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LANDSCAPE

DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION

Item 3.1.iii of the draft Agenda

- The Bureau is invited to take note of the information provided in the document and to act accordingly.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Landscape

Reminder of the terms of reference of the CDCPP (expected results - extract)

- Member States are assisted in the development of democratic policies in the fields of culture, heritage and landscape through thematic policy reviews and the Compendium, HEREIN, ELCIS and Culture WatchEurope information systems.
- Preparation of two draft recommendations fostering the implementation of the cultural heritage and landscape conventions, for adoption by the Committee of Ministers.
- Preparation of the 8th Council of Europe Conference for the European Landscape Convention in 2015.
- Identification of best practices on improving living spaces, social inclusion and quality of life in line with the Faro and Landscape Conventions, with a view to their wide dissemination in Member States.
 - Implementation of the Faro Convention's Action Plan
 - Implementation of the European Landscape Convention's Working Programme
- Adoption of recommendations for the granting of the European Landscape Award, for the consideration of the Committee of Ministers.

The European Landscape Convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 in Strasbourg and opened for signature by the member States of the Organisation in Florence (Italy) on 20 October 2000. It aims to promote European landscape protection, management and planning and to organise European co-operation.

The Convention is the first international treaty to be exclusively devoted to all aspects of European landscape. It applies to the entire territory of the Parties and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas. It concerns landscapes that might be considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes.

To date, 38 Council of Europe member States have ratified the Convention: Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Two States have signed the Convention: Iceland and Malta.

The Convention provides an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives, namely to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing European society today. By developing a new territorial culture, the Council of Europe seeks to promote populations' quality of life and well-being.

1. MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION: THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION INFORMATION SYSTEM OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Bureau is invited to:

- take note of the finalization of the first phase of the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe ;
- encourage 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 (adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 December 2013) ;
- take note that the second phase will be launched in order to allow the extraction of data.

**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**

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 December 2013 at the 1187th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage;

Having regard to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176 – hereinafter “the convention”), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 and opened for signature by Council of Europe member States in Florence on 20 October 2000;

Considering that the convention makes an important contribution to the Council of Europe’s objectives of promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law and seeking common solutions to the major problems facing European society today;

Underlining that, in taking account of landscape value, the Council of Europe considers the importance of the populations’ quality of life;

Recalling the provisions of Article 10.1 of the convention on monitoring its implementation; recalling also the provisions of its Article 8, concerning mutual assistance and exchange of information, under which the Parties undertake to co-operate in order to enhance the effectiveness of measures taken and, in particular, exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the convention;

Considering that Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention proposes that each Party contribute to the setting-up of a database to appear on the website of the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention, and emphasising that the recommendation mentions that the database would be a “toolbox” which would help provide mutual technical and scientific assistance through the collection and exchange of landscape experience and research, as provided for in Article 8 of the above-mentioned convention concerning mutual assistance and exchange of information,

Recommends that States Parties to the convention:

- use the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe with its glossary,¹ in the framework of their co-operation as mentioned in the convention;
- co-operate to develop this Information System to fulfil the goals mentioned above;
- continue to exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the convention in order to promote knowledge of landscapes and landscape policies, in view of enhancing the quality of people’s lives, taking care of their surroundings.

¹ Public part to be completed by the Parties to the convention: https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx.

2. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

At its 3rd meeting (19-21 March 2014), the CDCPP instructed its Bureau, in the case of only linguistic changes proposed by the Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice (CDPPE), to submit the draft Recommendation to the Committee of Ministers. The CDPPE had indeed been invited to provide any comments at its meeting of 25-27 March 2014.

