# **The Spatial Planners' Viewpoint**

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# The European Council of Spatial Planners (ECTP-CEU)

Umbrella organisation of 26 full members, 11 corresponding members and 5 partnerships

Full and corresponding members
Full members
Corresponding members
Former full members
Former corresponding members
Countries without ECTP-CEU members
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**Amsterdam, 8<sup>th</sup> November 1985** Signature of the ECTP-CEU Founding Charter

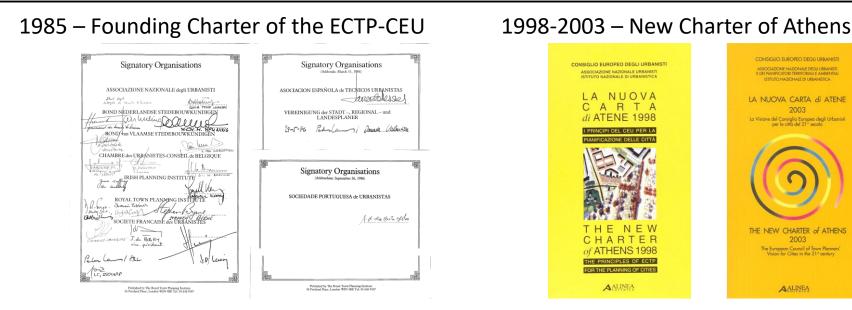
7 founding members:

- Italian Association of Town Planners<sup>\*</sup>
- Dutch Federation of Town Planners<sup>\*</sup>
- Flemish Federation of Town Planners<sup>\*</sup>
- Belgian Chamber of Town Planners
- Irish Planning Institute
- UK Royal Town Planning Institute
- French Society of Town Planners
- On 15<sup>th</sup> March 1986 followed:
  - Spanish Association of Town Planning Technicians
  - German Association of Town, Regional and Country Planners
- On 26<sup>th</sup> September 1986 followed:
  - Portuguese Society of Town Planners\*
  - Subsequently, from 1987 to 2023:
    - 19 more organisation have signed the Charter to become full members of the ECTP-CEU

\*) Organisations that have changed their names

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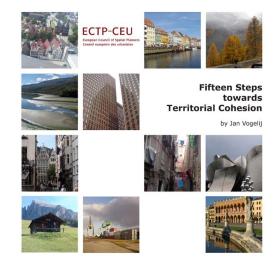
# ECTP-CEU's Charters, Manifestos, Declarations and Guidelines



#### 2002 – Try it this way: sustainability checklist

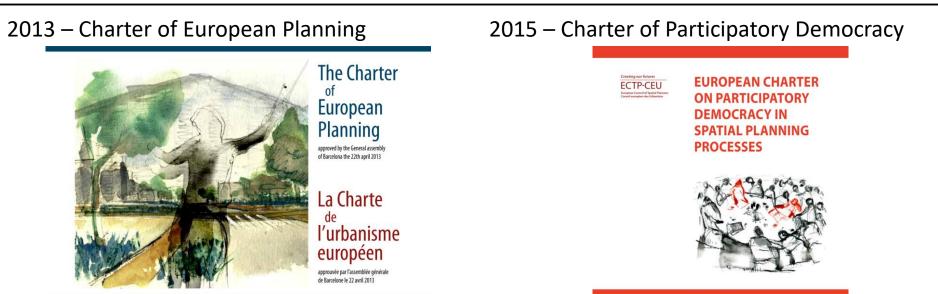


#### 2010 – Fifteen Steps towards Territorial Cohesion





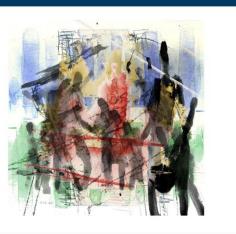
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2017 – Guidelines on Professional Competences 2020 – Re-Start-Europe Declaration



including THE PRINCIPLES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OCTOBER 2017





