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EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION – Florence Convention –

CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON “THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION”

DRAFT AGENDA

Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
22-23 March 2007

Room 1

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Directorate of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage*

Presentation of aims of the Conference

The European Landscape Convention was adopted in Florence (Italy) on 20 October 2000 and came into force on 1 March 2004, with the aim of promoting European landscape protection, management and planning, and organising European co-operation in this area. The Convention is the first international treaty to be exclusively concerned with all aspects of European landscape. It applies to the entire territory of the Parties and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas. It concerns landscapes that might be considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes.

The Convention represents an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives, namely to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing European society today. By taking into account landscape, cultural and natural values, the Council of Europe seeks to protect Europeans' quality of life and well-being.

As of 20 March 2007, 26 States had ratified the Convention: Armenia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

8 States had signed but not ratified it: Azerbaijan, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

The aim of the Conference is to present to all member and observer States of the Council of Europe, and to international governmental and non-governmental organisations, the progress of achievements to date in the implementation of the Convention, and to deal with practical questions following its entry into force.

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THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2007

<i>Opening of the session</i>

9.00-9.30 *Welcome of participants*

9.30-10.00

Introductory speeches

Mrs Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Director General of Education, Culture and Heritage, Youth and Sport, Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Mr Enrico BUERGI, President of the Conference of the European Landscape Convention on the occasion of its entry into force

Mrs Eleonora PETROVA-MITEVSKA, Representative of the Committee of Ministers, Rapporteur Group on Education, Culture, Sport, Youth and Environment (GR-C)

Mr Etienne VAN VAERENBERGH, Vice President of the Committee on Sustainable Development of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference

10.00-10.30 *Break*
 Press conference

10.30-12.30

Adoption of the Agenda

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Session 1 – Progress of European cooperation

1. Elements of information

- Implementation of article 10, para. 1 of the Convention, concerning the implementation of the Convention
- Follow-up of the Recommendation of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning landscape
 [Document for information: T-FLOR (2007) 4]
- Conclusions of the Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
 [Document for information : T-FLOR (2007) 5]

– “*Landscapes for urban, suburban and peri-urban areas*” (article 5, d. of the Convention), 16-17 June 2005, Cork, Ireland
 – “*Landscape and society*” (preamble to the Convention), 11-12 May 2006, Ljubljana, Slovenia,
 – “*Landscape quality objectives: from theory to practice*” (article 6 of the Convention, C, D, E), 28-29 September 2006, Girona, Spain,

- Conclusions of the National Seminars on the European Landscape Convention
 [Document for information : T-FLOR (2007) 6]

– Seminar on “*Spatial planning and landscape*”, Moscow, Russian Federation, 26-27 April 2004,
 – Seminar on “*Sustainable spatial development and the European Landscape Convention*”, Tulcea, Romania, 6-7 May 2004
 – Seminar on “*The contribution of Albania to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*”, Tirana, Albania, 15-16 December 2005

- Publications

– “*Landscape and sustainable development; challenges of the European Landscape Convention*”, Editions du Conseil de l’Europe, 2006
 – “*Landscape through literature*”, *Naturopa/Culturoipa*, n° 103, 2005 (special issue, European Landscape Convention)
 – Proceedings of the Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
 – Proceedings of the National Seminars on the European Landscape Convention

- European Landscape Convention Website

12.30-14.30 *Lunch*

14.30-16.30

2. Presentation of the national and regional initiatives aimed at the implementation of the European Landscape Convention (Chapter III, Articles 7, 8, 9)

[Document for information: T-FLOR (2007) 7 – Synoptic presentation of the status of landscape policies pursued by the member states of the Council of Europe]

[Document for information: T-FLOR (2007) 13 - Statements]

Communications of the participant State delegations.

16.00-16.30 *Break*

16.30-18.00

3. Presentation of activities of governmental and non-governmental organisations dedicated to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

[Document for information: T-FLOR (2007) 13 - Statements]

Communications by delegations of governmental and non-governmental organisations.

18.00-19.30 *Official Reception in the Restaurant Bleu of the Palais de l'Europe*

FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2007

9.00-10.30

<i>Session 2 – New instruments of implementation of the Convention</i>

1. Draft document: “Orientations for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention”

[Document for discussion: T-FLOR (2007) 8]

10.30-11.00 *Break*

11.00-12.30

2. Integration of the landscape into national policies

– Landscape, towns and suburban and peri-urban areas

[Document for information: T-FLOR (2007) 9]

– Landscape and transport infrastructures: roads

[Document for information: T-FLOR (2007) 10]

12.30-14.30 *Lunch*

14.30-15.30

3. Draft rules of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (article 11 of the Convention) – Discussion about the document to submit to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

[Document for discussion: T-FLOR (2007) 11]

15.30-16.00 *Break*

16.00-17.00

4. Exchange of views about the Programme of activities for 2007
[Document for discussion: T-FLOR (2007) 12]

5. Other business

<i>Closing session</i>

17.00-17.30

Conclusions of the Conference and follow-up of the activities
by the Chair of the conference

Closing of the Conference
by the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe