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RESULTS OF THE 15TH COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING OF THE WORKSHOPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

**“Sustainable landscapes and economy:
on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape”
Urgup, Turkey, 1-2 October 2014**

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Summary

The 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape”, was organised by the Council of Europe – Democratic Governance, Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention – in cooperation with the Landscape Conservation Division of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey, within the context of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention.

The Meeting was an opportunity to present new concepts and achievements on landscape and economy.

The Workshops analysed the following themes:

- Landscapes of Turkey;*
- Landscape values and economic valuation;*
- Urban landscapes and economy;*
- Rural landscapes and economy;*
- Implementation tools, instruments and procedures.*

The European Landscape Convention refers several times to the economical dimension of the landscape.

*It states that the member States of the Council of Europe signatory of the Convention considered that the aim of the Organisation 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, and that this aim is pursued in particular through agreements in the **economic** and social fields”.*

Therefore, the member States:

- expressed their concern “to achieve sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, **economic activity** and the environment”;*
- noted that “the landscape has an important public interest role in the cultural, ecological, environmental and social fields, and constitutes a resource favourable to **economic activity** and whose protection, management and planning can contribute to job creation”;*
- noted that “developments in agriculture, forestry, industrial and mineral production techniques and in regional planning, town planning, transport, infrastructure, tourism and recreation and, at a more general level, **changes in the world economy** are in many cases accelerating the transformation of landscapes”.*

*Moreover, for the purposes of the Convention, “‘landscape management’ means action, from a perspective of sustainable development, to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape, so as to guide and harmonise changes which are brought about by social, **economic** and environmental processes”.*

*Parties to the Convention undertake therefore “to integrate landscape into its regional and town planning policies and in its cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and **economic policies**, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape”.*

The Meeting was aimed at government officials – Members of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) and Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention –, representatives of local and regional authorities, universities, professionals, public and private governmental and non-governmental organisations working in the fields of landscape, environment, heritage, culture, economy and sustainable territorial development. Some 300 participants took part in the event.

At its 6th Meeting (Strasbourg, 4-5 November 2014 - CDCPP-Bu(2014)19), the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) welcomed the holding of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape”, organised by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the Landscape Conservation Division of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey, in Urgup (Turkey) from 30 September to 2 October 2014, and thanked the Turkish authorities for their perfect cooperation.

The Conference is invited to:

- warmly thank the Landscape Conservation Division of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey, for its co-operation with the Council of Europe in the organisation of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape”, in Urgup (Turkey) from 30 September to 2 October 2014;
- take note of the interventions and presentations made at the Meeting, as they appear on the website of the European Landscape Convention (the proceedings are being published in the Council of Europe’s “Spatial Planning and Landscape” Series):

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/ReunionAteliers/turkey_en.asp
- decide on the follow-up to be given with the possible preparation of a draft recommendation.