

Implementing ECTP-CEU's Re-START Europe Declaration : A joint project Lincoln Institute - ECTP-CEU

Members Call for European case studies

ECTP-CEU (European Council of Spatial Planners - Conseil Européen des Urbanistes) felt the need to reflect on the effects of the current crisis on our future living and working environment. Therefore, the General Assembly approved last October 2020 the above cited Declaration.

This Declaration seeks to harness the creative power and technical expertise of spatial planners in tackling the social and economic crisis created by the Covid-19 pandemic. It has amplified inequalities and exposed the fragilities in societies across Europe, impacting the short term, but threatening the medium and long-term wellbeing of communities across Europe.

In order to implement this declaration and to make it tangible and concrete, Lincoln Institute and ECTP-CEU signed on April 1st 2021 a contract for a joint project. The objective is to collect best practices, harnessing the power of spatial planning for a just recovery across Europe, underpinned by a wider agenda for resilience, renewal and growth.

We want to highlight qualitative responses to Covid-19 which is accelerating trends and creating new trajectories that are re-shaping our towns and cities. Revitalised spatial planning is needed to manage the new economic geography of Europe being created by new business practices, home working and more localised and diversified supply chains.

Call

ECTP-CEU and Lincoln Institute call ECTP-CEU member organisations to highlight and share case studies at all levels of territorial and sectoral governance, showing the need and scale of change in policy and practice to implement the principles of *Re-Start Europe* in terms of:

- *Renewing existing commitments to zero-carbon transport and energy networks;*
- *Scaling up existing programmes to rebalance the economies of Europe;*
- *Creating new initiatives for sectors and communities particularly affected by the Covid-19 crisis*

Objective

To document, share and discuss relevant case studies within ECTP-CEU's learning network organisation, with an outreach to local, regional, national and European bodies and private actors.

Case studies which clearly build upon the Re-Start Europe Manifesto and fit within ECTP-CEU's charters and network will be selected.

Practicalities

Phase 1: Sending letter of interest

Member organisations interested in joining, send a simple mail message to secretariat@ectp-ceu.eu (ref: 'Re-start case studies + name of case study') promoting an interesting case study within their country, explaining how it could contribute to the implementation of the Re-start Europe Declaration, also indicating the location, partners involved and a contact person. Member organisations can of course talk to interesting actors in the planning field and ask them to participate. The letter of interest must be sent by **July 1st 2021** to secretariat@ectp-ceu.eu.

Phase 2: Shortlist of cases and elaboration of a 5-pager

ECTP-CEU's exco, assisted by the Re-Start Working group, will make a shortlist of interesting cases, which will be asked to develop an illustrated 5-pager (following a simple format) by **October 1st 2021**. For each selected and developed case, we provide a lump sum in order to cover the costs.

Phase 3: Reflection during General Assembly

A first set of interesting cases will be presented and discussed during the 2021 Autumn GA in Athens.

Phase 4: Publication of best cases

The final list of cases (up to 10 in total) will be published by ECTP-CEU and Lincoln Institute by the end of December 2021.

More information :

[Lincoln Institute](#)

[ECTP-CEU website on Re-start Europe Declaration](#)

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