

ECTP-CEU Newsletter n° 1

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Editorial by the President



This is the first number of ECTP-CEU newsletter. The Executive Committee decided to publish a newsletter so that the European planning community can have information about Spatial Planning events all over Europe and also elsewhere.

The initiative was taken after finishing the new ECTP-CEU website. We wish to develop a more dynamic, flexible and user friendly dialogue with the planning community.

This newsletter has the objective of improving communication between members of the ECTP-CEU and between ECTP-CEU and other institutions such as professional institutes, EU institutions, Ministries, Regions, Municipalities, Universities, and associations of professionals and interests related with spatial planning.

If you think that there is something important for the planning community to know then, please, contact the ECTP-CEU secretariat. This could include, for example:

- a planning initiative, a congress, an important seminar or meeting that you are promoting;
- a spatial planning programme;
- a new plan that will contribute to the knowledge of spatial planning,
- a new planning course that will contribute to innovation in planning that one of your universities is creating; or
- new methodologies or innovative tools that an Institute is researching; or
- planning legislation or directives that your Government is implementing.

Please send us your news and with some editorial discretion, we will consider publishing.

This first issue contains a variety of articles, such as ECTP-CEU initiatives or supported by us, the IX

Biennial of European Towns and Town Planners, the 9th European Urban and Regional Planning Awards, the "Journées Mondiales de l'Urbanisme", the creation of FIU the IberoAmerican Federation of Planners and the summer course in Lisbon. It also contains events promoted by ECTP-CEU members and promoted by other planning institutions.

This newsletter will reflect the interest and support that all spatial planning institutions, and ECTP-CEU members, will give. The executive committee thinks that a regular European planning briefing on current affairs is a good way of enhancing spatial planning; I invite you to join us.

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ECTP-CEU General Assembly

Our next General Assembly will take place in Paris at the Palais de Iena, build by Auguste Perret, near Trocadero on November 4 and 5, 2011.



ECTP-CEU Workgroups at the General Assembly - Belgrade, May 7

ECTP-CEU 9th Awards 2011-2012

The entries for the 9th European Urban and Regional Planning Awards will be open very soon.



9th Biennial of Towns & Town Planners in Europe

9th Biennial of Towns & Town Planners in Europe – Genoa, 14th- 17th September 2011

The Biennial [website](#) is now available in English (click ENGLISH on the Italian front page, top left).

This is a truly European event in terms of its organisation, coverage, speakers and case studies. From the start in 1996, ECTP-CEU has supported the Biennial and facilitated its organisation through the Permanent International Working Party (the PIWP). Genoa will be busy in September – it is a popular time for conferences in the city as late summer brings guaranteed warm and pleasant weather thanks to the special Mediterranean microclimate of the Ligurian Riviera.

If you plan to attend the Biennial, [register now](#)!

100 ans d'urbanisme en Europe - le défi des transitions urbaines

La Société Française des Urbanistes, ouvre les célébrations de 100 ans d'urbanisme en Europe par la tenue des Journées Mondiales de l'Urbanisme (JMU) à Paris les 3, 4 et 5 novembre 2011 au Conseil Economique Social et Environnemental (CESE) Palais d'Iéna, 9 place d'Iéna.

La Société Française des Urbanistes (SFU), fondée en 1911, veut créer avec vous le premier évènement d'une série de centenaires des organisations professionnelles d'urbanistes en Europe et dans le monde.

Lors de cette manifestation, la Société Française des Urbanistes, accueillera l'ensemble des 27 délégations nationales d'urbanistes du Conseil Européen des Urbanistes (ECTP-CEU) pour leur assemblée générale le 5 novembre.

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ECTP-CEU - AESOP Summer course

AESOP/ ECTP-CEU/ LUSOFONA UNIVERSITY SUMMER COURSE

With the support of ECTP-CEU, that joint together AESOP and the Lusofona University of Lisbon, since 24th September till 1st October, will take place the summer course:
QUALITY OF SPACE - QUALITY OF LIFE hosted by Lusofona University, Lisbon.

João Teixeira, July 2011

ECTP-CEU tutors are expected.

