



**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**  
Ministry of Environmental Protection



*Participation of the general public, local and regional authorities, and other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of landscape policies*

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The European Landscape Convention was ratified in May 2011.

- Focus of the Convention: to promote the protection, management and planning of landscapes;
- Through the round of national workshops organised after ratification, the general public was encouraged to take an active part in all local/national activities related to landscape protection and management.
- Landscapes were recognised in national Laws and regulations and policies, representing an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives: promoting democracy, human rights and the rule of law and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing European society today.



# Belgrade Workshop



# Recognising Landscape in National regulations


## Law on Environmental protection of the Republic of Serbia

- ▶ Law on Nature Conservation ( "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia " No. 36/ 09, 88/2010 and 14/2016), regulates the protection and conservation of nature, biological, geological and landscape diversity;
- ▶ Law on Environmental Impact Assessment

## Spatial Plan of the Republic of Serbia, for the period 2016-2020

- ▶ National Strategy for Sustainable Use of Natural Goods ("Official Gazette of RS" no. 33/2012);
- ▶ Biodiversity Strategy of the Republic of Serbia for the period 2011-2018 (Official Gazette of RS, No 13/2011);
- ▶ National Sustainable Development Strategy;
- ▶ National Strategy for Approximation of Environment of the RS (Official Gazette 80/2011);
- ▶ National Programme for Environmental protection (Official Gazette of RS 12/2010);
- ▶ Rulebook for characterisation of landscapes and their specific features (napisati broj sl. glasnika)





The following documents, created in the period from 2010 to 2015 in the Republic of Serbia, are relevant for establishing the landscape policy:

Spatial plan of the Republic of Serbia from 2010 to 2020. The chapter 1.3.4 of the Spatial Plan is dedicated to landscape protection and management. This chapter provides the establishment of Landscape Study (Landscape characterisation).

Competent authorities informed the public of the structure of the documents (Spatial Plan, Rulebook, Action Plan), through public discussions, media campaigns and consultations.

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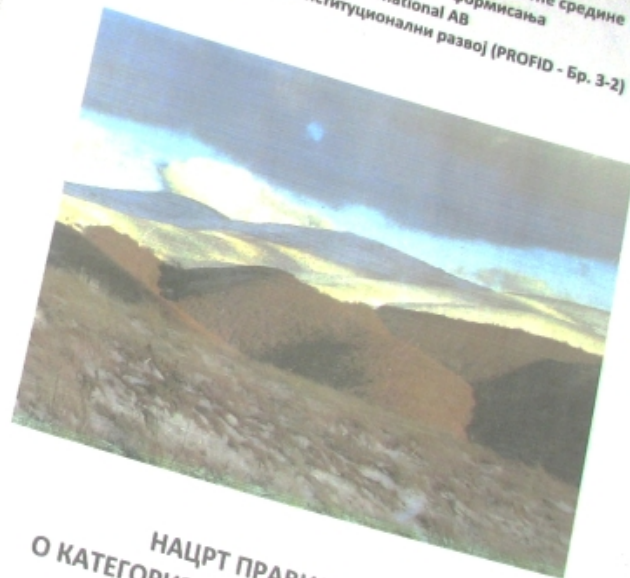
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## НАЦРТ ПРАВИЛНИКА О КАТЕГОРИЗАЦИЈИ ПРЕДЕЛА У СРБИЈИ

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# Other activities

- ▶ Local authorities actively participated in the election of projects that participated in the Council of Europe Landscape Awards;
- ▶ Different sector representatives from Ministries and Institutions (Institute for Nature Conservation, Institute for Architecture, Faculty for Forestry and Landscape, Province authorities...), involved in the National working group for implementation of ELC, regularly meet in order to take decisions about landscape policies, priorities, etc;
- ▶ Public participation on regional level is provided through active involvement of Regional Development Agencies; their role is in initiating projects, creation of Strategies and local landscape policies;
- ▶ Public participation between bordering countries: through INEREG Trans border Co-operation Project with Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, supported with EU Funds, aiming to secure ecological and landscape diversity of the future UNESCO trans-border biosphere reserve Mura Drava Danube. Organising the transnational workshops, presentations, site visits involving different stakeholders and citizens from all 5 countries.



# Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

*Public participation*

*Awareness-raising*

*Media campaigns, promotions*

*International presentation at  
Council of Europe workshops*

*Promotional brochures, booklets  
exhibitions*





# Increasing capacities of Šumadija and Pomoravlje districts for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

Project supported the identification, classification and description of landscape character types of 2 regions and created a mechanism (basis) for strategic management and preservation of landscapes.

Objectives of the project were presented to the general public and 13 local governments, in order to show that these landscapes are development resources which contribute to the establishment of local and regional identity.

Raising awareness helped the local people recognise the value and attractiveness of Sumadija and Pomoravlje landscapes for investments in tourism; agriculture and rural development; preservation of nature and biodiversity; environmental protection; cultural landscape protection etc.

Local authorities, institutions, organisations, public and private sector, and civil society organisations, recognised the benefits of landscape planning and economic valorisation of landscapes, for their effective use.

# Territory of Sumadija and Pomoravlje administrative Districts









## *Other examples of public participation activities*

- Organisation of the International Landscape Day in Kragujevac, as one of the REDASP's promotional activities dedicated to the continuation of European Landscape Convention implementation in Serbia.
- National Conference organised as a finalisation of the project: "Golija, a transition from planning to development". Participants agreed that all interested parties in the project were striving to change the lives of the local population for the better, through the strategic development of Golija nature park, which implies not only preservation of natural and cultural heritage, but also economic progress of the region as a whole.
- Promotion and co-operation with the countries from the Region, with similar landscape policies.



# The exhibition of children's drawings: "The landscape I love and dream"



on the occasion of the  
2017 International Landscape Day

# Celebrating landscape day in rural schools





# Raising awareness in schools



# “Golija – A transition from planning to development”

- ▶ The project, led by the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunication of the Republic of Serbia;
- ▶ funded chiefly by the European Union and the Government of Switzerland through the European PROGRES programme with EUR 300,000;
- ▶ aims to create conditions for sustainable development of Golija Nature Park.















**The “Golija” Nature Park project** promoted early public participation through the “Dialogue with relevant stakeholders” technique in the early stage of the planning process.



This was within the formal early public inquiry procedure, in order to: harmonise conflicting proposals in the early planning stage; to receive good-quality information on the conditions issued by the relevant authorities; to devise planning solutions; and to raise the level of public participation by providing feedback.

Around 180 stakeholders participated in these meetings.

# Awareness-raising process, Golija

- ▶ As a part of awareness raising process, an art competition, “My Golija”, was organised in five primary schools in Golija (one in each LSG). 102 pupils participated.
- ▶ The drawings were exhibited and prizes awarded during Action Plan Public forum and served as an inspiration to stakeholders for the visioning process.
- ▶ In addition, information was provided to the public on each key event and a project movie was prepared. The Action planning process and formulation of management model was also intended to raise awareness of stakeholders and their identification with their territory.



**THANK YOU!**

