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10th European Urban and Regional Planning Awards 2013-2014

Call for entries

SPECIAL
SPATIAL PLANNING and ENERGY for COMMUNITIES IN ALL LANDSCAPES

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Planning Awards: Sustainable Energy

1. The European Urban and Regional Planning Awards, presented by the ECTP-CEU (European Council of Spatial Planners), give recognition to planning strategies, schemes or developments which make an outstanding contribution to the quality of life in urban and rural regions of Europe.

2. The aim of the Awards Scheme is to:

- Demonstrate to the general public, and to the planning profession in particular, successful and innovative planning projects and developments through which the quality of life of European citizens is enhanced and improved, socially, economically and environmentally.
- Promote the views, ideas and Vision of the ECTP-CEU on the future of European cities and regions as expressed in the European Charter 2013 to create and enhance conditions favourable to the promotion of sustainable development.
- Illustrate the diversity and wide scope of planning activity today. For 2013-2014, the ECTP-CEU is working in partnership with the IEE funded SPECIAL project on Spatial Planning and Energy and the Awards will focus exclusively on projects that show how planning can help to deliver sustainable energy solutions. Projects should demonstrate clearly the advantages of the participatory planning process, facilitated and enabled by professional planners, showing how the co-operation and participation of stakeholders, Local Authorities, energy providers, development agencies and interested citizens can have a synergistic effect of benefit to the whole planning process. Most contemporary Spatial Planning projects contain sustainable and efficient energy considerations. In many cases they will require a new and specific presentation to meet the requirement of focusing on sustainable energy to become eligible.
- The scope of the awards embraces published plans and studies, projects involving community participation, and significant physical development, either at a trans-national, national, trans-regional, regional or at a local scale.

Jury

An independent jury representing the planning profession and the SPECIAL project has been appointed by the ECTP-CEU and the Committee of the Regions.

President of the Jury:
Petter Wiberg, Head of department, Building and Planning, Bergen, FKP - ECTP-CEU – Norway

Vice President of the Jury:
Diane Smith, European and Corporate Affairs Manager, Town and Country Planning Association, SPECIAL Project Manager, UK

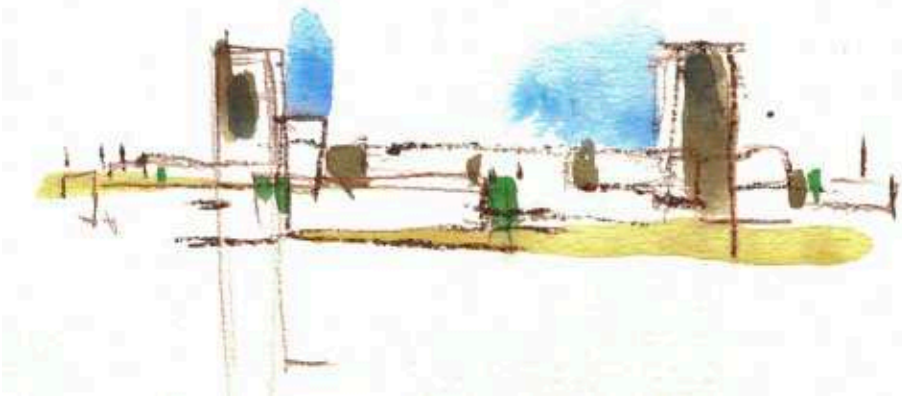
Members:
Vincent Berrutto, Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI), Head of Unit Energy Efficiency

Representative of the Committee of the Regions, Belgium

Dominique Lancrenon, ECTP-CEU Secretary General, France

Dr Hugh Ellis, Chief Planner, TCPA, UK

Christine Schwaberger, Spatial Planner, Department for Spatial Planning Law, Provincial Government of Styria, SPECIAL project Partner, Austria



Key Issues:

Key issue 1: challenges of climate change and sustainable energy supply - new development opportunities for municipalities

Key issue 2: framework of spatial planning and sustainable energies

Key issue 3: strategies, tools and instruments for integration of spatial planning and sustainable energies

Key issue 4: detailed possibilities for implementation of sustainable energy supply and infrastructure in spatial planning at regional and local level

Key issue 5: stakeholder inclusion, participation processes and communication

The judges will take into account these issues when assessing entries.



Assessment Criteria:

The jury will take into account the following criteria:

Content:

- demonstrates the role of spatial planning in proactively supporting the uptake/ deployment of renewable/ sustainable energy solutions through embedding climate-change mitigation and adaptation in planning policies;
- application of the principles of sustainable development and the development and delivery of sustainable energy solutions, for the enhancement of the environment and any recognisable social and economic benefit resulting from the achievement in terms of human well-being or greater efficiency;

Methods:

- the originality and innovation of the achievement or approach; new methods and approaches, planning funding, participation, in the integration of planning policies and delivery and sustainable energy solutions;
- applicants must make an impact study during the project process and describe the results;
- the extent to which the scheme may serve as a transferable reference for other work elsewhere in the same country or across Europe, or as a base for the development of further related schemes;
- demonstrable success of local authority planners working with energy providers to create low carbon solutions to new or existing settlements.

Skills:

- the quality of the professional work involved in design, in communication, in cooperation, in the development of planning concepts or in the application of planning techniques directly related to creating low carbon communities and energy efficiency;

Engagement:

- the effective involvement of town planners to enable or co-ordinate young planners in the project and the demonstration of the added value brought to the project through this;
- the effective engagement by town planners with community groups, politicians and local stakeholders leading to better awareness and support for sustainable and, in particular, renewable energy solutions to create low carbon communities;

How to enter:

The Award is open to spatial planners and municipalities from the 47 European Countries of the Council of Europe.

There are two stages to the judging process. The first stage (short-listing) will usually be done by the ECTP-CEU member organisation, or SPECIAL partner, in the country of each submission.
The second stage (final judging) will be done by an independent panel of judges organised by the ECTP-CEU and SPECIAL in Brussels.

If your country has no ECTP-CEU member organisation, or SPECIAL partner, you can send your entry directly to the ECTP-CEU secretariat in Brussels where it will go through an independent short-listing process. See below for more details.
If your country has a national spatial planning organisation that is a member of the ECTP-CEU and also has a SPECIAL partner, you can submit your entry to either organisation. You can find this out by looking at the ECTP-ECU website www.ectp-ceu.eu and the SPECIAL website www.special-eu.org

National spatial planning organisations that are members of the ECTP-CEU are encouraged to nominate entries representing best practice in their country. Nominated projects can be the winners or runners-up of national award schemes, or schemes that have undergone other forms of short-listing or selection by the national organisations.

SPECIAL partners are also encouraged to nominate entries that represent good practice in their country.

For the following countries*, entries can only be submitted by national spatial planning organisations that are members of the ECTP-CEU or by SPECIAL partner organisations. Nominations from individuals are not eligible. If you would like to have a project considered you should submit it to your national selection process as early as possible.

* *Belgium, Cyprus, Italy, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Germany, UK, Ireland, Norway, Slovenia, Hungary, Poland, Serbia, France, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Turkey, Croatia, Malta, Romania, Iceland.*

In all other countries, submit entries directly to the ECTP-CEU.

Please send your entry to the ECTP-CEU secretariat in Brussels. The secretariat will arrange an independent short-listing process in partnership with the SPECIAL project. The ECTP-CEU will then invite the national spatial planning organisation in your country (if there is one) to become an 'observer' member in order for your application to the awards scheme to be eligible.

Entry Requirements:

Completion date: the submitted study, scheme or development must have been approved or completed before **31 January 2014**.

Format: for the first stage of judging (short-listing) entries should be provided in electronic format and sent either to the relevant national spatial planning organisation or SPECIAL partner, or to the ECTP-CEU secretariat in Brussels. (See 'how to enter' section above for more details.)

