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SPATIAL PLANNING		
Geographic coverage	Name	Core business
WORLD	ISOCARP/AIU; IFHP/FIUHAT; INTA ; GLOBAL CITIES (Reed-MIDEM Exhibitions)	Individual professional members and Institutional members (associations, authorities and firms with planning related activities) Similar (different fee system) Similar
INTERCONTINENTAL	GPN - Global Planners Network (American + Canada+ UK + Commonwealth + SFU) Commonwealth Association of Planners	Conferences organised by the member associations (Shenyang, Montreal etc.)
CONTINENTAL (Eur.)	ECTP (countries of Council of Europe)	National Associations (recently enlarged to individual members)
	EUKN	Gathering of data (supported by Dutch Gov.)
	ECTP EU planners office (potential)	Putting up EU projects for members
	AESOP (ACPS in the US)	Schools of planning
	Nationally based associations with international activities, e.g. NIROV in Holland and ULI in the US	
RELATED TO SPATIAL PLANNING (connected professional sectors, not including project finance)		

WORLD	IAIA/UIA (planning sections), IFLA, FIG, ICOMOS UITP GA -GEOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION SHE – SOCIETY FOR HUMAN ECOLOGY (US with international activity) ICLEI	
CONTINENTAL(Eur)	ACE (planning sections), EFLA, (ASLA in the US) EUROPA NOSTRA	

POTENTIAL FOR NETWORKING/MOU (MOU between IFLA & ISOCARP signed 2004 A.Vegara &M. Fjardo, MOU between AESOP and ISOCARP signed 2005 P. Ache & P.Laconté), MOU between ISOCARP, IFHP and INTA approved by the 3 GA's in 2009

1. Core membership of each association:

- ISOCARP: Individual professional members (by candidacy) and Institutional members (national/regional associations, authorities and firms with planning related activities)
- IFHP: the same with traditional emphasis on housing (fee scale different from ISOCARP)
- INTA: emphasis on development seminars
- ECTP: Association of National European Associations (recently enlarged to other categories).
- AESOP: Association of European Schools of Planning.

2. Core business Activities:

- ISOCARP: congresses and conferences on planning topics, annual awards for excellence, publications (ISOCARP REVIEW, International Manual of Planning Practice in 100 countries, congress proceedings, etc.), member activities, including education, training of young professionals and regional conferences. Urban Planning Advice on issues requested by ISOCARP institutional members.
- IFHP: congresses and conferences on planning topics, professional working parties, biennial students and young planners' awards, biennial film & video competition, publications (affordable housing, futures of the city etc.).
- INTA: congresses and conferences, training seminars for public and private clients

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- ECTP: Professional promotion towards European Institutions (including access to professional education and training), European biennial awards, European Experts Register
- AESOP: promoting planning as a full-fledged discipline of knowledge, research, education and practice.

3. Potential immediate complementarities:

- Mutual promotion of activities (was already done once in ISOCARP.NET for ECTP), beyond calendar coordination (already happens with IFHP and AESOP and has been recently expanded by ECTP www.ectp.eu). Our events are suffering from the absence of those who shape the "city of tomorrow": engineering firms, transport infrastructure planners, charter surveyors, project finance organisations, pension funds, institutional investors, developers, experts in public-public and public-private partnerships, etc., who usually prefer conferences such as the ones of ULI. Some planning curricula are including these issues with an input of practitioners.
- Inclusion of IFHP in future collaborative EU projects. ISOCARP is not involved in the specific promotion of the planning profession in one continent in particular, but promotes inclusion of its members in International and EU projects. ECTP office could be a common address of associations in Brussels.
- Joint events (Planners Biennial Conference, specific conferences, etc.) and joint publications.
- Alternating European and non European awards for excellence in Planning

NATIONAL REPRESENTATION IN PLANNING ASSOCIATIONS: BELGIUM TAKEN AS AN EXAMPLE.

- ISOCARP. The members of Belgium constitute a National Delegation. The assembly of members elects 5 members to the Bureau (BM). These BM elect a President of the National Delegation for a period of three years. It was agreed that the President would be alternatively from the two national associations: VRP and CUB. VRP President J. Van den Broeck was succeeded by B. Clerbaux in 2009 (delegated to P. Laconte) and from 2011 by G. Vloebergh. The ND has successfully proposed Antwerp as Congress venue in 2007. Occasional activities organised by the VRP and CUB, such as a one-day study visit of the new stations of Antwerp Central, Brussels Midi and Liège). Other study tours of mutual interest are considered (competing shopping development projects in close proximity, the ring road projects North of Brussels and North of Antwerp, etc.)
- IFHP. IFHP has a national chapter in Belgium like elsewhere (chaired by P. Sauveur). National chapters' role in IFHP has been increased. There is a potential for joint activities.
- ECTP. AS ECTP is a federation of associations, Belgium is represented by its two planning associations: VRP and CUB, separately from their activity in ISOCARP.

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