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## *Department of Landscape Architecture*

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*Subject: Application of the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Architecture, Department of Urban Planning, Spatial Planning and Landscape Architecture for the **AESOP Full Membership***

On request of the AESOP General Secretary I have carefully studied the application documents of the Zagreb School applying for the Full Membership. The following can be concluded:

- \_ Programmes (Diploma, Master and PhD) are very much focused on Architecture. There is a module of Spatial Planning and there are individual courses that cover planning topics (there is no clear distinction where strategic and EU dimension of planning are covered), however, according to the Core Curriculum more specialised, planning-oriented courses are missing. This is especially evident on the PhD programme level where all the subjects except for the Introduction to Research Methodology are focused on Architecture and not on planning. The theoretical course is also named Architectural Thought.
- \_ Department employees are numerous (positive aspect), however, from the provided table one cannot recognise their expertise and education. Also browsing their webpage does not reveal this.
- \_ School has good facilities to support and supply for the planning study (studios, computer rooms, library, archive etc.).
- \_ Listed research projects show planning orientation.
- \_ After comparison with the neighbouring country, e.g. like Slovenia, one can deduce this was traditionally an architectural school which has in parallel introduced planning courses as "a side business".

On the basis of this, I would suggest the school as an **Associate Member**. Following this, the CoRep could suggest to the school some amendments and broadening of the planning programme which could eventually lead to the Full Membership.

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