The CDPPE having made two linguistic changes (see words underlined in the text hereunder), the Bureau is invited to present the draft recommendation to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on promoting landscape awareness through education

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2013 at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage;

Having regard to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000, opened to member States for signature in Florence on 20 October 2000 and entered into force on 1 March 2004;

Concerned to achieve sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between environment, social needs, culture and economic activity, for a better quality of life;

Noting that landscape has an important public interest role in the cultural, ecological, environmental and social fields, and that it constitutes a resource favourable to economic activity whose protection, management and planning can contribute to job creation;

Aware that landscape contributes to the formation of local and regional cultures and that it is a basic component of European natural and cultural heritage, contributing to human well-being and consolidation of the European identity;

Acknowledging that landscape is an important part of the quality of life for people everywhere: both in urban and rural areas, in high quality or in degraded areas, in areas recognised as being of outstanding beauty and in everyday areas;

Noting that developments in agriculture, forestry, industrial and mineral production techniques, the expansion of urban areas and of infrastructure networks, the increase in transport, tourism and recreation activities and, at a more general level, changes in the world economy are in many cases accelerating the transformation of landscapes;

Wishing to respond to the public's demand to enjoy high-quality landscapes and to play an active part in the management of landscapes;

Believing that the landscape is a key element of individual and social well-being and that its protection, management and planning entail rights and responsibilities for everyone;

Acknowledging that the quality and diversity of European landscapes constitute a common resource, and that it is important to co-operate towards its protection, management and planning;

Considering the aims of the European Landscape Convention and wishing to encourage its implementation;

Referring to Article 6.B of the European Landscape Convention on specific measures for training and education, which states that "Each Party undertakes to promote: ... school ... courses which, in the relevant subject areas, address the values attaching to landscapes and the issues raised by their protection, management and planning";

Recalling the principles laid out in CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, regarding how school curricula should foster children's awareness of and sensitivity to landscape;

Having regard to its previous recommendations:

- concerning the promotion of an awareness of Europe in secondary schools (Recommendation No. R (83) 4);
- on the role of the secondary school in preparing young people for life (Recommendation No. R (83) 13);
- on aid for artistic creation (Recommendation No. R (85) 6);
- on teaching and learning about human rights in schools (Recommendation No. R (85) 7);
- on the role of museums in environmental education, information and training (Recommendation No. R (90) 18);
- concerning heritage education (Recommendation No. R (98) 5);
- on ensuring quality education (Recommendation CM/Rec(2012)13).

Considering that one of the aims of education is to train young people and equip them with a set of skills necessary for citizenship and democracy;

Asserting that educational activities in the landscape field are an excellent way of giving meaning to the future;

Recommends that the governments of member states Parties to the convention adopt legislative, regulatory, administrative, financial and other appropriate measures to initiate or to develop landscape education activities and to promote landscape awareness among the young in accordance with the principles set out in the appendix to this recommendation.

Appendix to Recommendation CM/Rec(2013) ...

I. Principles and proposals

a. General principles on teaching and learning processes

The subject of landscape as defined by the European Landscape Convention provides many advantages for the pupils' education and is an important means for them to become familiar with their surroundings considered as their living space and to understand them. It should provide an opportunity for pupils to discover the role of each individual in his or her role as an inhabitant of the landscape surrounding them, as a guardian of its identity and its culture and as a protagonist aware of its future development.

Children, the citizens of tomorrow, should be able to develop the knowledge and understanding necessary to take care of this source and resource and understand the best ways to contribute to landscape protection, management and planning for present and future generations.

It is therefore necessary to gradually provide pupils with a basic knowledge of the landscape at all school levels in order to show them that the landscape is not just the visual aspect of a place, but a territorial entity where numerous natural and human factors interact. The landscape should consequently be studied in all its complexity through the developmental processes that modify it.

