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Transforming Cities: Shaping Development Policies



Śródmieście Gdańskie (Gdańsk City Centre) and in the upper part of the photo the Młode Miasto (Young City) neighbourhood and a part of the Stocznia Gdańska (Gdańsk Shipyard). After the shipyards and industrial plants had left the area in the 1990s, a huge urban regeneration process started, which is still ongoing, changing radically the face of the city

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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 with 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

Unlike past editions, when participants worked out their own ideas and projects during the summer on-line meetings, this year the ECTP-CEU wants the participants to present ideas, strategies, plans, programmes and projects they are already working on or had worked on in the past, but possibly as part of their presumably first work experiences. This is to encourage especially young practitioners to apply for the workshop. Nevertheless, other proposed contributions will be taken into consideration too.

This slightly different format means that this year, after the notice of acceptance, only one on-line meeting (possibly split over two dates, if necessary) will be organised with the aim of getting to know each other better in advance. To permit the young planners in-person participation in Gdańsk each admitted group will receive a financial contribution of 500 euros.

The presentations will be made at the conference "Transforming Cities: Shaping Development Policies" in Gdańsk, Poland from 6th to 7th November 2023. The conference is organised by the Gdańsk City Architect's Office (Biuro Architekta Miasta Gdańska) in co-operation with the Gdańsk Polytechnic



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

University (Politechnika Gdańska), the Society of Polish Town Planners (TUP – Towarzystwo Urbanistów Polskich), the ECTP-CEU and ISOCARP. So, this year the young planners’ works will be placed directly into a larger senior planners’ event rather than in a specific junior session, as it was done in the past. This should promote the exchange of experiences between junior and senior planners and encourage senior planners to listen to their younger colleagues.

2 Theme Description

Transforming Cities: shaping development policies

In many European countries, the built-up area expanding process has nearly come to an end. Where this is still not happening, national and regional planning regulations are often committed to strongly limit any further land take (soil consumption). Some regulations go even beyond by providing measures of nature restoration planning, which in terms of soil and ecological value accounting means, besides an increase of the overall ecological value and functionality, negative consumption or negative land take.

At the same time, the demand for better housing and living spaces, for a higher-quality built environment, good integration between the built and the natural environment, as well as for social inclusion and economic mixité is still increasing. In



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

this context, transformation policies are key. Planning practice and theory has paid much attention at these topics over the past years, and many approaches have been worked out and applied.

Limiting further land-take or trying to reduce the quantity of soil that has already been consumed in the past is part of the wider concept of sustainability, involving of course many — if not all — of the other aspects in town planning or generally in spatial planning. Unlike past urban densification processes, current transformation policies must therefore take into consideration ecological — as well as social and economic — sustainability for every action planned or undertaken. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) represent an important guide in this, but planning must not be limited to them. More far-reaching cutting-edge principles should be applied if possible.

3 Project Scope

We invite young planners to showcase existing projects that have successfully addressed the multifaceted challenges of transforming cities and urban regions. This initiative aims to highlight exemplary implementations that are both adaptive to our changing world and responsive to the crucial challenges in urbanism and spatial planning.

While the primary focus of this call is on projects that ad-



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

dress the following key aspects, we encourage applications that closely align with or offer variations on these themes. Your project does not need to precisely fit these categories; innovative and relevant interpretations are welcomed.

- **Radical re-use and transformation of traffic-dominated urban spaces:** we are interested in strategies that repurpose and transform areas predominantly designed for vehicular traffic, though projects offering a new perspective on urban space utilisation.
- **Regeneration and redevelopment of abandoned areas and brownfield sites:** while our focus is on revitalising deserted or contaminated lands, projects that involve different but related types of urban regeneration are also encouraged to apply.
- **Sustainable transport concepts, new routes, and new and better links:** primary interest lies in introducing sustainable modes of transport and better connectivity. However, projects presenting unique solutions to transport challenges or innovative routing systems are also relevant.

