

Namur, 15 September 2021

Dear members of the ECTP-CEU,

With this letter, in my condition of delegate of the *Chambre des Urbanistes de Belgique* (CUB), I would like to propose my candidature to the seat of administrator for the the next Executive Committee of ECTP-CEU.

According to the statutes, one seat is allocated to a Belgian delegate, which is occupied alternately by a member of either VRP or CUB. Joris Scheers is leaving after eight fruitful years, and this time the CUB is proposing me to take over the “Belgian seat”, which I am very honoured to accept. I see this opportunity as a wonderful chance to continue with the great work the organisation have done over the years.

Even though I have joined ECTP-CEU only recently (September 2019), I have attended every GA and related events, and I had the chance to meet and exchange with some of you. For the ones who do not know me yet, I am a Belgian architect and urban planner based in Namur, Belgium. I have 20 years of professional experience within very different contexts: private urbanism offices; teaching and research at the university; and NGO’s in countries with limited resources. My working topics and interests are very much linked to the environment (how to “live with water”, how to restore biodiversity) and social challenges (affordable housing, “housing for all”, temporary housing), among others.

I believe I have a good understanding of ECTP-CEU’s mission and its different roles. I am also aware of the challenges the organization is facing, such as involving more young professionals, developing close relationships with universities, increasing the visibility of ECTP-CEU, finding sponsorship, setting up large events, accompany the CE in topics related to our discipline(s), and continue the work of education/diploma’s recognition among EU.

I confirm I would like to take the seat in the name of CUB and be an active part of the next ExCo and their related tasks. However, I must note that my actual professional engagements would not allow me to commit time to fulfil a position other than a simple administrator. I wish you take this request into account while voting.

Please receive my best regards,

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