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GENERAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

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The Conference is invited to take note of the General Report of activities.

The European Landscape Convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 in Strasbourg and opened for signature of the Member States of the Organisation in Florence (Italy) on 20 October 2000. It aims to promote European landscape protection, management and planning and to organise European co-operation.

The Convention is the first international treaty to be exclusively devoted to 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.

To date, 33 Council of Europe member states have ratified the Convention: Armenia, Belgium, 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, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, , Sweden, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom. A further five states have signed it: Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Malta, Serbia and Switzerland (List in Appendix).

The Convention provides 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 developing a new territorial culture, the Council of Europe seeks to promote populations’ quality of life and well-being.

The Action Plan adopted by Council of Europe Heads of State and Government at their Third Summit in Warsaw on 17 May 2005 includes a section on “*Promoting sustainable development*” which provides that: “*We are committed to improving the quality of life for citizens. The Council of Europe shall therefore, on the basis of the existing instruments, further develop and support integrated policies in the fields of ... landscape, spatial planning ..., in a sustainable development perspective*”. The work done by the Council of Europe seeks to promote a comprehensive and coherent vision of the “common heritage” concept, by presenting the landscape as a means of fostering sustainable spatial development, strengthening social ties and improving the environment people live in.

The work done to implement the European Landscape Convention is aimed at:

- I. monitoring implementation of the Convention;
- II. fostering European co-operation;
- III. collecting examples of good practice;
- IV. fostering knowledge and research;
- V. raising awareness;
- VI. fostering access to information.

I. MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

1. Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 6 February 2008. The recommendation, which contains a series of theoretical, methodological and practical guidelines, is intended for parties to the Convention which wish to draw up and implement a national landscape policy based on the Convention. It also includes two appendices entitled:

- Examples of instruments used to implement the European Landscape Convention;
- Suggested text for the practical implementation of the European Landscape Convention at national level.

Appendix 1 to the recommendation may be supplemented by the experiences of parties to the Convention on their own territories, which will provide practical and methodological lessons. It is proposed 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, which would be a "toolbox" to help provide mutual technical and scientific assistance, as provided for in Article 8 of the Convention.

2. Summary descriptive notes on the landscape policies pursued in Council of Europe member states / Council of Europe database on the European Landscape Convention

A document on the landscape policies pursued in Council of Europe member states, giving the key facts concerning the landscape of the various Council of Europe member states, is regularly updated and a synthesis of the data is prepared.

The data gathered are gradually being incorporated in a Council of Europe Information System on the European Landscape Convention.

3. National seminars on the European Landscape Convention

Intended for states which have or have not yet ratified the Convention, the national seminars on the European Landscape Convention help generate debate on the subject of landscape.

Various national seminars on the European Landscape Convention have been held, with declarations or conclusions adopted at the end of each one:

National Seminars

- *"Spatial planning and landscape"*, Yerevan (Armenia), 23-24 October 2003
- *"Spatial planning and landscape"*, Moscow (Russian Federation), 26-27 April 2004
- *"Sustainable spatial development and the European Landscape Convention"*, Tulcea (Romania), 6-7 May 2004
- *"The contribution of Albania to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention"*, Tirana (Albania), 15-16 December 2005
- *"Landscape"*, Andorra la Vella (Principality of Andorra), 4-5 June 2007

The proceedings of the Seminars are published in the Council of Europe's European Spatial Planning and Landscape Series.

II. FOSTERING EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION

The European Landscape Convention provides that the contracting parties undertake to co-operate internationally at European level in the consideration of the landscape dimension of international policies and programmes. The Council of Europe organises this co-operation through the Conferences on the European Landscape Convention and the meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

1. The Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention

Several Conferences on the European Landscape Convention have already been held. They are attended by representatives of the parties and signatories and representatives of the three Council of Europe bodies – the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe. Representatives of Council of Europe member states which are not yet parties or signatories and various international governmental and non-governmental organisations also attend as observers.

With regard to following up the European Landscape Convention, the terms of reference of the CDPATEP as adopted on 30 January 2008 provide that the CDPATEP shall also take into account the work of the periodic Council of Europe conferences on the European Landscape Convention and other work by appropriate experts. The 6th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 3-4 May 2011) is part of that process.

Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

1. 22-23 November 2001, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
2. 28-29 November 2002, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
3. 17-18 June 2004, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
4. 22-23 March 2007, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
5. 30-31 March 2009, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
6. 3-4 May 2011, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg

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

Organised by the Council of Europe on a regular basis since 2002, the meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention take a detailed look at the implementation of the Convention. Special emphasis is given to the experiences of the state hosting the meeting. A genuine forum for sharing practice and ideas, the meetings are also an opportunity to present new concepts and achievements in connection with the Convention.

The following of the Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention have been held so far.

