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– Florence Convention –**

***FIRST CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING AND
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Presentation on financial aspects

by

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1. By letter of 29 June 2001, the General Secretariat of the Council of Europe sent a request for voluntary financial contributions for the activities of the European Landscape Convention to the Members of the CC-PAT and CO-DBP.
2. A few governmental representatives having expressed their wish to receive more detailed information concerning the use of these funds, the Secretariat sent on 9 August 2001 a Note on activities to undertake in the framework of the 2001-2003 Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention (See Appendix).
3. The Secretariat of the Council of Europe is pleased to announce that at this time, it has received financial contributions totalling an amount of €34.275, from Hungary and Switzerland.

APPENDIX

Memorandum on the activities to be carried out within the framework of the Work Programme 2001-2003 of the European Landscape Convention

1. It appears from the budget provisions of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe that the budget proposed for the European Landscape Convention activities in 2002 will be 22.500 €. It is composed as follows:

– 6 meetings : 5 thematic workshops (2 days each) and 1 Conference of States (2 days)19.800 €

(Cover foreseen for 4 participants for 2 days for each of the 6 meetings – travel and subsistence expenses)

– Consultants.....2.700 €

Interpretation costs for the 12 days of meetings should be borne by the Council of Europe.

2. The Work Programme of the Convention could centre around ten main work themes or "Programmes", as follows:

- Thematic workshops
- Conferences and Forums
- Evaluation of implementation of the Convention
- Drafting of proposals and policies and adoption of documents
- Training
- Technical assistance and co-operation
- "Project Forum"
- Studies
- List of experts and specialised centres
- Information, promotion of activities and website

3. The voluntary financial contributions received could be allocated to the following activities:

- Financing participation of experts, rapporteurs or governmental representatives of central and east European countries in the six 2-day meetings foreseen17.000 €

[As an indication, cost (including travel and subsistence expenses) of 5 participants for 2 days is 4.300 €]

- Financing of consultants for studies, reports and publications10.000 €
- Institutional, technical or legal assistance to governments15.000 €
- Production of a special issue (French/English) of the Council of Europe magazine "Naturopa" on the Convention16.000 €
- Production of promotional material (posters, leaflets, cards)6.000 €
- Support for the translation and printing of the Convention and information leaflet in the Council of Europe's non-official languages10.000 €

- Production of an illustrated version of the Convention6.000 €
- Setting-up of the Convention's website 15.000 €