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LANDSCAPE AND DEMOCRACY

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I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

Mrs Liv Kirstine Mortensen, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, opened the Meeting and welcomed the participants (list of participants in Appendix 1 to this Report).

The Working Group congratulated Mr Julien Transy, Senior Officer at the Office of Landscapes and Advertising, Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy of France, on his appointment as national representative for the European Landscape Convention and welcomed him. Mr Transy thanked the members of the Group of Experts for their welcome and informed them of the imminent adoption of a new French law on biodiversity and landscape, which refers to the provisions of the European Landscape Convention.

II. ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The Working Group adopted the agenda as it appears in Appendix 2 to this Report.

III. EXAMINATION OF THE WORKING DOCUMENTS

1. Summary document on Landscape and Democracy

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[Presentation: CEP-CDCPP-WG (2016) 2terF] [Presentation: CEP-CDCPP-WG (2016) 2
quaterE]*

The Working Group examined the working paper presented by Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons and the power point presentations of Mrs Maria José Festas, Mr Yves Luginbühl and Mrs Liv Kirstine Mortensen, and decided to continue working on the preparation of the following documents:

1) An issue paper (a conceptual report for reference) as asked for from the 8th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention, on: Landscape and the European Landscape Convention's contribution to democracy, human rights and sustainable development.

The issue paper (reference conceptual report about 50 pages) will consist of three chapters, presenting the contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention:

- to the exercise of democracy;
- to the exercise of human rights;
- to the implementation of sustainable development (with reference to the achievements presented in the framework of the Alliance of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe).

2) Draft Recommendation on the contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention, to the exercise of democracy and human rights, in a perspective of sustainable development, based on the issue paper (conceptual report for reference)

The issue paper and draft recommendation (55 pages in total about) will be prepared by two experts from the Council of Europe (Mr Yves Luginbühl and Mr Michel Prieur, as available) according to the following schedule:

- delivery of documents to the Secretariat by August 2016 to ensure their translation;
- review of the documents on the occasion of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group (Paris, 18-19 October 2016);
- finalization of documents for their submission to the 9th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention (March 2017), to the CDCPP and then to the Committee of Ministers.

Mrs Maria José Festas will participate in the preparation of the documents on behalf of the Working Group.

3) *Draft Recommendation on principles for the participation of the general public in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies, as defined in the European Landscape Convention*

The document will be prepared by members of the Working Group (Mrs Liv Kirstine Mortensen and Mrs Maria José Festas) according to the following schedule:

- delivery to the Secretariat by August 2016 to ensure its translation;
- consideration of the paper on the occasion of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group (Paris, 18-19 October 2016);
- finalization of the document for presentation at the 9th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention (March 2017), the CDCPP and the Committee of Ministers.

The Working Group stressed that the draft recommendation should be based on a political, not technical or instrumental vision, and that participation tools will be presented at the 19th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops on “*The implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level: the local democracy*”, and in the Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention (ELC L6).

4) *Preparation of an information brochure which can be easily understood*

The document will be prepared in 2017 based on the data contained in previous documents.

2. Road map for the meetings of the workshops, including practical issues

[Document: CEP-CDCPP-WG (2016) 3E]

The Working Group examined the working document and noted that:

- the Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention are generally held annually in the autumn, on a theme related to the implementation of the Convention, selected by the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention / CDCPP in liaison with the Secretariat of the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the State hosting the meeting;
- under the direction of the Chair of the Conference in liaison with the Secretariat of the Council of Europe, the Working Group on the Convention may propose to the Conference relevant topics that may be discussed in the forthcoming meetings, as part of the Work Programme of the Convention;
- the Working Group will consider the requests by States to host meetings, so that the Conference can register the proposals as part of its work programme;
- to the extent that the meeting would be held in the autumn, the Parties to the Convention are contacted earlier in the year by the Secretariat of the Council of Europe and Chair to ask them kindly to send the Secretariat any suggestions or proposed presentations. Their answers (which should reach the Secretariat in the month following the request) should be accompanied by a written summary of the presentation that they propose, so that the Working Group may prepare the programme in agreement with the host State;
- the programme could thus be finalised in order to be transmitted by the Secretariat of the Council of Europe in June/mid-July to the Parties to the Convention and other government and non-government representatives.

The Working Group requested the Secretariat to kindly prepare, in liaison connection with the Chair of the Conference, a document reflecting the various types of meetings organised by the Council of Europe for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention (Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention, Meeting of the Workshops, Fora on the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, regional and national meetings), referring to the working methods of the Council of Europe. The document should have a practical approach, to assist the State hosting the meeting in its planning.

It also requested that the document refer to the meetings and activities that are not conducted under the auspices of the Council of Europe and that mention be made of the applicable provisions on the use of the Council of Europe logos, documents and publications concerning the conventions on cultural heritage and landscape adopted under the auspices of the Council of Europe.

3. List of national representatives in charge of implementing the European Landscape Convention, who are also correspondents of the Information System of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention (ELC L6), responsible for completing the online questionnaire

[Document: CEP-CDCPP-WG (2016) 4E]

The Working Group examined the working document and expressed the wish that, in preparation for the 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops on “*National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities*” (Yerevan, Armenia, 5-7 October 2016), the National Representatives for the European Landscape Convention complete the form of the Information System.

