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Application to join the EXCO of ECTP-CEU 2021-2015

I am the Vice-President of the ECTP-CEU, and I stand with a willingness and preparedness to be the next president, and to act as an ambassador for all planners across Europe. I am the RTPI-appointed representative for the United Kingdom. I chair the RTPI International Committee, and I was the president of the Royal Town Planning Institute in 2015. With nearly 50 years of experience as a planner, I know that planning is a profession under threat, and by supporting each other to promote the value of planning, the ECTP-CEU can influence governments to adopt democratic and sustainable planning principles. We all want a strong organisation which recognises the differences between planners in Europe, whilst acknowledging that there are problems common to all countries.

I am committed to promoting the role of the ECTP-CEU as the main voice of planners in Europe – which we unanimously endorsed in 2017, following consultation with members. In particular, we seek to gain recognition for the specific knowledge and the unique set of skills possessed by spatial planners. To this end, I have also contributed my experience of accrediting university planning courses to the ECTP-CEU's ambitions for certification for spatial planners' education across Europe, and actively learnt much from being the ECTP-CEU representative on the Global Planners' Network.

The ECTP-CEU should increase its profile and thereby welcome new members by:

- promoting members to contribute to events as speakers or advisers, using the ECTP-CEU's charters and young planners' projects to demonstrate that we are vital to the planning for climate change and social justice;
- drawing upon the history and achievements of the ECTP-CEU, and the experience of highly respected former presidents and members to assist with raising profile;
- engaging the enthusiasm of young planners to encourage them to set up a network to bring fresh ideas, and invite them to participate in ExCo meetings and decision-making;
- liaising and working with other international bodies and the EU to prove our influence and raise our profile;
- working with universities towards delivering relevant curricula which recognise planning as an independent and unique discipline; and
- by raising profile, increase opportunities for sponsorship and new members.