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# ELC in Finland 2011–2013

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# Article 4 – Division of responsibilities



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- Ministry of the Environment is in charge of landscape issues.
- Co-operation with other ministries and state organizations, e.g. National Board of Heritage and Finnish Environment Institute.
- Regional environmental authorities are an important partner in all landscape work.



# Article 5 – General measures



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- Landscape with its different features is included in Finnish legislation.
- Finland is preparing a national strategy for the cultural environment. The strategy will include the very first elements for landscape policies and will cover the built environment, landscapes, archaeological heritage and traditional rural biotopes (semi-natural habitats). The strategy is supposed to be ready in 2013.
- Landscapes are integrated into all regional and general plans, at least the valuable landscapes and cultural historical environments.



# Article 6 – Specific measures



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## A) Awareness-raising





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- Active reporting and information on landscape projects and plans on the national and regional levels: media releases for press and TV, web-pages, public events.
- NGOs are active stakeholders, e.g. agriculture advisory organisations.
- European Landscape Award: open competition *The Best Landscape Project of Finland* 2008, 2010, 2012 etc.



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## B) Training and education



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- Regular training for landscape experts in regional administration.
- Universities have courses and programmes in landscape issues for students of landscape architecture, landscape research and planning, geography, ecology and other environmental sciences.
- Agriculture advisory organisations offer training in landscape issues for farmers and other rural residents.



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## C) Identification and assessment



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- Inventories of nationally valuable landscape areas; updating the old lists of areas from the early 1990s.
- 156 areas, historically and culturally important landscape areas, mainly agricultural landscapes.
- Ministry of the Environment as coordinator, all regions participating, 2010–2015.



**Art. 7 – International policies and programmes**  
**Art. 8 – Mutual assistance and exchange of info**



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## Art. 8 – Mutual assistance and exchange of info

- Finland works on the international level to enhance co-operation in landscape issues.
- Especially important is the co-operation among Nordic countries.
- Nordic landscape conferences arranged with the help of the Nordic Council of Ministers (Norway 2004, Sweden 2007, Iceland 2012, Denmark 2014/2015, Finland 2017/2018).



# Article 9 – Transfrontier landscapes





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- Finland arranged a conference in 9/2011 in Lapland: Implementing the ELC in the North Calotte Area Municipalities.
- Co-operation between Finland, Sweden, Norway.
- How to implement the ELC on the local level.
- Special point of view: Sámi culture and reindeer herding.



# Article 10 – Landscape award of the CoE



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- In Finland: open competition *The Best Landscape Project of Finland* 2008, 2010, 2012.
- Minister of the Environment declares the winner and awards honorary prizes at an open landscape symposium.
- 2012 winner was the Landscape Projects of Hyypänjoki valley; the Finnish candidate for the European landscape award.
- Hyypänjoki valley is the largest landscape conservation area in Finland.
- Landscape management is planned and implemented with the co-operation of local stakeholders.