**RE-START- EUROPE** 

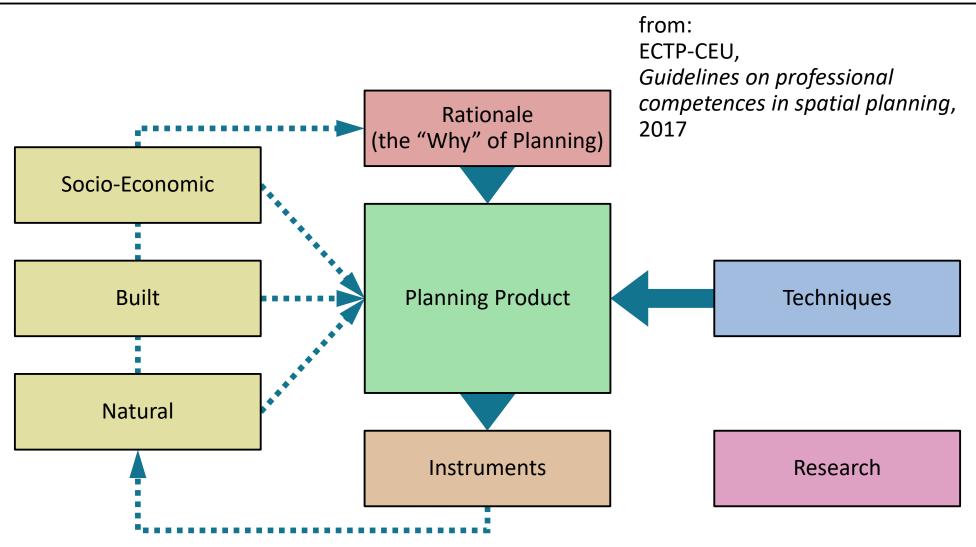
ECTP-CEU 2020 declaration for an *inclusive* and *just* post-covid future for all communities

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#### **Core Competences**

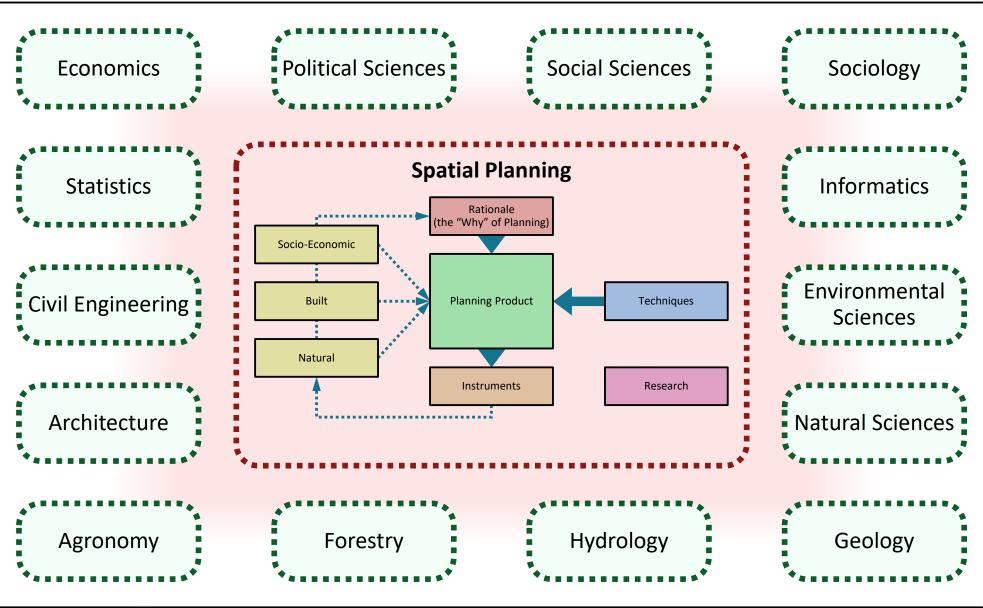
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### Interactions with other professions

No claim to completeness!





### **Role of the Planner**

Co-ordinator ("orchestra conductor") of an interdisciplinary planning process team and facilitator



painting: Yves Fauvel, for the ECTP-CEU, 2013



# Four Paradigmatic Revolutions in Spatial Planning

A step back: an interpretation of the history of spatial planning

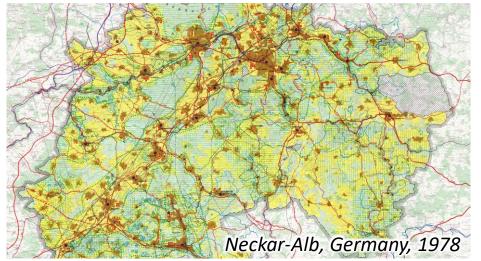
#### 1. Urban Planning



3. Spatial (Urban, Regional & Environmental) Pl.



2. Spatial (Urban & Regional) Planning



#### 4. Putting humans out of the centre of planning

Copernican Revolution in Spatial Planning



## "Re-Start Ukraine" Approach by Zvidsy Agency (now "Restart Agency")

9 clusters, see https://restartukraine.io for details

#### 1. Observe

Surveying, mapping and assessing both tangible and intangible damage left after the war



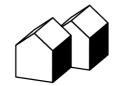
#### 4. Predict

Analyzing the current and future trends of how Ukrainian cities and villages by the war may change



#### 2. Reclaim

Developing effective temporary infrastructure for those who have been displaced



#### 5. Remember

Working with material and immaterial pre- and post-war heritage



#### 7. Finance

Balancing the ambitions of the recovery with available financing and identifying new financing mechanisms



#### 8. Participate

Involving locals and various other stakeholders to co-create this new vision, and ensure a humancentered approach within all the steps of the regeneration



#### 3. Clean

Removing, recycling and upcycling the debris



#### 6. Plan

Rethinking the urban and rural planning of the destroyed settlements to make them more resilient and human-centered



#### 9. Build

Building the new structures, restoring the old ones, protecting the heritage



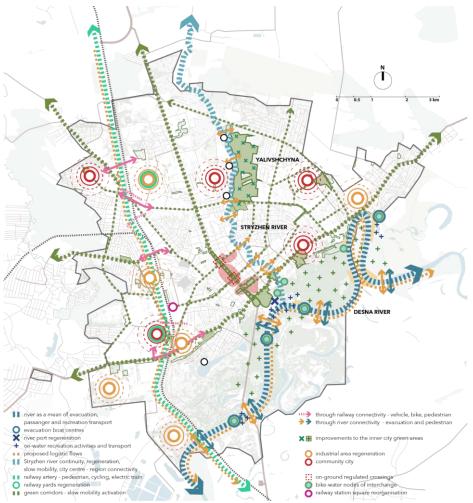


## War Resilience as a New Aspect in Spatial Planning

The case of Černihiv after Russian occupation and destruction

- Team of young Ukrainian volunteer planners
- Pilot Case City of Černihiv
  - north-eastern Ukraine
  - occupied during the first months
  - destruction and almost 70% of the population left the city
  - new occupation is unlikely to happen but airstrikes might occur
- Planning in a situation of uncertainty
  - how many inhabitants will Černihiv have?
  - how did the war change the customs?
    - e.g. cycling due to no public service
    - plans for the future must consider this
    - war resilience is a matter and can be linked to generic disaster resilience
  - scarce willingness to invest is a matter
  - introduction of new planning paradigms
- Need for a new planning system in UA
- Need for professional planners and interdisciplinary working

'green' 'barrier-free' 'multipurpose' 'accessible' 'human and nature oriented' 'climate resilience' 'post-dependency' 'flexible city' 'inclusiveness'





# **ECTP-CEU** in the Davos Baukultur Alliance

Affordability, Resilience, Sustainability and Ukraine as the current focus

# Davos Baukultur Alliance

https://davosalliance.org

#### Affordability & Social Value Creation

Exploring ways to incentivize and accelerate the adoption of high-quality Baukultur within regeneration projects, structured to embed and drive social value for all communities.

#### **Resilience & Climate Adaptation**

Identifying ways to help mitigate the risks of extreme weather and natural disasters, advance more resilient communities, and adapt to climate change in communities as part of the advancement of high-quality Baukultur.

The ECTP-CEU is a member of the Davos Baukultur Alliance (DBA), linked to the World Economic Forum (WEF) and supports actively its activities in DBA's four focus groups

#### Sustainability & Circularity

Incentivizing and accelerating the adoption of sustainable and circular construction models, retrofitting of buildings and improved special planning to advance net zero and naturepositive communities.

#### **Special Issue: Rebuilding Ukraine**

A special place-based focus group to establish frameworks and support projects for highquality Baukultur in the rebuilding process, with consideration to Ukraine's unique and heavily impacted culture and heritage.



# **Challenges and Future of Spatial Planners**

Some key points to ensure a inclusive, just and resilient environments and communities



- Must become a "robust" and completely independent profession
  - like physicians, engineers, architects, etc.
  - full initial education
     (4 or 5 year university grade)
  - competences and role globally recognised by
    - institutions
    - other professionals
    - citizens / society
  - common professional titles in Europe
  - European Union can play a key role
    - adopting spatial planning as a EU matter (similar to landscape)
    - common planning framework
    - strengthen relationships between the spatial planners (ECTP-CEU) and the European Commission
  - Council of Europe (46 countries) also can play an important role



# Appendix: Transforming Environments

Milano-Bicocca, Italy Freiburg-Vauban, Germany Utrecht-Stadsbuitengracht, The Netherlands Talence-Thouars, Bordeaux Métropole, France Frankfurt-Bonames, Germany



### Milano-Bicocca, Italy

Regeneration of a huge industrial plant (70 hectares)





### Freiburg-Vauban, Germany

Conversion of a military base into cutting-edge sustainable neighbourhood





### Utrecht-Stadsbuitengracht, The Netherlands

8-lane urban road system restored to its original moat system





## Talence-Thouars, Bordeaux Métropole, France

Holistic renewal process of a 1970s ZUP (Priority Urbanisation Zone)





### Frankfurt-Bonames, Germany

Nature restoration planning of a former US armed forces airfield



