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# EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION – Florence Convention –

## SECOND CONFERENCE OF THE CONTRACTING AND SIGNATORY STATES TO THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

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### MEDIUM-TERM APPROACH TO THE WORK PROGRAMME

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#### I. OVERVIEW OF FUTURE APPROACHES

The work programme of the European Landscape Convention could be divided into the four strands below. For each one, the following could be conducted, organised or drawn up:

- comparative studies of the situation in European states and consolidated reports;
- workshops, seminars or conferences;
- recommendations and/or guidelines to be submitted to governments for adoption.

#### 1. Approaches to landscape

- 1.1 "Landscape and spaces"
- Towns/cities
- Suburbs and peri-urban areas
- Entrances to towns
- Coastal areas
- Marine environments
- Underwater environments
- Rivers
- Wetlands
- Rural areas
- Mountains
- Grasslands
- Forests
- Caves and caverns
- Industrial areas

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- 1.2 "Landscape and policies"
- sustainability
- regional planning
- infrastructure
- town planning
- cultural policies
- education and training policies
- environmental policy
- agricultural policy
- social policy
- economic policy
- tourism policy
- communication policy: media and press
- fiscal policy
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#### 1.3 "Landscape and instruments"

- legal instruments
- economic instruments
- fiscal instruments
- protection instruments
- management instruments
- development instruments (enhancement, restoration, creation)

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1.4	"Landscape and perception"
_	visual landscape
_	sound landscape/sounds of the landscape
_	olfactory landscape
_	spiritual landscape
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1.5	"Landscape and art"
_	literature
_	music
_	painting/design
_	sculpture
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1.6	"Landscape and values"
_	utilitarian value
_	aesthetic value
_	symbolic value
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1.7	"Landscape and zoning"
_	outstanding landscape
_	landscape of protected areas
_	ordinary/everyday landscape
_	degraded landscapes
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2.	National monographs (implementation of Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the convention)

- division of responsibilities
- adoption of general measures
- adoption of specific measures
- **3.** European international co-operation (implementation of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the convention)
- international policies and programmes: co-operation with other international organisations;
   drawing up of glossaries...
- mutual assistance and exchange of information
- transfrontier landscapes
- 4. Council of Europe landscape award (implementation of Article 11 of the convention)

#### II. WORKING METHOD FOR 2003

1. Until the European Landscape Convention enters into force, it is proposed that the system of **workshops on implementation of the convention be continued**. Expert reports could be prepared here on the chosen themes, and government representatives who wish to act as rapporteurs on these themes are asked to make themselves known.

There are two possibilities:

1) The workshops could be devoted entirely to European co-operation (Chapter III of the European Landscape Convention) and cover:

- international policies and programmes (Article 7);
- mutual assistance and exchange of information (Article 8);
- transfrontier landscapes (Article 9).
- 2) The workshops could deal with different themes:
- international policies and programmes (Article 7) and transfrontier landscapes (Article 9);
- individual and social well-being: the mental perception of the landscape (preamble);
- counterproductive regulations (regulations harmful to landscape quality), or economic instruments (trading of certificates).

2. The 3rd Conference of the Contracting and Signatory States to the European Landscape Convention could possibly be held in 2003 (otherwise in 2004).

3. Two **information meetings on the European Landscape Convention** could be held: in Romania and Albania.

4. A **European Landscape Convention side event** should be organised during the UN-ECE ministerial conference "An environment for Europe" (21-23 May, Kyiv).

5. A **working group** could be set up to determine the criteria for awarding the Council of Europe landscape award. It could include the representatives of the United Kingdom, Switzerland and other interested states.

## 6. **Proposals for the preparation of thematic studies depending on the payment of voluntary contributions**.

Interested governments are invited to sponsor the following studies:

- Environmental education in secondary schools (in liaison with the Council of Europe's Education Directorate);
- Harmonisation of landscape architecture training (in liaison with ECLAS);
- Production of a landscape glossary;
- The link between violence and landscape (in liaison with the Council of Europe's integrated projects and with a view to the organisation of a conference on violence, suburbs and landscape in 2004);
- Public participation (in liaison with the Council of Europe's integrated projects);

- Analysis of national datasheets drawn up in preparation for the first session of the workshops (May 2002);
- Updating of the comparative law study carried out during the drafting of the convention;
- Compendium of poetic and literary texts on European landscapes;
- Landscape routes;
- Network of university lectures on the European Landscape Convention.

#### APPENDIX

#### Schedule of ministerial Conferences in 2003

21-23 May 2003, Kyiv: 5th Ministerial Conference "An environment for Europe", organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN-ECE)

11-12 September 2003, Ljubljana: 13th session of the Conference of Ministers responsible for Regional Planning (CEMAT), organised by the Council of Europe (CoE)