The Working Group requested the Secretariat to kindly send out a reminder to all the national representatives with their passwords and necessary guidance in completing the on-line questionnaire regarding the Information System.

4. List of non-governmental organisations invited to participate at the Council of Europe Conferences on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

[Document: CEP-CDCPP-WG (2016) 5E]

The Working Group examined the working document and considered the following.

– *Conferences of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention:*

Considering the large number of non-governmental organisations working on landscape issues, only the international and European NGOs, representative of a significant number of countries, and whose themes relate to the European Landscape Convention work programme, will be invited to participate in the Conferences, as observers;

– *Meetings of the workshops of the Council of Europe:*

International, European and national NGOs will continue to be invited to participate in the Meetings of the workshops.

The Working Group requests the Secretariat to kindly complete the working document with the missing information for the next meeting, and create a template to gather information that the international and European NGOs will be asked to provide.

IV. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE NEXT PLENARY MEETINGS

1. 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2014-2015”, Budapest, Hungary, 8-10 June 2016

The Working Group noted with interest the forthcoming 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention entitled “*Forum of National Selections of the Council of Landscape Award of Europe - Session 2014-2015*”, Budapest, Hungary, 8-10 June 2016.

2. 5th Meeting of the Council of Europe Steering Committee of Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 13-15 June 2016

The Working Group expressed the wish that the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), may designate two contact persons on culture and cultural heritage in order to deal with the integration of landscape in cultural policies, in accordance with Article 5, *c.* of the European Landscape Convention.

3. 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities”, Yerevan, Armenia, 5-7 October 2016

The Working Group considered important that the Meeting should focus on the implementation of Article 5 of the European Landscape Convention and cover the following aspects: Strategies and policy documents; Legal and financial instruments; Integration, horizontal and vertical co-ordination. The contributions should present the lessons learned and the added value of these policies for the future. Reference will be made to the Information System of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention (ELC L6).

4. 9th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe, Palais de l’Europe, Strasbourg, March 2017

The Working Group:

- considered that the two-day meeting of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, to be held in the framework of the Cyprus Presidency of the Committee of Ministers, could take place from 20 to 24 March or from 27 to 31 March 2017, subject to availability of rooms in the Council of Europe. A day tour of studies could also be organised.
- noted that the Secretariat will inform the participants of the Conference the dates to be retained.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The Working Group expressed the wish that the document on funding sources that can be used for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention be sent as soon as possible by the Secretariat to the Parties to the Convention.

VI. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Working Group decided the dates of its 3rd meeting: 18 (full day) -19 (am) October 2016 (Office of the Council of Europe in Paris).

VII. CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The Chair of the Working Group thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

APPENDIX 1

AGENDA

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Reference documents, presented at the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention: <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/conferences>

Considering interrelations between landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy
[Document: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 20]

Report “*Landscape and democracy: prospects*” *[Document: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 13]*

Establishment of procedures for the participation of the general public and other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies *[Document: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 11]*

APPENDIX 2

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APPENDIX 3

WORK PROGRAMME ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION FOR 2015-2017

*approved by the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP),
4th Meeting, Strasbourg, 1-3 June 2015
[CDCPP(2015)15]*

The Work Programme on the European Landscape Convention for 2015-2017¹ approved by the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), 4th Meeting Strasbourg, 1-3 June 2015 [CDCPP(2015)15] states that the main objectives of the Work Programme are to maintain and deepen dialogue and cooperation between public authorities and civil society for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention by:

1. *Organising biennial Conferences of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention (to be referred in the terms of reference of the CDCPP) and organising, at least one workshop for the implementation of the Convention every year.*
2. *Continuing the work (maintenance and up-dating) with the Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention (ELC L6) and launching the 2nd Phase of development tools.*
3. *Continuing the Sessions of the Council of Europe's Landscape Award*
4. *Establishing a Working group to explore the different possibilities of the Council of Europe and the States Parties to progress in the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and emphasize its contribution to democracy, well-being, socio-cultural diversity and inclusion in Europe, namely by continuing the preparation of thematic reports, contributing to the preparation of the programmes of the conferences and the workshops, following the progress of L6.
The Working group is also asked, supported by expertise², to explore the different possibilities of the Council of Europe and the States Parties to give more visibility to the European Landscape Convention and the work of the Council Europe's Landscape (Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, thematic reports, etc.)*
5. *Developing pedagogical material for secondary school (within a working group) and considering how to develop higher education and training for professionals in line with the Convention.*
6. *Establishing a working group, supported by expertise, on "Landscape and democracy" to follow up the report "Landscape and democracy: prospects"; in order to prepare an issue paper (taking into consideration the contribution of natural and cultural heritage and culture, as an expression of the social, economic, ecological, cultural and spatial diversity and identity of territories).*
7. *Developing a common action on the three pillars of the CDCPP, using, namely, available methods on horizontal and vertical co-operation and broadly based participation (walks, discussions, photos, etc.) based on a joint reflection paper that could possibly finish with a workshop."*

¹ The Work programme is proposed to cover the period between the 8th and the 9th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention

² This support by expertise is going to be more on the basis of "brainstorming sessions".