

European Council of Spatial Planners / Conseil européen des urbanistes  
*ECTP-CEU Secretariat*  
*Applying for the position of an Executive Committee Member 2021 / 2025*

I wish to present my candidacy for a Member of the Executive Committee hoping to make a valuable contribution to the European Council of Spatial Planners. I have served in the outgoing ExCo and hope to continue my commitment for the next term.

If elected to ExCo Membership, I would like to continue the tradition of success by further refining of the organizational goals and approaches to truly evaluate and maximize the impact of what we do. ECTP-CEU has a capacity to be the key actor in provision and activism related to the spatial and urban planning and addressing spatial challenges in global and local society. Therefore, it is of great importance to work on the international positioning and to raise visibility and relevance of the association by widening the network and introducing new memberships – academic and corporate, which I believe would extensively facilitate promotion and implementation of the highest standards in spatial planning issues and formulation of consistent policies in spatial and urban planning. To be able to achieve established goals and to improve professional standards, the network must collaborate with and use the resources provided by the members and international funding bodies.

Coming from the education background, I also believe it is of great importance to further develop the section Young Planners, since it is an option to call for the more intensive involvement and participation in the association's activities. Connections towards academia and widened academic membership would generate educational program, conferences and workshops that seek for more young planners to get involved in, as it is also the way to oversee the educational methodology and to promote contemporary standards in education of urban and spatial planners.

The European Urban and Regional Planning Awards are the most visible aspect of the Association's operation, so it is therefore significant to keep the Association recognizable and prestigious. In order to achieve this, it needs to be structured around several strands (e.g. publication, research, public action, new technologies, etc.) which will help attracting more nominees and attention.

Having been familiar with the ECTP-CEU activities so far, I know that visionary leadership and strategic goal-setting could make the Association highly influential in the field of spatial planning Europe-wide. My experience to date, my passion for what I do, as well as my eagerness to contribute to a high calibre board are the reason I have chosen to apply for this position.

Sincerely,

Vladan Djokić

ECTP background:

- Delegate, representing Serbian planning association (UUS) as a full member, since 2021
- Chair of the ECTP / CEU Young Planners Workshop, since 2018
- Chair of the Awards and Biennial working group, since 2018
- Member of the Executive Committee, 2017-2021
- Jury member of the ECTP / CEU European Urban and Regional Planning Awards, 2015, 2016
- Delegate, representing the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Architecture, as a corresponding member, 2008-2020

## Biography

Vladan Djokić, Professor at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Architecture. Studied at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Architecture, finished his master's at the University of Southern California, School of Architecture in Los Angeles, and PhD at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Architecture. He was visiting Professor at the Faculty of Architecture and Civil Engineering in Banja Luka, Faculty of Architecture in Podgorica and Faculty of Architecture in Skopje. He exhibited at 10<sup>th</sup> International Architecture Exhibition, Venice Biennial, 2006. Recent international Publication: *Peter Eisenman in Dialogue with Architects and Philosophers*, 2018. Recent expert activity: Lead Researcher Advisor for UNDP project *Creative Montenegro – Economic Valorization and Creative Industries*, 2020. Editor-In-Chief of the international scientific journal of architecture and urbanism *Serbian Architectural Journal* since 2009. President of the Serbian Network of Urban Morphology, since 2017. Dean at the University of Belgrade, Faculty of Architecture since 2012.