See <http://www.aesop.euss2011.net>



ECTP Working Group on the Recognition of Planning Qualifications in Europe

The ECTP Working Group on the Recognition of Planning Qualifications in Europe has been set up to carry out a study and prepare proposals on the mutual recognition and mobility of planners across Europe.

The study has been commissioned by both the ECTP and AESOP and was made possible through finance received from the French and Wallonian governments. EU Directive 2006/36/EC on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications is of particular importance in the context of the study as it provides a formal, legal framework for the mutual recognition of professional qualifications between different countries where planning is a 'regulated profession'.

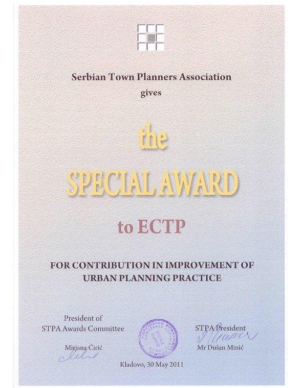
The first stage of the study has been completed and was presented at the Spring General Assembly that took place in May in Belgrade.

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ECTP-CEU Award in Belgrade

At the annual STPA Assembly meeting in June, the New Athens Charter was presented.

STPA delivered the Special Award to ECTP-CEU for contribution in improvement of urban planning practice.



VIII IBERIAN PLANNING CONGRESS

Covilhã (Portugal) - 27, 28 and 29 October 2011

AUP – Portuguese Association of Planners and AETU – Spanish Association of Planners have been organizing conferences since 1993 that over almost twenty years consolidated a fruitful professional exchange between the two countries in the area of Urban Planning.

After the Congress of Viana do Castelo (1993), Algarve (1999), Viseu (2003) and Ponta Delgada - Azores (2007), in Portugal, and Valladolid (1995), Merida (2001) and Sevilla (2005), in Spain, it will be held at Covilhã (Portugal) the next congress with the theme "The cycle changes. A new urbanism".

The choice of this inner city intended to reaffirm the importance of enhancing a balanced urban development in pursuit of greater social cohesion.

The fact that this is a country town with a less favorable air and train accessibility was not an obstacle to your choice, knowing that other values are enhancers of a good and participated conference.

This VIII Iberian Planning Congress proposes a wide debate on the issues which are considered to be essential for a more appropriate exercise of territory planning, to respond to current problems and challenges that emerge from the disciplinary context of a society in continuous and rapid transformation.

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EU Territorial Agenda

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ECTP-CEU members might be interested to read Cliff Hague's World View blog which this week is about the EU Territorial Agenda: <http://cliffhague.wordpress.com/2011/06/22/espon-and-the-eus-territorial-agenda/>

It is an excellent and wide-ranging blog, and this week's postings will be all about European territorial cohesion.

New legislation in Ireland

New planning legislation in Ireland

The Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010 aims to support economic renewal and promote sustainable development by ensuring that the planning system supports infrastructure investment by the State and links land-use planning closely to evidence-based analysis, for example, population forecasts. It is all about **joined-up planning** – closer connections between the National Spatial Strategy, Regional Planning Guidelines, Development Plans and Local Area Plans.

INSITE, the newsletter of the RTPI Irish Branch (Sutherland Section), has a useful article on this development: [Download](#)

Localism

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The Coalition government in the United Kingdom intends to give local communities more influence on local planning, giving them greater control over decisions on housing, for example. The new law making its way through Parliament (the "Localism Bill") will make it possible for a community to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. The Royal Town Planning Institute has produced a quick guide to this work: [Download](#)

City of Globalization / Wonderland for Alice?

Redefining the Scale and Limits in the Globalized World

Project is realized under the Programme for Encouraging, Promotion, and Popularization of Science financed by Ministry of Science and Technology of Republic of Serbia.

The basic idea of the project is to present the current condition of the urban world, which is full of tensions caused by the process of globalization. Simultaneously, the project should provide new interpretations of numerous layers and contradictions which exist and overlap in a contemporary urban space - local and global, physical and digital, rigid and flexible.

