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WORKSHOP 2

STRATEGIES AND POLICY DOCUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF THE LANDSCAPE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

CROATIA

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INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

in landscape protection, management and planning

- **Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning**
Directorate for Construction,
Directorate for Physical Planning,
- **Ministry of Culture**
Directorate for the Protection of Cultural Heritage and Conservation
Departments and other institutions in culture
- **Ministry of Environment and Nature Protection**
Directorate for Nature Protection, Croatian Agency for Environment and Nature, Public institution for management of protected areas
Directorate for Environmental Protection

*According to Ratification Act of ELC ministry responsible for implementation is *Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning*

Physical Planning

- Physical Planning Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (1997)
- Program for Physical Planning (1999), Landscape - Methodological basis (1999)
 - first strategy which propose Landscape Map as a basis for integral landscape protection - knowledge of the landscapes, definition of landscape quality objectives, future management (planning, protection, monitoring)
- Spatial Development Strategy (2015) - final proposal
 - propose Landscape Atlas: typology on regional level, quality goals for each land. region - preparation phase started by Croatian Institute for Physical Development
- 2/21 Counties' Institutes for Physical Planning prepared Landscape Studies
- Use of Landscape Studies in resolving spatial problems (Dubrovnik)

Cultural Heritage

- Strategy on Conservation, Protection and Sustainable Economic Use of Cultural Heritage (2011-2015) - proposal for action plans includes Needs of cultural landscapes in sustainable development of cultural heritage:
 - to establish institution specified for landscapes
 - strategic planning for defined cultural landscapes for sust. Use
 - systemic identification, inventory and protection of cultural landscapes following unique criteria
- Next strategy will be prepared after adoption of CoE Cultural Strategy
- Organised round table on landscape within manifestation Heritage Days
- Activities of conservation departments within Ministry of Culture:
 - Preparation of new proposals for cultural landscapes
 - management plans for protected cultural landscapes
 - Landscape included in Conservation Basis for Physical Plan (Stari Grad Plain World Heritage Site)

HERMITAGE BLACA – protected by two laws, managed on local level



CoE, Regional programme for cultural and natural heritage in SEE - Local development Pilot project – Island Cres , Development based on heritage, prepared Landscape study, with multidisciplinary group of professionals and students, including ethnographic research and interviews



Environmental Protection

- National Environmental Action Plan (2002) - highlights the need for Strategy for Landscape Protection
- Strategy on Sustainable Development (2009)
 - to prepare Landscape map
- Landscape Studies within Environmental Impact Assessment for individual projects and Strategic EIA for plans and strategies
- Reports on Environmental Conditions - potential for implementation of landscape monitoring after preparation of landscape map

Nature Protection

- National Strategy and Action Plan for Biological and Landscape Diversity (1999) following PEBLDS (1996)
- Strategy and Action Plan for the Protection of Biological and Landscape Diversity (2008)
 - to establish National Committee for Landscape
 - to prepare Landscape Map and ensure its implementation
 - to support activities on public awareness, capacity building and education for landscape
- Interministerial Working Group for Landscape (2009-2011), very good cooperation, but proposed measures were not officially adopted
- Prepared Landscape Studies in Krka NP, Brijuni NP, Primorsko-goranska County - recognised tool for management of protected areas
- Strategy and Action Plan for Nature Protection (draft 2015) - dealing with biological and geological diversity, landscape is present in basic principles of the strategy



Green Infrastructure Strategic Plan

- Important landscape planning tool that connect several sectors, applicable for all sustainable development oriented levels, and usefull for project proposals
- Important for functioning of eco-systems
- To improve eco-system services
- Two examples on local level: Jastrebarsko, Sesvete

Other sectors

- Tourism Development Strategy (until 2020)
 - interpretation of heritage, promotional materials, cultural touristic routes, identification of touristic attractions