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What is the European Council of Town Planners?

The European Council of Town Planners (ECTP), founded in 1985, brings together 22 professional town planning associations and institutes from 20 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 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 government.

Planners are enablers and specialists in spatial analysis and interaction, committed to working with other professionals across disciplinary boundaries to advance the sustainable development of the both the natural and the built environment.

The current work of the Council includes:

- Dissemination of the revised New Charter of Athens on planning European cities in the 21st century;
- The design of a Vision enhancing the quality and efficiency of cities and urban life in Europe.
- The production in several European languages of a guide to good practice in sustainable urban development;
- The publishing of the proceedings of major conferences on European spatial development and the preparation of forthcoming conferences;
- The preparation of the European Urban and Regional Planning Awards.

The ECTP Charter: Towards the establishment of common rules for the town planning profession

In its founding Charter (the Charter of Amsterdam in 1985), ECTP member associations and institutes laid down the basis for establishing common rules for the planning profession by specifying the field and nature of the professional town planner's activities; educational and training criteria; and professional and conduct requirements.

- **The nature and the fields of activity for the town planning profession** which are common to all member countries of the European Union are defined in Annex A of the Charter.
- **A minimum common core for education and training** needed for the planning profession is defined in Appendix B of the Charter. This is a preliminary step towards the harmonisation of national requirements regarding the education, training and professional conduct of town planners with the view to achieve, in due course, mutual recognition of membership requirements and qualifications among EU member states.
- **A professional code of ethics** establishing criteria of professional competence and conduct which will be observed by all member town planners of national associations and institutes in the European Council of Town Planners is defined in Annex C of the Charter.

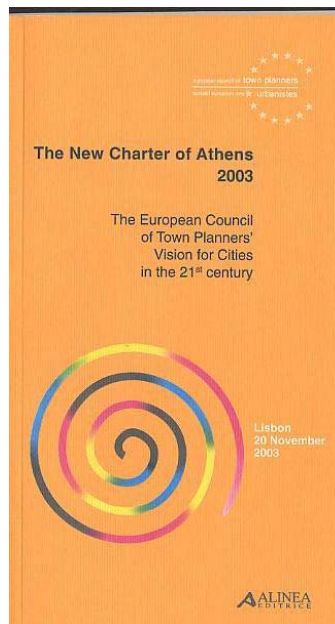
The complete text of the Founding Charter and a history of ECTP are available from the ECTP Secretariat (see address on final page) and on the website, www.ceu-ectp.org.

The New Charter of Athens

ECTP Principles for Planning Cities

In preparing this Charter, ECTP was mindful of the widespread influence of the 1933 Athens Charter, and the shortcomings of the types of structures and schemes which resulted from its application. In the view of ECTP, a new framework for urban planning is required to meet the cultural and social needs of present and future generations. A new Charter of Athens has consequently been prepared, which is more appropriate for the coming decades.

The New Charter acknowledges that, in this changing context, the role of the professional town planner as a knowledgeable co-ordinator, mediator, and enabler of development is crucial. The role of the town planner is to provide a vision for the future of cities through a dialogue with partners at the local, national, and the European level and the participation of a wide range of agencies in the planning process.



The New Charter was revised in 2003 and a “Vision for Planning Cities” was added. They were launched at an international conference in Lisbon in November 2003.

The full text of the revised New Charter of Athens in printed form is available from ECTP and the text is on its website at www.ceu-ectp.org.

The European Urban and Regional Planning Awards



1998 First Prize for Local Planning:
Special Plan for the historical town
centre of Santiago de Compostela,
Spain.

The ECTP organised three series of the European Urban and Regional Planning Awards with the financial support of the European Commission (DG XVI) in 1990, 1994 and 1998.



1998 Special Merit Award:
Implementing quick local Community
plan in Kilkenny, Ireland.

The fourth European Urban and Regional Planning Awards took place in 2002. These six winners in five categories highlight best practice from the wide variety of planning systems, methods and activities to be found within the European Union.

The fifth series of the Awards will take place in 2004. Full details of how to enter are on the ECTP website (www.ceu-ectp.org) and are available from the ECTP secretariat (secretariat@ceu-ectp.org).

A full list of prize winners and special mentions from past Awards is also available from ECTP (secretariat@ceu-ectp.org).

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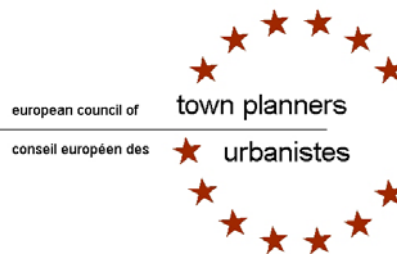
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