



Human Rights Democracy Rule of law

Statement for adoption:

“The interrelationships between the human landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy”

Reflects the three main pillars of the Council of Europe

To be submitted to the CDCCP and the Committee of Ministers for further action

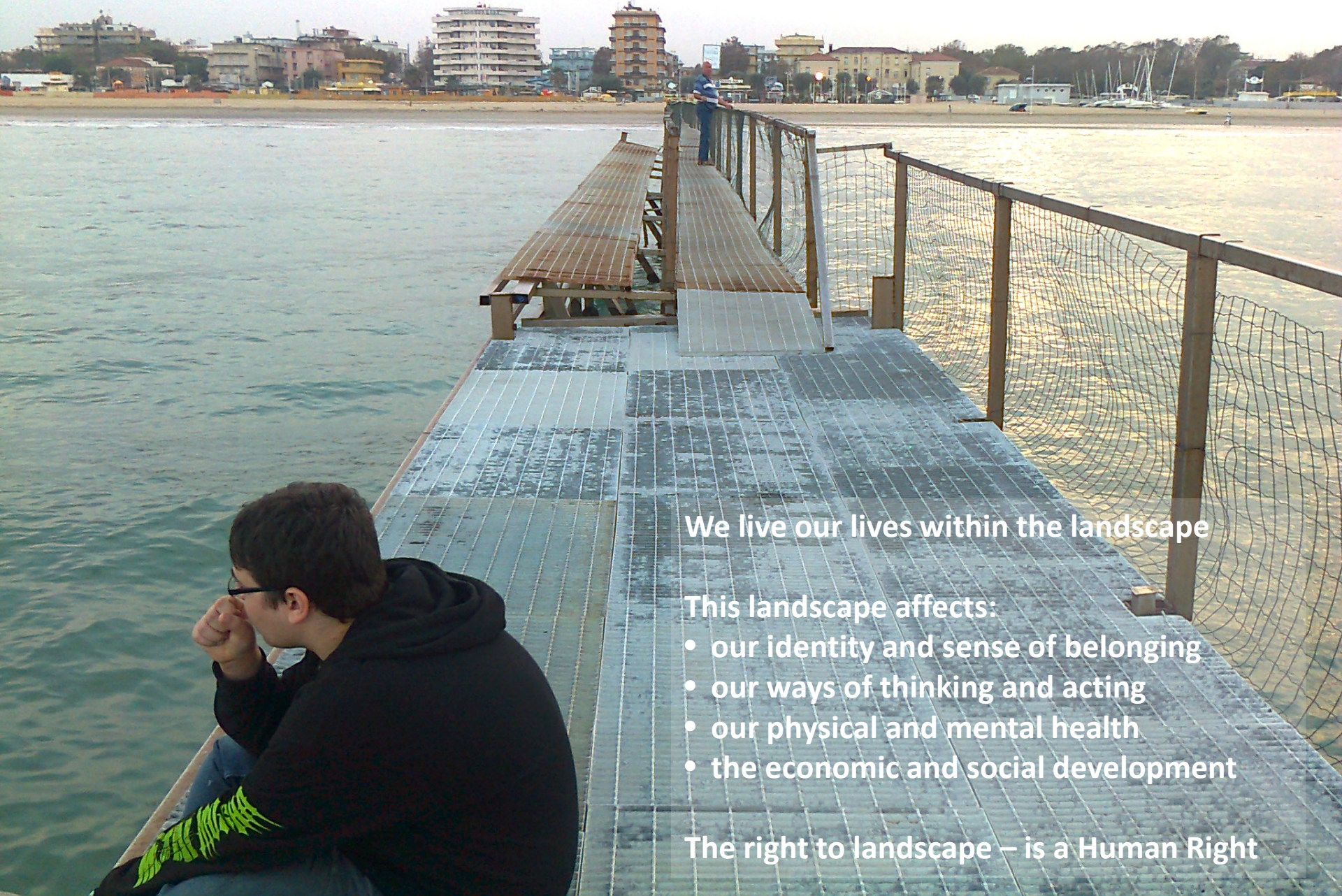
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1. Quality landscapes are important

What the landscape means to the human mind and body



We live our lives within the landscape

This landscape affects:

- our identity and sense of belonging
- our ways of thinking and acting
- our physical and mental health
- the economic and social development

The right to landscape – is a Human Right

2. Quality landscapes depend on careful spatial planning

How to manage changes



- The landscape is always changing
- The development impacts on our lives
- This requires political attention
- Changes should be managed by spatial planning
- The ELC offers a range of measures


Landscape qualities encourage citizen involvement and active participation

Likely to generate changes that people will be happy to live with



- Experts and citizens have equal saying
- Is an educational exercise in democracy
- Increases the range of conceivable decisions
- Requires transparency and openness
- Prevents or solves conflicts in open, transparent and democratic processes

Tentative process ahead

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- **The present draft is an initial step**
 - **We now call for amendments and improvements**
 - **The Conference is invited to:**
 - **adopt the statement and submit it to the CDCPP**
 - **ask the CDCPP to requests the CM to recognise the relevance and advise the CoE member states accordingly**

Proposed decision

The Conference asks the CDCPP to request the Committee of Ministers to:

- take note of the interrelationships between landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy;
- recognise that active public participation is a key factor in ensuring human rights, democracy and a living environment;
- advise all levels of government in the Council of Europe Member States to ensure that landscape concerns are included in spatial planning with active public participation;
- ask the secretariat to prepare a short information brochure to the Council of Europe Member States, emphasising the importance of this approach.