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1. Council of Europe Meetings for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

The Report of the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention organised under the auspices of the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, 18-20 March 2015, Strasbourg, was communicated to the CDCPP at its 4th Meeting in June 2015 (CEP-CDCPP (2015) 34E and Add.)¹.

The 9th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention will be organised in 2017 in Strasbourg.

Council of Europe Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

The Secretariat will present the results of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop organised by the Council of Europe, in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development of Andorra, on "*Landscape and transfrontier cooperation: the landscape knows no boundary*" (Andorra la Vella (Andorra), 30 September-2 October 2015).²

The proceedings of the meeting are being prepared and will be presented at the next meeting of CDCPP.

The 18th Meeting will be organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Ministry of Urban Development of Armenia on "*National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*" (Armenia, 5-7 October 2016).

The Bureau is invited to take note of the above elements and to make any comments.

2. Information System of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention (ELC L6)

The second phase of work in order to allow the extraction of data of the Council of Europe's Information Systems on the European Landscape Convention³ for the presentation of syntheses, was achieved by the Secretariat from January to October 2015.

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention invited member States to actively implement Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary. The Parties to the Convention were thus contacted by the Secretariat in order to use the Information System and to complete its questionnaire.

¹ <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/conferences>

² <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/16th-council-of-europe-meeting-of-the-workshops-for-the-implementation-of-the-european-landscape-convention>.

³ <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-observatory>

A maintenance work and assistance to States will be provided by the Secretariat in 2016-2017 in order to complete the Information System, in view of the holding of the 9th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention in March 2017 in Strasbourg.

3. Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

The 17th Council of Europe Meeting entitled "*Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2014-2015*", will be organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary (Budapest (Hungary), 8-10 June 2016). The Award, mentions and acknowledgments given according to the decisions adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 October 2015 at the 1238th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies⁴, will be presented on this occasion.

The publication on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe⁵ is being updated and the 5th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award will soon be launched.

4. Establishment of a Working Group on the European Landscape Convention - Landscape and democracy

The 1st Meeting of the Working Group on the European Landscape Convention - Landscape and democracy, chaired by Mrs Liv Kirstine Mortensen, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the Convention, took place on 3 October 2015 in Andorra la Vella (Andorra) and started its work in support of the implementation of the convention in accordance with the Work programme on the European Landscape Convention for 2015-2017 as approved by the steering committee for culture, heritage and landscape (CDCPP).⁶

The Bureau is invited to take note of the report of the meeting (CEP-CDCPP-WG (2015) 37E)⁷.

5. Development of pedagogical material for secondary school and considering how to develop higher education and training for professionals in line with the Convention

The Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school having been adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 14 October 2015 at the 1238th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, a publication on this pedagogical material is being prepared.

The Working Group on the European Landscape Convention will continue the work on secondary school and training for professionals.

⁴ <https://rm.coe.int/CoERMPublicCommonSearchServices/DisplayDCTMContent?documentId=0900001680483cce>

⁵ <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications>

⁶ Cf. Appendix to this document.

⁷ <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/working-groups>

APPENDIX

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 2015-2017⁸ 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 expertise⁹, 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."*

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

⁹ This support by expertise is going to be more on the basis of "brainstorming sessions".