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Integration of the landscape into policies*

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Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear colleagues,

First, I would like to thank the Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe, the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, and the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Georgia.

Thank you to the hosting State, for your contribution to the implementation of the Convention by the organisation of this Interministerial Round-Table, creating the extremely important opportunity for mutual assistance, in accordance with Article 8 of the Convention. It is a pleasure to exchange information on the topic of Integration of the landscape into policies.

‘Landscape’ means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of action and interaction.

Allow me to cite *Count Pál Teleki*, not as a politician, but as a geographer who introduced the significance of the landscape in a way that is understandable in public life.

“The landscape is not just an image, not an appearance according to a picture. The landscape is also a kind of creative life that creates mountain, vegetation, man, body, soul, thought, feeling, work – creating new, enriching the world, bringing life to a personal line.” (Count Pál Teleki, 1937)¹

The Workshop aims to discuss the topic Integration of the landscape into policies at national level.

In these two days of presentations, we will bring together achievements on:

- institutions and policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;
- instruments for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: identification, assessment, quality objectives;
- recognising landscapes in law;
- landscape awareness, training and education.

We will draw from our common knowledge, acknowledging the best practices.

I wish you every success for our common work.

1. „A táj nemcsak kép, a képnek értelmében megjelenési forma. A táj típusos teremtő élet is, amely hegyet, növényzetet, embert, testet, lelket, gondolatot, érzést, munkát formál, – újat teremt, világot gazdagít, életet egyéni vonalban visz tovább.” (Teleki Pál gróf, 1937)