Educational methods should be primarily based on direct observation and on active participation involving pupils' research into, and discovery of, the landscape. It should encourage school outings to enable pupils to understand, through direct observation, that the landscape means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors

Pupils at all levels of education should be offered education opportunities in landscape related themes adapted to their age and experience.

b. Proposals to public authorities for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention through the promotion of landscape education

The competent authorities should be invited:

- to introduce landscape education into primary and secondary school curricula to enable school pupils to acquire a knowledge of the landscape and an understanding of its values, features, importance and role with regard to the quality of life of people surroundings;

- to promote school teaching that involves activities which will foster understanding and knowledge of the landscape;
- to encourage school pupils to acquire knowledge and understanding not only of the landscape in which they live, but also of other landscapes with different characteristics and features;
- to encourage school pupils, as early as secondary school, to participate and get involved with proposals for projects and plans for the protection, management and planning of the landscape in which they live;
- to promote capacity-building training for teachers in order to develop their capacity to transmit to school pupils the basic knowledge they need to understand the landscape.

II. Implementing landscape awareness through education

The competent authorities should be invited to:

- promote landscape education, which is interdisciplinary by its very nature, should be promoted and integrated into different school subjects at all levels and in all types of teaching, be it formal, non-formal or informal, considering the following provisions:
 - encourage the setting up of educational departments in organisations responsible for landscape;
 - organize workshops and practical training, wherever possible, for both teachers and professionals;
 - set up a partnership for landscape education activities on an official basis between the relevant ministries, if possible within existing structures;
 - encourage initiatives taken by schools, landscape professionals and associations and facilitate, in so far as they correspond to the definitions and goals of the European Landscape Convention;
 - undertake assessment of landscape education actions or initiatives by the relevant ministries and/or partners, especially considering the educational results.

III. Documentation and material

The relevant authorities and ministries in each State should be encouraged to produce or commission teaching material relating to landscape if it does not exist already. It would be useful for landscape and education specialists to produce together a handbook of teaching methods that would be helpful to teachers in this particular field.

The most up-to-date information and communication should be available for landscape education activities. It would be useful to provide schools with materials and audiovisual equipment to help them develop and update their knowledge of landscapes.

Exchange of experience and a better multilateral dissemination of information on landscape education should be ensured through the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe.

3. THE 8TH COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention will be organised in Strasbourg on 16-17 March 2015, before the 4th Meeting of the CDCPP (18-20 March 2015).

4. THE WORKING PROGRAMME

The activities carried out to implement the European Landscape Convention are aimed at:

- monitoring implementation of the Convention;
- fostering European co-operation;
- collecting examples of good practice;
- fostering knowledge and research for policy development;

- raising awareness; and
- fostering access to information.

Organised by the Council of Europe on a regular basis, the Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention aim in particular at presenting new concepts and achievements in connection with the Convention. They represent a genuine forum for sharing practices and ideas. Special emphasis is given to the experiences of the member State hosting the meeting².

The Bureau is invited to take note that the results of the Programme of activities 2013-2014 on the follow-up of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention will be presented at the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention (16-17 March 2015), and to make any proposals.

Programme of activities 2013-2014 on the follow-up of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention³

1. Implementation of Article 10 “Monitoring and implementation of the Convention” and Article 8 “Mutual assistance and exchange of information” of the European Landscape Convention

- Preparation of the 3rd Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 19-21 March 2014 and of the meetings of its Bureau;
- Preparation of the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 16-17 March 2015;
- Update of the European Landscape Convention Website;
- Preparation of the Compendium on national policies;
- Development of Phase 2 of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention Information System on the website, based on Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the Guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and on 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 (adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 December 2013);
- Promotion of meetings on mutual exchange and information.

2. Implementation of Article 5 – General Measures

- Organisation of the 15th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “Sustainable landscapes and economy”, Nevşehir, Turkey, (30 September) 1-2 October 2014;
- Publication of “Landscape dimensions” (ELC Reports), Council of Europe Publishing (Integration of landscape into policies);
- Report on “The law applicable to landscapes in comparative and international law”;
- ELC Report on “Expansion of industrial zones and out-of-town shopping centres: solutions for the landscape of population”;
- ELC Report on “Landscape and advertising” and draft recommendation;
- ELC Report on “Landscape and economy”;
- ELC Report and draft recommendation on “Landscape and democracy”.

