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## **EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

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### **8th COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

*Conference organised under the auspices of the Belgian Chairmanship of  
the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*

### **EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON MATTERS COVERED BY THE CONVENTION: COUNCIL OF EUROPE INFORMATION SYSTEM ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION – ELC L6**

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*Summary*

*At its 1187th meeting, 11-12 December 2013 (CM/Del/Dec(2013)1187), the Committee of Ministers adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary (see Appendix).*

*The Information System promotes the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and helps to provide mutual technical and scientific assistance through the collection and exchange of landscape experience and research, as provided for in Article 8 of the Convention.*

*The Conference is invited to:*

- take note of the latest developments of the Council of Europe’s Information Systems on the European Landscape Convention:
  - technical user manuals have been prepared and complementary work has been carried out in 2014, notably to allow the use of the Information System in the two official languages of the Council of Europe;
  - the Parties to the Convention have started to be invited by the Secretariat to use the Information System;
  - the Information System was presented at the 4th Meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (Palais de l’Europe, Strasbourg, 1-3 June 2015) ;
  - a second phase of the work was launched in order to allow the extraction of data and the presentation of syntheses;
- invite member States to actively implement 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).

## Appendix



**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  
at the 1187th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe 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;

Having regard to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176 – hereinafter “the convention”), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 and opened for signature by Council of Europe member States in Florence on 20 October 2000;

Considering that the convention makes an important contribution to the Council of Europe’s objectives of promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law and seeking common solutions to the major problems facing European society today;

Underlining that, in taking account of landscape value, the Council of Europe considers the importance of the populations’ quality of life;

Recalling the provisions of Article 10.1 of the convention on monitoring its implementation; recalling also the provisions of its Article 8, concerning mutual assistance and exchange of information, under which the Parties undertake to co-operate in order to enhance the effectiveness of measures taken and, in particular, exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the convention;

Considering that Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention proposes that each Party contribute to the setting-up of a database to appear on the website of the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention, and emphasising that the recommendation mentions that the database would be a “toolbox” which would help provide mutual technical and scientific assistance through the collection and exchange of landscape experience and research, as provided for in Article 8 of the above-mentioned convention concerning mutual assistance and exchange of information,

Recommends that States Parties to the convention:

- use the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe with its glossary,<sup>1</sup> in the framework of their co-operation as mentioned in the convention;
- co-operate to develop this Information System to fulfil the goals mentioned above;
- continue to exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the convention in order to promote knowledge of landscapes and landscape policies, in view of enhancing the quality of people’s lives, taking care of their surroundings.

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<sup>1</sup> Public part to be completed by the Parties to the convention: [https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public\\_List.aspx](https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx).