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PREPARATION OF THE 8th COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE FOR THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION IN 2015

DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Item 6.5 of the draft Agenda

The Committee is invited to take note:

- of the implementation of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention (**Part 1**) for the preparation of the 8th Conference of the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 26-27 March 2015); and in particular
- of the conclusions 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 (**Part 2**).

The Committee is invited to forward these conclusions to the Committee of Ministers, for information.

Part 1.

Programme of activities 2013-2014 on the follow-up of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention¹

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 Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 26-27 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).

¹ [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]

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”, Wrocław, Poland, (10) 11-12 June 2014.

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Part 2.

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, 1-3 October 2013

The 13th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Territories of the future: landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy*” was organised by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro within the framework of the working programme of the European Landscape Convention in Cetinje, Montenegro, on 2-3 October 2013.

The aim of the Meeting was to promote an integrated approach to spatial / regional planning and good governance through the implementation of the following provisions of the European *Landscape Convention*:

– Articles 5c), which states that each Party undertakes “*to establish procedures for the participation of the general public, local and regional authorities, and other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies*”, and

– Article 6 C. on “*Identification and assessment*”, which states:

“1. With the active participation of the interested parties, as stipulated in Article 5.c, and with a view to improving knowledge of its landscapes, each Party undertakes:

a. i) to identify its own landscapes throughout its territory;

ii) to analyse their characteristics and the forces and pressures transforming them;

iii) to take note of changes;

b. to assess the landscapes thus identified, taking into account the particular values assigned to them by the interested parties and the population concerned.

2. These identification and assessment procedures shall be guided by the exchanges of experience and methodology, organised between the Parties at European level pursuant to Article 8”,

Three Workshops considered the following themes: ‘Identify, analyse, characterise the landscape: to act, improve the knowledge’; ‘An exercise in democracy: the knowledge, the feeling, the will of populations’; ‘Promoting collective intelligence: to react, exchange experiences, methodologies, technologies and researches’.

The Meeting aims to exchange insights, perspectives, theoretical and practical approaches from the European, national, regional and local levels. Approximately 200 participants from various European and non-European countries participated at the event.

The following conclusions of the Meeting were presented by Mrs Maria José FESTAS, Chair of the 7th Council of Europe Conference for the European Landscape Convention and Representative of Portugal to the Committee of Senior Officials of the CEMAT and Mrs Jasminka CVEJIĆ, Professor, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Forestry, Serbia.

Link to the Programme and presentations:

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/ReunionAteliers/cetinje_en.asp

APPENDIX

**Conclusions of the 13th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the
implementation of the European Landscape Convention
“Territories of the future: landscape identification and assessment:
an exercise in democracy”
Cetinje, Montenegro, 2-3 October 2013**

The general objective of the 13th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention was to exchange insights, perspectives, theoretical and practical approaches from the European, national, transnational, regional and local levels in the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, in particular of Articles 5c) (participation) and 6c) (Identification and assessment). It aimed at the same time to promote an integrated approach of territorial development and good governance for the implementation of the Convention.

During two long and intense days more than 60 presentations were made by delegates of member States, by representatives of regional governments and local authorities, by researchers, experts, NGOs and networks dealing with landscape issues.

These presentations, ranging from research results to more concrete or practical examples, dealt with different approaches, different levels of intervention by the administration and civil society and with different scales of work.

At the end of this Meeting, we can draw a list of what can be considered a set of general, common conclusions:

- The unquestionable improvement in knowledge about the landscape as well as a major progress in recognising the importance of landscape at the different administrative levels, since the European Landscape Convention entered into force;
- The richness and variety of experiences presented;
- The cooperation on landscape issues between different professions, experts, researchers and “local knowledge”;
- The different types of co-operation between countries, between countries and regions and between regions;
- There is a need to clarify the terms used (examples: landscape types, landscape units, catalogues, atlas, etc.); to prepare a general glossary on the landscape?
- The diversity of approaches and methodologies that were presented, even if the “landscape character” seems very popular;
- There are differences between “landscape assessment”, “landscape hierarchisation” and “landscape qualification”, but it’s also necessary to better clarify what they mean, what criteria they need and they imply;
- There is a need to more usually combine top-down and bottom-up approaches for better results;
- The participation of the population is needed to guarantee acceptance and implementation of proposals;

- Landscape policy needs the co-operation of sectoral policies and these can benefit from taking into consideration/integrating landscape policy;
- The contribution of civil society cannot be ignored either when designing or implementing a landscape policy;
- How to go from “analysis and assessments” to the “real world” (namely, concrete proposals and implementation)?
- There is a need for dissemination of theoretical studies, research results, expert works and concrete experiences in a way that is understandable by everyday people, in order to facilitate widespread awareness-raising;
- The European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe is very important to keep and make available the experiences presented.

Last but not least, to finalise:

- “No size fits all – it’s clear that it’s necessary to adapt methodologies, experiences and results to the different scales of intervention, different cultures and even different administrative and legal frameworks;
- Everyone has a right to live in a landscape with quality, even if it is “their own quality”;
- Even if they were tiring, these two days showed the importance of continuing with the Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

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