Each entry should include:

1. A detailed written description of the entry in English. (If shortlisted, a French translation will be requested). The description must be no longer than four A4 pages including the title, tables and references.
2. Electronic versions of two A1 colour panels, providing a clear explanation, detailed location and illustration in English. (If shortlisted, hard copies will be requested.)
3. All material (electronic versions of the A1 panels, written description, all info) should be placed in a downloadable zip file and the web address (url) provided at submission.
4. A named contact for the planners - the team or the team leader - responsible for the planning input into the selected project; a named contact for the local authority or agency which financed/commissioned the work; and the name of the chief officer (eg chief executive or mayor) and the chief planning officer.
5. Information about any young planners (aged 37 or less) who were involved.
6. The bank evidence of the entry fees.
7. The Submission Form.
   This form can be downloaded here

Deadlines:

All applications must be received by your national spatial planning organisation or SPECIAL partner by **31st January 2014**. If your country does not have a national ECTP-CEU member organisation, or SPECIAL partner, and you are sending your entry to the ECTP-CEU secretariat for short-listing, it must also arrive by **31st January 2014**.

Entries that have been short-listed by a national spatial planning organisation or SPECIAL partner will be forwarded to the ECTP-CEU secretariat in Brussels with an official nomination form, available on the ECTP-CEU website, including:

1. A citation explaining why the entry has been short-listed and is considered worthy of European recognition (added to the entry form, where marked, by the national organisation / SPECIAL partner).

2. Named contacts at the national spatial planning organisation, or SPECIAL partner, who can explain the short-listing process if required.

3. Electronic versions of both the panels and the text supplied by the short-listed entries placed in a downloadable zip file and providing the download web address (url). The ECTP-CEU will request hard-copy printed A1 panels from the entrants of short-listed projects.

The Awards

ECTP-CEU and SPECIAL project will present Certificates of Achievement to the winners. Awards will be given to those entries considered outstanding according to the assessment criteria. The Awards will be made to the authority or body responsible for the commissioning or production of the scheme and to the professional planners involved.

The Award ceremony will take place during Spring 2014. The ECTP-CEU, and the Committee of Regions will ensure a large media coverage for this event and of its winners in partnership with TCPA (the lead organisation of SPECIAL).

Each winner will have his or her project published in the newsletter of the Committee of Regions.

The ownership of results of the awards shall lie with the ECTP-CEU and their publication shall be exclusively managed by the executive committee of the ECTP-CEU. The TCPA will have permission to publicise the award winners as part of SPECIAL.

Further Information

For further information about past awards, and for nomination forms, please contact the national spatial planning organisations that are members of ECTP-CEU.

Addresses to be found at: www.ectp-ceu.eu

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Statutes

Approved by (Belgian) Royal Decree 8 March 1988 Modified by the General Assembly 24 October 2008

CHAPTER 1: NAME, OFFICE, OBJECTIVE, DURATION

ARTICLE 1: In accordance with the law of 2 May 2002, the international association with a scientific purpose 'Conseil Européen des Urbanistes - European Council of Town Planners' whose Statutes were approved by Royal Decree on 8 March 1988 is transformed into an «association internationale sans but lucratif» [international not-for-profit association] entitled:

ECTP - CEU EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF SPATIAL PLANNERS - CONSEIL EUROPÉEN DES URBANISTES (aisbl)

ARTICLE 3: The association, which is devoid of any profit motive, has the objective of collecting, studying and promulgating information related to the exercise of the profession of planner in the Member States of the Council of Europe and across their Institutes and Associations, the defence of the rights of planners and research into a definition of their obligations.

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About ECTP-CEU

Founded in 1985, ECTP-CEU (European Council of Spatial Planners - Conseil Européen des Urbanistes) brings together 25 professional town planning associations and institutes from 23 European countries as well as corresponding members. It is an umbrella association providing its members with a common framework to promote the visibility, recognition of the important societal role and practice of planning and urban development in Europe and its teaching, continuing professional development and the definition of professional responsibilities.

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

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