Projects should strive to include both, a descriptive and analytical component, ideally supplemented by graphical schematics, detailed designs, or other visual aids that elaborate on the project's outcomes or ongoing efforts.

This amendment is intended to encourage a wider array of innovative projects. If your project aligns closely with these themes but explores them in a novel way, we strongly encour-



Milano-Bicocca, Italy. In the early 20th 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

age you to apply.

4 Application

Projects are led, carried out and presented by young planners aged less than **35 years** or with less than **10 years'** post-qualification experience in planning.

Applications must deal with:

- Examples, case studies or own works (in short “projects”) that are already underways and are carried out by municipalities, other agencies or private planning firms in your own country.

Projects can be presented by **individual** submission or by **groups** of up to 3 participants maximum.

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



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

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

Abstracts Submission **Deadline:**
16th October 2023, 12:00 CEST

The evaluation commission ("Young Planners Project Board") will select ten contributions to be invited to present their projects at the Gdańsk conference.

Communication of **acceptance:** 17th October 2023, evening.

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;
- references not required; if necessary, please apply Harvard style';
- figures added as self-standing attachments (TIFF with LZW



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

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.

5 Presentation at the Conference

The young planners’ works will be presented by one or more group members during the conference “Transforming Cities: Shaping Development Policies” in Gdańsk, Poland from 6th to 7th November 2023. 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.

5.1 Slides

Please ensure that the number of pages (“slides”) is within acceptable limits. People is often becoming inattentive if



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

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 2nd November 2023 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 (“Gdańsk”), the date (“6th-7th November 2023”) and the title of the conference (“Transforming Cities: Shaping Development Policies”) as well as the expression “11th ECTP-CEU Young Planners Workshop” and the ECTP-CEU official logo, which is made available to the participants as an SVG file.

5.2 Poster

In addition to the conference 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 pages.

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

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

File format: PDF.



This year's Young Planners Workshop is fully integrated into a two day conference organised by the City of Gdańsk planning department (Biuro Architekta Miasta) in co-operation with the Gdańsk Polytechnic University (Politechnika Gdańska), the Society of Polish Town Planners (TUP – Towarzystwo Urbanistów Polskich), the ECTP-CEU and ISOCARP

Resolution: 300 dpi for raster elements.

The posters will be shown at the conference venue.

5.3 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 participants 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 after the Gdańsk conference. 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).



Instytut Kultury Miejskiej (Institute of Urban Culture) — the conference venue — in the completely redesigned area of Targ Rakowy and Targ Sieny (“targ” means “square”) at the western margin of the historical town centre facing the Brama Wyżynna (Highland Gate). The new IKM head-quarter was built on the site of the old “Kunszt Wodny” (“Waterworks”)

File format: To be agreed.

5.4 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 for 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.

6 Young Planners Project Board

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7 Financial Support and Grants

Every team will be supported by 500,- €./

In any case travel and hotel costs will be covered for at least one member from each selected group.

In-person presentation at the Gdańsk conference is compulsory for at least one member from each team. Financial support will be disbursed after the conference.

Financial support is granted by the **ECTP-CEU**, the **Gdańsk city administration** (Biuro Architekta Miasta, City Architect's Office) and by Taylor & Francis journal "**Planning Practice & Research**" that will give the possibility to publish some of the contributions.

8 Format Summary

8.1 Participants' Recruitment

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

8.2 Online Meeting/s

Theme: Available materials.

Form: Online presentation and discussion.

Date: 18th-31st October 2023.

If necessary, the meeting will be split over two dates. During the mentioned two weeks (18th-31st October) the participants should reserve sufficient time in their calendars for attending the meetings that will be scheduled as soon as possible.

8.3 In-person Conference

Theme: Final presentation.

Form: In-person presentation by at least one member of each team during the international conference 'Transforming Cities', organised by the Gdańsk City Administration and combined with ECTP-CEU's General Assembly. Other team members may co-present or attend in person.

Date: 6th-7th November 2023.

Venue: Instytut Kultury Miejskiej
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