

## **Application for membership of the ExCo of the ECTP-CEU 2021-2025**

I would like to express my motivation as a candidate to the forthcoming ExCo election.

My name is Kent G. Dagsland Håkull. I'm Norwegian and 40 years of age, with a MA Planning from the University of Waterloo in Canada, and currently head of the municipal planning division in the City of Haugesund, on the western coast of Norway.

As a student in Canada, I was vice-president of the Canadian Association of Planning Students (CAPS) in 2009-2012. After moving to Norway, I soon became a board member of the Norwegian Forum for Municipal Planners (FKP) and have maintained a position with them for 7 years. I've been engaged in the workings of ECTP for several years, and participated as a delegate in Paris (2017 and 2018) and in Madrid (2019).

Since 2018 I've also been a board member of the Norwegian Association of Municipal Engineers (NKF), and I'm currently heading the board for planners within the association. Currently the City of Haugesund participate in the international urban planning and architecture competition EUROPAN16, and we also hosted the Norwegian ArchFest this Fall – a national architecture film festival. All in all, I work full time as a spatial planner, and find great interest in building network and promoting planning at a national and international level.

I am motivated to be a member of the ExCo of the ECTP, in order to maintain the momentum within the organisation and increase its presence among national planning organisations – both current and future members. I believe spatial planning is key advancing our democracies and to reaching the United Nations 17 sustainable development goals. To this end, I believe the work done in the past by ECTP should be made available and operationalised through active sharing and continued improvements. I also believe ECTP should continue to develop working relations with likeminded organisations, and function as a bridge for all the great organisations working to improve lives and livelihoods for people and nature in Europe.

I would truly enjoy becoming more involved in the ECTP-CEU. I have the time to commit to this, including attendance at all meetings of the executive committee, as well as contributing to written material as and when necessary. This said, I hope the new ExCo will base its meetings primarily to online meetings, in order to make the time committed as efficient as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Kent G. Dagsland Håkull