Since the world of globalization gradually transforms into the urban world covered by ambivalent transurban systems, modern cities become more important. Supported by the advanced technology they increase their urban efficiency, while their dualistic nature manifests on numerous levels of communication. Having in mind that cities also represent a clear manifestation of our time and its relativity, a new image of urban reality reflects our desires and needs, as well as different rules of a global game.

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44th EAROPH Regional Planning Conference

44th EAROPH Regional Planning Conference in Brunei Darussalam, 9th-10th November 2011: Managing Urban Growth: Challenges for Small Cities

CALL FOR PAPERS – with a special request for European speakers and case studies

The Brunei Department of Town and Country Planning, EAROPH and IFHP is organising a joint conference on "Managing Urban Growth; Challenges for Small Cities" to address themes in the broad areas of natural resource and asset management, housing and good governance. Making use of the presence of both European and Asian professionals, they are currently looking particularly for **case studies from successful small and medium-sized European towns and cities**. For further information please consult http://www.ifhp.org/sites/default/files/EAROPH_Brunei_CfP.pdf

Abstracts of no more than 500 words are to be emailed to m.studer@ifhp.org and brunei.eaoph2011@gmail.com by 15 July 2011. Please give your name and contact details at the top of the abstract.

Paper presenters other than keynote speakers will be entitled to free registration for the conference. They will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs. Each presenter will have 30 minutes to deliver his/her papers and a 10 minute question and answer session. Successful presenters will be advised by 1 August 2011. Final papers will be required by 15 September 2011.

News from UDG

Message from Wladyslaw Piskorz concerning the CityStar Award and the topic and deadline of the new application:

I would like to inform you that on 23 July 2011, Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Regional Policy, and the President of the RegioStars Jury Ann Mettler, executive Director of the Brussels think tank Lisbon Council, announced the winners of the "RegioStars Awards" 2011 at the Regions for Economic Change Annual Conference in Brussels.

The winner in category 3 "CityStar - Promoting sustainable energy in cities" is Amsterdam Smart City (Netherlands).

The winner in category 4 "CityStar - Integrated, clean urban transport projects" is Innovative and sustainable mobility in Funchal (CIVITAS MIMOSA), Madeira (Portugal).

As already announced some time ago, the CityStar category for the 2012 Awards will be "Integrated strategies for the development of deprived urban areas". As this is very relevant theme in the context of the urban dimension of cohesion policy and the Leipzig Charter, I would be grateful if you could spread this information in your country and among urban stakeholders.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 July 2011.

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REGIONAL SPATIAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF BELGRADE

After delivering and enacting the Spatial Plan of Serbia the set of regional plans have been started in 2011. Eight of them are being prepared for groups of NUTS3 districts while two of them, for regions NUTS2 with autonomous status: Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and the City of Belgrade.

All of the eight plans are coordinated by the Republic Agency for Spatial Planning and two of them (Vojvodina and City of Belgrade) are under provincial and city jurisdiction with their planning offices in charge.

The City of Belgrade Town Planning Office engaged the Republic Agency for Spatial Planning for expert support, and Prof.Dr. Borislav Stojkov as general coordinator for the Plan.



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TRANSLATION OF CEMAT GLOSSARY

ECTP-CEU president invited the three Portuguese planners associations and the Portuguese planners working in ECTP-CEU,

ECTP-CEU is translating the Glossary produced by CEMAT (Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning) to several European languages. The Council of Europe CEMAT glossary contains the key expressions used in spatial development policies in Europe. "It is addressed to officials, professionals and representatives of the civil society involved in territorial development policies and related activities". Originally the Glossary was written in French and English. The translations to several European languages such as Spanish, Portuguese, Serbian, Italian, Dutch and Romanian are ready. Other translations are being concluded.

IFHP, ISOCARP, AESOP and INTA to constitute the "CASA DO URBANISMO". This proposal was approved and the Mayor of Cascais is supporting the initiative.

The "CASA DO URBANISMO" will be the new office of the three Portuguese planners associations, that are in a merging process, and the local office of the Portuguese planners working in international planning and planners associations.

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