

The Dutch Landscape Manifesto, Foundation Landscape Manifesto



The landscape manifesto project was designed to highlight the importance of the landscape and to improve the quality of the Dutch landscape. Through promoting the involvement of citizens, an exchange of knowledge between organisations, improving the quality of landscape planning as well as an analysis of the current maintenance tools, searching for sustainable financing within the government, the Foundation Landscape Manifesto proves a strong force for “landscape enlightenment”. Forty-seven organisations collaborate to raise awareness and co-ordinate efforts to support landscape maintenance. Through reuniting a group of non-governmental organisations with different objectives, but all sharing the same concern for the landscape, the Foundation Landscape Manifesto has managed to increase the authorities’ and the public’s awareness of landscape. This step creates a force which uniformly works to implement the European Landscape Convention by whatever tools are at its disposal, whether this means improving landscape policies or “Landscaping your courtyard” campaigns.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe recognised the great value of the project: it is an exemplary project which enables the sharing of expertise, the education and mobilisation of citizens, in order to support the sustainable territorial development of the landscape.

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/landscape/prix/2011-Netherlands.pdf>