3. Implementation of Article 6 A – Specific Measures - Awareness-raising

- Distribution of the magazine *Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory* on “Landscape and public space: the human scale” (No. 3, 2012).

² The proceedings of the meetings are published in the Council of Europe’s “European Spatial Planning and Landscape” series and are available on the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention website: http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/Publications_en.asp

³ Appendix 12 of the Report of the 7th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 26-27 March 2013 - CEP-CDCPP (2013) 12E, Addendum – Up dated according to the Joint Statement of member States of the Council of Europe for the Working Programme of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), adopted at the 2nd Meeting of the CDCPP, Strasbourg, 27-29 May 2013 - CEP-CDCPP (2013) 29 E, Appendix IX and which the CDCPP took note CDCPP(2014)20.

4. Implementation of Article 6 B - Specific Measures - Education

- Preparation of Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on promoting landscape awareness through education;
- Publication of the Report on “*Landscape and education*” (CEP-CDCPP (2013) 9);
- Preparation of pedagogical material for landscape education in primary and secondary schools;
- Promotion of meetings on education and summer universities.

5. Implementation of Article 7 “International policies and programmes” of the European Landscape Convention

- Promotion of the consideration of the landscape dimension of sectoral policies of the European Union (Policies of Agriculture and Education) and other international policies and programmes;
- Preparation of a Draft Protocol to the Convention.

6. Implementation of Article 8 “Mutual assistance and exchange of information” of the European Landscape Convention

- Publication of the proceedings of the 10th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Multifunctional Landscape*”, Evora, Portugal, 20-21 October 2011;
- Publication of the proceedings of the 12th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and International CEMAT Symposium on “*Visions for the future of Europe on territorial democracy: landscape as a new strategy for spatial planning*”, Thessalonica, Greece 2-3 October 2012 (Public participation);
- Publication of the proceedings of the 13th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*The future of the territories, landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy*”, Cetinje, Montenegro, 2-3 October 2013 (Democracy);

7. Implementation of Article 9 “Transfrontier landscapes” of the European Landscape Convention

- Organisation of the 16th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Landscape and transfrontier cooperation*”, Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 1-2 October 2015;
- Development of transfrontier co-operation with the organisation of transfrontier meetings;
- Distribution of the magazine *Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory* on “*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*” (No. 2, 2010).

8. Implementation of Article 11 “Landscape Award of the Council of Europe” of the European Landscape Convention

- Organisation of the 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers, 2014-2015;
- Publication on the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2012-2013;
- Organisation of the 14th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2012-2013”, Wroclaw, Poland, (10) 11-12 June 2014;
- Publication of the proceedings of the 11th Workshop for the implementation of the Convention on “*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – Sessions 2008-2009 and 2010-2011*”;
- Publication of the proceedings of the 14th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2012-2013”, Wroclaw, Poland, (10) 11-12 June 2014.

5. THE LANDSCAPE AWARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Bureau is invited to take note:

- of the holding of the 14th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2012-2013*”, Wroclaw, Poland, 11-12 June 2014
(http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/landscape/reunionateliers/wroclaw2014_EN.asp?);
- of the launching of the 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, and of the fact that the Parties to the Convention were invited to present by 10 December 2015 the applications to the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe;

See in particular:

- the ‘Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’ part of the website of the European Landscape Convention

Link to the website:<http://www.coe.int/europeanlandscapeconvention>

- Publication “*Landscape Award of the Council of Europe*”, Council of Europe’s European Spatial and Landscape series, 2012, N° 96 (presentation of achievements of the Sessions 1 and 2 of the Award)

Link to the publication:

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/Publications/LandscapeAwards_en.pdf

6. FOSTERING ACCESS TO INFORMATION: THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION WEBSITE

The European Landscape Convention website :

<http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention>

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