue) in Freiburg, Germany. Vauban is Freiburg's most recent neighbourhood. It is a former military base, created in 1937 by Nazi German armed forces, then used by the French Forces in Germany under the name 'Quartier Vauban'. After 1992 it has been converted into a cutting-edge sustainable and so-called car-reduced neighbourhood*

solutions for housing in the context of the current and future challenges that urban areas face, considering the following aspects as essential for creating housing structures that are innovative, sustainable, and liveable:

- **urban densification**, which implies the efficient use of land and space in cities;
- **valuable public spaces**, which enhance the social and cultural life of the city;
- **pedestrian-friendly and alternative mobility**, which reduce the dependence on cars and foster active and healthy lifestyles; greenery and water management, which improve the ecological and environmental performance of the city;
- **15-minute city concept**, which promotes the accessibility and proximity of services and amenities within a short distance;
- **work-from-home culture**, which requires the adaptation of housing spaces to accommodate different functions and needs; positive energy districts, which generate more energy than they consume and contribute to the decarbonisation of the city; and heat islands removal, which mitigate the effects of climate change and increase the thermal comfort of the city.

These elements are crucial in the transformation of cities, making them more sustainable, liveable, and adaptable to the changing needs of their inhabitants. Beyond providing shelter,



*Alter Flugplatz im Frankfurter Grüngürtel (Old Airfield in the Frankfurt Green Belt). Nature restoration planning of the former (1951-1992) United States armed forces "Maurice Rose Airfield" in Frankfurt-Bonames, Germany. After purchase of the area by the Frankfurt city administration, conversion planning and works started in 2002*

housing structures must positively contribute to the urban environment and the quality of life of its residents.

## 2.2 Call for projects

We invite applicants to bring forward innovative proposals presenting real projects that have been implemented in European or non-European cities. These projects should demonstrate novel approaches to housing structures and urban transformation, addressing the key focus areas mentioned above.

The proposals should provide detailed information about the project, including its objectives, implementation process, achieved outcomes, and the lessons learned. They should also highlight how the project has contributed to the transformation of the city and improved the quality of life of its residents.

This call for projects is an excellent opportunity for young planners to showcase their innovative ideas and contribute to the transformation of our cities. We look forward to receiving your proposals and learning about your innovative approaches to new housing structures.

## 2.3 Evaluation criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

- **Innovation:** originality and forward-thinking aspects of the proposal.
- **Coherence:** the extent to which the project scope is clearly and logically defined, with a consistent and coherent con-



*Milano-Bicocca, Italy. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the area was occupied by huge industrial plants, such as Breda (1903) and Pirelli (1907). In 1985, Pirelli organised a planning competition to completely regenerate the 70 hectares area. In 1991 the first university courses took place and currently a wider area is under development to form the Grande (Greater) Bicocca*

nection between the problem statement, the proposed solution, the expected outcomes, and the potential impact.

- **Visual and Descriptive Clarity:** effectiveness in communicating the vision through words and visuals.
- **Relevance:** the degree to which the project addresses a real and significant urban planning challenge, with evidence of research and analysis to support the problem definition and the proposed solution. The project should be the outcome of a real urban planning process, involving relevant stakeholders and reflecting the local context and needs.

### 3 Application

Please note that applicants should be young practitioners aged less than **35 years** or with less than **10 years'** post-qualification experience in planning. Applications can come from **individual** young planners or **groups** with up to 3 members, where every member must meet the 35-10-years rule.

Submissions must include:

- single-word group name (in the case of individual submission it can be the participant's surname);
- name of the group member acting as main contact person;
- abstract up to 300 words which may include some, but not too many, illustrations;
- for each group member must be provided
  - ▶ name and surname,



*Bristol was an important port city up river from the west coast of England, and when the port functions moved to locate 10 km westwards, the city commenced a long term plan to regenerate the disused docks. This successful project which started in 1983 has created waterside recreational and residential areas alongside important maritime museums celebrating the heritage of the city of Bristol. The plan has now been implemented, considerably adding to the economic fortunes of the city and creating desirable places for residents and tourists*

- ▶ current professional situation,
- ▶ short biography up to 100 words;
- ▶ e-mail address.

Please submit your application with your abstract via e-mail to ECTP-CEU's young planners project board at [yp@ectp-ceu.eu](mailto:yp@ectp-ceu.eu)

Abstracts Submission **Deadline:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, 12:00 CEST**

The evaluation commission ("Young Planners Project Board") will select at most ten contributions to be invited to present their projects at the Bilbao General Assembly.

Communication of **acceptance**: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Guidelines for abstracts:

- project title as the top line;
- group member names as the second line;
- abstract text of no more than 300 words;
- only in English; please refer to the BBC News style guide at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsstyleguide>;
- Microsoft Word format, font Calibri at 12 pt size, paragraph line spacing "Exactly" 14.7 pt;
- no footnotes;





*Birmingham is the second city of the UK. 40 years ago, the city planners began to re-invent the city to create desirable city centre residences, large-scale pedestrianisation, fewer roads and restoration of derelict canals in the city centre. The so-called Mail Box building was restored from a former industrial building to a shopping and restaurant area, linking up with the re-generated canals and a network of walkways. Birmingham is attracting more investment and conserving and promoting its heritage at the same time*

- references not required; if necessary, please apply Harvard style’;
- figures added as self-standing attachments (TIFF with LZW compression, PNG with compression level 9 or JPEG with 80% or “high” quality).

By submitting the application, participants grant ECTP-CEU all copyrights and full permission to publish their abstracts.

#### **4 Presentation at the General Assembly**

The young planners’ works will be presented by one or more group members during ECTP-CEU’s Autumn General Assembly in Bilbao, Spain in the afternoon of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024. It is expected that a Microsoft Power Point presentation (or a PDF file) is shown while explaining in a 10-minutes speech the main goals, issues and achievements of the project, as well as the context where and why it has been worked out. Be also prepared to answer questions in English that might come from the public. Additional information to those listed hereafter will be provided during the on-line meeting shortly after the communication of acceptance.



*Talence-Thouars, Bordeaux Métropole, France. Planned in the 1960s as a ZUP (Zone à urbaniser en priorité, Priority Urbanisation Zone) its first 50% was built in the 1970s. The end of the “Trente Glorieuses” (30 years of economic growth) imposed a stop, but incompleteness turned into a structural issue. A holistic renewal process took place from 2001 to 2016*

#### 4.1 Slides

Please ensure that the number of pages (“slides”) is within acceptable limits. People is often becoming inattentive if speakers quickly jump from one slide to the other. As the file format you can choose between Microsoft Power Point (animations permitted) or Adobe PDF (animations not possible). If choosing the Microsoft **Power Point** format, please provide a version 2007 (or above) file with \*.pptx extension and a pply a 16:9 widescreen page ratio. If choosing the Adobe PDF format please set the page size to 24.0 cm width and 13.5 cm height.

To avoid last-minute technical problems, please submit the Power Point presentation a few days in advance (not later than 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 or provide a PDF version of your presentation in addition to the Power Point file.

The presentations should mention in their cover page the names of the group members, the place (“Bilbao”), the date (“23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024”) and the workshop’s theme (“Evolving Needs of Liveable Cities”) as well as the expression “13<sup>th</sup> ECTP-CEU Young Planners Workshop” and the ECTP-CEU official logo, which is made available to the participants as an SVG file.

#### 4.2 Poster

In addition to the presentation you are also required to prepare one or two posters summarising the content of your presentation. Please ensure that the posters contain the same textual information and official logo as the presentation cover



*The venue of ECTP-CEU’s 2024 Autumn General Assembly — and hence also of the 13<sup>th</sup> Young Planners Woprkshop’s final session — is the cultural centre “La Perrera” in Bilbao. “Perrera” in Spanish means “kennel”, and actually this building are the former municipal kennels of Bilbao, reconvered as a cultural centre in 2022 mainly for the Basurto neighbourhood*

pages.

Dimensions: ISO-B1 (707 mm × 1000 mm) portrait.

Number: one (1) or two (2) posters.

File format: PDF.

Resolution: 300 dpi for raster elements.

The posters will be shown at the conference venue. Please do not prepare posters before receiving the communication of acceptance.

### **4.3 Booklet**

After the conference, the ECTP-CEU will produce an electronic publication with all the contributions presented in Gdańsk and a foreword and an introduction by the ECTP-CEU president and by the young planners project chair. For this purpose, the participlants must illustrate their works on two to five ISO-A3 pages that will then be included into the publication (“booklet”). These booklet pages can be produced at a later stage. Cover pages for each single project will be produced by the ECTP-CEU.

Dimensions: ISO-A3 (420 mm × 297 mm) landscape.

Number: At least 2 pages and not more than 5 pages.

Layout: Please leave a 2.5 cm white border around the page content to allow editors to place running heads, footers, ECTP-CEU logos, page numbers etc.

Text: Four columns with 8.5 cm width and 1 cm spacing. Main text font Calibri 12 pt. Please do

not use footnotes.

Graphic parts: Schemes, plans, local views and other non-textual elements shall be placed to fill the width of one column or spreading them over two or three columns or over the whole content area width (370 mm).

File format: To be agreed.

#### 4.4 Use of copyrighted materials

ECTP-CEU is vigilant about copyright and applies the European Directive 2019/790 to all its publications, especially when using graphics, photos and diagrams. In the event of copyright violations, the team will be liable to pay the fine and the affected image will be removed (“blacked out”) from the publication. We strongly recommend systematically documenting the origin of each non-textual element used in the slides, posters and booklets. As a guide about how to correctly reference the materials you can follow how photos and graphics are documented in this Call for Abstracts. Please ensure that the use of copyrighted materials is permitted also for publication on websites and social media. The text of the directive is available on EUR-Lex at <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/790/oj>

## 5 Young Planners Project Board

Coordinator: **Martin Baloga**, PhD., ECTP-CEU

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Slovak University of Technology

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## 6 Financial Support and Grants

Every team will be supported by **500,- €**. This financial contribution is intended to cover — at least in part — travel and accommodation costs of at least one member per team. Submission of receipts is not required.

In-person presentation at the Bilbao General Assembly is compulsory for at least one member from each team. Financial support will be disbursed after the conference and is granted by the **ECTP-CEU**.

## 7 Format Summary

### 7.1 Participants' Recruitment

Finalising the number of participants according to submissions. All applicants (selected and non selected) will be notified.

### 7.2 Online Meeting/s

Theme: Available materials.  
Form: Online presentation and discussion.  
Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.  
28<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

If necessary, the meetings will be split over two dates. During the mentioned time periods the participants should reserve sufficient time in their calendars for attending the meetings that will be scheduled as soon as possible.

### 7.3 In-person Conference

Theme: Final presentation.  
Form: In-person presentation by at least one member of each team during ECTP-CEU's Autumn General Assembly. Other team members may co-present or attend in person.  
Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.  
Venue: Centro Cultural "La Perrera"  
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