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***EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING
OF THE WORKSHOPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION***

***National policies for the implementation of
the European Landscape Convention:
challenges and opportunities***

**Yerevan, Armenia
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INTRODUCTION

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The European Landscape Convention is the first international treaty on sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity, the environment and culture.



Parties to the Convention: Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom (38 ratifications).

Signatories states: Iceland, Malta (2 signatures).

Other Council of Europe Member States: Albania, Austria, Estonia, Germany, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Russian Federation.

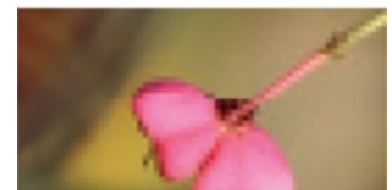


The Convention is extremely wide in its **scope**:

It applies to the parties' **entire territory** and covers **natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas**, including **land, inland water and marine areas**, and deals with **degraded landscapes** as well as those that can be considered **outstanding**.

It recognises the importance of all landscapes, **not just those of exceptional beauty**, as having a crucial bearing on quality of life and as deserving attention in landscape policies.

Many **rural and peri-urban areas** in particular are undergoing **drastic change** and deserve **greater care from the authorities and the public**.



Aims of the Convention

To promote **protection, management and planning** of landscapes;

To organise **international co-operation** on landscape issues.



The Meeting aims to present experiences of national policies adopted or being developed, considering notably the provisions of its Article 5, which states that their Parties undertake:

- to recognise landscapes in law as an essential component of people's surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity;
- to establish and implement landscape policies aimed at landscape protection, management and planning through the adoption of the specific measures set out in Article 6 of the Convention;
- to establish procedures for the participation of the general public, local and regional authorities, and other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies;
- to integrate landscape into their regional and town planning policies and in their cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape.



– Workshop 1 –

The national landscape policy of Armenia

– Workshop 2 –

Strategies and policy documents in favour of the landscape

– Workshop 3 –

Legal and financial instruments

– Workshop 4 –

Horizontal and vertical co-ordination



The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted texts contributing to the implementation of the Convention

- Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers to member states on the **guidelines** for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;
- Resolution CM/Res(2008) on the rules governing the **Landscape Award** of the Council of Europe;
- 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;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on promoting landscape awareness through **education**;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on **Transfrontier Landscapes**.

Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

- 23-24 May 2002, Strasbourg (France): “Landscape policies: contribution to the well-being of European citizens and to sustainable development (social, economic, cultural and ecological approaches); Landscape identification, evaluation and quality objectives, using cultural and natural resources; Awareness-raising, training and education; Innovative tools for the protection, management and planning of landscape”

-27-28 November 2003, Strasbourg (France): “Integration of landscapes in international policies and programmes and transfrontier landscapes; Landscapes and individual and social well-being; Spatial planning and landscape”

- 16-17 June 2005, Cork (Ireland): “Landscapes for urban, suburban and peri-urban areas”

- 11-12 May 2006, Ljubljana (Slovenia): “Landscape and society”

- 28-29 September 2006, Gerona (Spain): “Landscape quality objectives: from theory to practice”

- 20-21 September 2007, Sibiu (Romania): “Landscape and rural heritage”
- 24-25 April 2008, Piestany (Slovak Republic): “Landscape in planning policies and governance: towards integrated spatial management”
- 8-9 October 2009, Malmö (Sweden): “Landscape and driving forces”
- 15-16 April 2010, Cordoba (Spain): “Landscape and infrastructures for society”
- 20-21 October 2011, Evora (Portugal): “Multifunctional landscape”
- 2-3 October 2012, Thessalonica (Greece): “Vision for the future of Europe on territorial democracy: landscape as a new strategy for spatial planning... Another way to see the territory involving civil society...”
- 2-3 October 2013, Cetinje (Montenegro): “Territories of the future: landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy”
- 1-2 October 2014, Urgup (Turkey): “Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape”
- 1-2 October 2015, Andorra la Vella (Andorra): “Landscape and transfrontier co-operation: the landscape knows no boundary”
- 5-7 October 2016, Yerevan (Armenia): “The national landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention”



Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections

- 4-5 June 2012, Carbonia, Sardinia (Italy): “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – Sessions 1 (2008-2009) and 2 (2010-2011)”
- 11-12 June 2014, Wrocław (Poland): “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – Session 3 (2012-2013)”
- 8-10 June 2016, Budapest (Hungary): “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – Session 4 (2014-2015)”

Council of Europe publishing

- Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European Landscape Convention, 2006;
- Landscape facets: Landscape facets: Reflections and proposals for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, 2012;
- Landscape dimensions: Reflections and proposals for an implementation of the European Landscape Convention, 2016

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications>



Next steps...

National policies: Council of Europe Information System on the European Landscape Convention

Concrete examples: Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

Landscape, human rights, democracy and sustainable and harmonious development

Accueil

CONVENTION EUROPÉENNE DU PAYSAGE - L6



Système d'information du Conseil de l'Europe sur la Convention européenne du paysage

Albanie	France	Norvège
Allemagne	Géorgie	Pays-Bas
Andorre	Grèce	Pologne
Arménie	Hongrie	Portugal
Autriche	Irlande	République tchèque
Azerbaïdjan	Islande	Roumanie
Belgique	Italie	Royaume-Uni
Bosnie-Herzégovine	Lettonie	Saint-Marin
Bulgarie	"L'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine"	Serbie
Chypre	Liechtenstein	Slovaquie
Croatie	Lituanie	Slovénie
Danemark	Luxembourg	Suède
Espagne	Malte	Suisse
Estonie	Moldova	Turquie
Fédération de Russie	Monaco	Ukraine
Finlande	Monténégro	

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

*We have the pleasure of informing you that the “**Council of Europe Information System on the European Landscape Convention – L6**” is available.*

It addresses the national and regional representatives, according to the administrative organisation of the States.

*It aims to implement Article 8 of the European Landscape Convention entitled “**Mutual assistance and exchange of information**”, which states that “the Parties undertake to co-operate in order to enhance the effectiveness of measures taken under other articles of the Convention, and in particular: ... to exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the Convention”.*

You are invited to fill out the questionnaire at the following web address :

<http://elcl6.coe.int/> Your password is <Password>

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe

Message sent to the governmental Representatives for the European Landscape Convention and copy to the members of the CDCPP



Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

The Landscape Award recognises a policy implemented or measures taken by local and regional authorities or non-governmental organisations to protect, manage and/or plan their landscape which have proved effective in the long-term and can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe.

The Award thus contributes to the stimulation of those working on a local level and to the encouragement and recognition of exemplary landscape management. It will be conferred by the Committee of Ministers, on proposals from the Committee of Experts responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention.

Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe on 20 February 2008

Sustainable territorial development - Exemplary value

Public participation - Awareness-raising



Dear Ambassador,

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Opened to the Parties to the Convention, the *Landscape Award of the Council of Europe* is intended to raise civil society's awareness of the value of landscapes, of their role and of changes to them. Its objective is to reward exemplary practical initiatives aimed at successful landscape quality objectives on the territories of the Parties to the Convention. The criteria for conferring the Award are appended to the Rules as they appear in the Resolution.

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The Parties to the Convention are invited to have these Rules translated into their national language(s) and promote them widely in their country. They are also invited to encourage media coverage of the Award, in order to raise public awareness of the importance of landscapes.

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It ...would be grateful if you could send by *30 January 2017* to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe the following elements established for your country on the basis of the proposals forwarded to you by the concerned Ministries:

Yours sincerely

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Landscape Calendar

18-19 October 2016 - Working Group on Landscape and Democracy

23-24 March 2017 - 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

March 2017 - Jury of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

[May-June 2017] - 6th Meeting of the Council of Europe Steering Committee on Culture, Cultural Heritage and Landscape

October 2017- 19th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops on “ Implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level”