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

1. *“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”*, Strasbourg, France, 23-24 May 2002

2. *“Integration of landscapes in international policies and programmes and transfrontier landscapes; Landscapes and individual and social well-being; Spatial planning and landscape”*, Strasbourg, France, 27-28 November 2003
3. *“Landscapes for urban, suburban and peri-urban areas”*, Cork (Ireland), 16-17 June 2005
4. *“Landscape and society”*, Ljubljana (Slovenia), 11-12 May 2006
5. *“Landscape quality objectives: from theory to practice”*, Girona (Spain), 28-29 September 2006
6. *“Landscape and rural heritage”*, Sibiu (Romania), 20-21 September 2007
7. *“Landscape in planning policies and governance: towards integrated spatial management”*, Piastany (Slovakia), 24-25 April 2008
8. *“Landscape and driving forces”*, Malmö (Sweden), 8-9 October 2009
9. *“Landscape, infrastructures and society”*, Cordoba (Spain), 15-16 April 2010

The proceedings of the Meetings of the workshops are published in the Council of European Spatial Planning and Landscape Series.

III. COLLECTING EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE: THE LANDSCAPE AWARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Convention (Article 11) provides for a Council of Europe Landscape Award. In particular, it states that, on proposals from the committees of experts supervising the implementation of the Convention, the Committee of Ministers shall define and publish the criteria for conferring the Landscape Award, adopt the relevant rules and confer the award. The Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe on 20 February 2008. The award was launched in 2008 and will be conferred for the first time in 2009.

The criteria for conferring the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe are as follows:

- *Sustainable territorial development:* The completed projects submitted must give tangible form to the protection, management and/or planning of landscapes. This means that the projects must have been completed and open to the public for at least three years when the candidatures were submitted. They must also be part of a sustainable development policy and be in harmony with the territorial organisation of the area concerned; demonstrate their environmental, social, economic, cultural and aesthetic sustainability; counter or remedy any damage to landscape structures; help enhance and enrich the landscape and develop new qualities.
- *Exemplary value:* The implementation of the policy or measures that have helped to improve the protection, management and/or planning of the landscapes concerned must set an example of good practice for others to follow.
- *Public participation:* The policy or measures implemented with a view to the protection, management and/or planning of the landscapes concerned should involve the active participation of the public, local and regional authorities and other players and should clearly reflect the landscape quality objectives. The public should be able to participate simultaneously in two ways: through dialogue and exchanges between members of society (public meetings, debates, procedures for participation and consultation in the field, for example); through procedures for public participation and involvement in landscape policies implemented by national, regional or local authorities.
- *Awareness-raising:* Article 6.A of the Convention provides that “each Party undertakes to increase awareness among civil society, private organisations and public authorities of the value of landscapes, their role and changes to them”. Action along these lines taken as part of the completed project concerned will be assessed.

Sessions of the Council of Europe Landscape Award:

1st Session 2008-2009

The following achievements were presented:

States	Candidates	Project title
Czech Republic	Tourist Club	Marking system of the tourist trails
Finland	Hämeenkyrö	Landscape Management of Hämeenkyrö National Landscape Area
France	Lille Métropole	Parc de la Deûle
Hungary	Public Foundation for Nature Conservation Pro Vértés	Implementation of the Complex Nature Conservation and Landscape Management Programme in the Zámoly Basin
Italy	Val di Cornia	The Val di Cornia Parc System
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana	Regional Distribution of Landscape Types
Spain	San Sebastián City Council	Parque de Christina Enea
Turkey	Association for Nature Conservation	Biodiversity and Natural Resources Management Project

At their 1066th Meeting of 23 September 2009, the Committee of Ministers' Deputies decided:

- to confer the Council of Europe Landscape Award, under the European Landscape Convention, to the “Parc de la Deûle”, Lille Métropole (France);



- to give a special mention of the Council of Europe Landscape Award to the “Parque de Christina Enea”, San Sebastián (Spain);

-to congratulate the originators of the projects and the achievements linked with the following briefs:

- . “Marking system of the tourist trails”, Tourist Club (Czech Republic);
- . “Landscape Management of Hämeenkyrö National Landscape Area”, Hämeenkyrö (Finland);
- . “Implementation of the Complex Nature Conservation and Landscape Management Programme in the Zámoly Basin”, Public Foundation for Nature Conservation Pro Vértés (Hungary);
- . “The Val di Cornia Parc System”, Val di Cornia (Italy);
- . “Biodiversity and Natural Resources Management Project”, Association for Nature Conservation (Turkey);
- to recognise the exemplary value of the work entitled “Regional Distribution of Landscape Types”, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia).
- d’attribuer le Prix du paysage du Conseil de l’Europe de la Convention européenne du paysage au « Parc de la Deûle », Lille Métropole (France) ;

– the Landscape Award and the Special Mention were officially presented on 8 October 2009 by the representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the occasion of the 8th Meeting of the Council of Europe on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention (Malmö, Sweden, 8-9 October 2009) and that several press releases were published on this occasion.

2nd Session 2010-2011

On 9 February 2010, the Parties to the Convention were invited to present candidatures to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe by 31 December 2010.

The following achievements were presented:

States and national Awards	Candidates	Project title
Belgium	Parc naturel des Plaines de l'Escaut	"Route paysagère réalisée par le Parc naturel des Plaines de l'Escaut" (+ video)
Cyprus	Polystypos Community Council	"Hazel orchards located within the CY2000009 Natura 2000 site"
Czech Republic	Regional Land Office Prostějov	"Čehovice, district Prostějov – Moravia" (+ video)
Finland	Finnish Association for Nature Conservation	"Management of endangered traditional biotopes and the preservation of the traditional Finnish rural landscape" (+ video)
France	Syndicat mixte d'étude d'aménagement et de gestion de la base régionale de plein air et de loisirs du Port aux Cerises	"Le Port aux Cerises" (+ brochure)
Hungary	Kaptárkö Természetvédelmi és Kulturális Egyesület (<i>Beehive rock Nature Conservation and Cultural Association</i>)	"Maintaining landscape heritage of Bükkalja Region" (+ video)
Italy	City of Carbonia	"Project Carbonia: Landscape Machine"
Netherlands	Foundation Landscape manifesto	"Stichting Landschapsmanifest"
Norway	County of Hordaland	"Herand Landscape Park" (+ brochure + video)
Serbia (<i>Signatory State</i>)	"Podunav" Backi Monostor	"Backi Monostor" (+ video 1 + video 2)
Slovakia	Ekopolis Foundation	"The Grant Programs of Ekopolis Foundation" (+ video)
Slovenia	Slovenian Association of Landscape Architects	"We are Making our Landscape"
Spain	Government of Catalonia's Ministry of Education and Ministry of Town, Country Planning and Public Works (DPTOP), Landscape Observatory of Catalonia (OPC)	"City, territory, landscape: A project to educate and raise awareness about landscape"
United Kingdom	Durham Heritage Coast Partnership	"Durham Heritage Coast" (+ video)

IV. FOSTERING KNOWLEDGE AND RESEARCH

Exploratory reports on issues related to the European Landscape Convention are drawn up by Council of Europe experts and submitted to the relevant committees of experts. To date, reports have been produced on the following subjects:

Themes

- 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
- Landscape, towns and suburban and peri-urban areas
- Landscape and transport infrastructures: roads
- Selected EU funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
- European Local Landscape Circle Studies
- Landscape and education
- Road infrastructures: tree avenues in the landscape
- Landscape and ethics
- Landscape and wind turbines

The reports are available at the Council of Europe Publishing:

- Council of Europe, *Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European landscape Convention*, Council of Europe Publishing, 2006
- Council of Europe, *Landscape dimensions*, Council of Europe Publishing (to be published in 2011)

V. AWARENESS RAISING

“Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory” Magazine

Several information documents and four issues of the Council of Europe’s “*Naturopa*” magazine have been devoted to landscape and the European Landscape Convention. The magazine has been renamed “*Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory*” so as to highlight the cross-sectoral nature of the themes more clearly.

Themes concerning landscape

- “Landscapes: the setting for our future lives”, *Naturopa*, 1998, No 86
- “The European Landscape Convention”, *Naturopa*, 2002, No 98
- “Landscape through literature”, *Naturopa/Culturopa*, 2005, No 103
- “Vernacular rural housing: heritage in the landscape”, *Futuropa: for a new vision of landscape and territory*, 2008, No 1
- “Landscape and transfrontier co-operation”, *Futuropa: for a new vision of landscape and territory*, 2010, No 2

Website of *Naturopa* / *Futuropa*: www.coe.int/naturopa/futuropa

IHPE Exhibition

The prizewinning pictures from the “International Heritage Photographic Experience - Heritage and Landscape” (IHPE) competition were displayed in the Committee of Ministers Foyer in December 2009 and 2010. The competition is intended to encourage young people to adopt a creative approach


and take a personal look, via the medium of photography, at elements of the cultural heritage around them, in liaison with the landscape. A prize-winning ceremony involving about a hundred young people from various countries was held on 7 December 2009 and 6 December 2010 in the Palais de l'Europe.

VI. FOSTERING ACCESS TO INFORMATION: THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION WEBSITE

The European Landscape Convention website include the following:


<http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention>

The European Landscape Convention



As a reflection of European identity and diversity, the landscape is our living natural and cultural heritage, be it ordinary or outstanding, urban or rural, on land or in water.

The [European Landscape Convention](#) - also known as the Florence Convention, - promotes the protection, management and planning of European landscapes and organises European co-operation on landscape issues. The convention was adopted on 20 October 2000 in Florence (Italy) and came into force on 1 March 2004 (Council of Europe Treaty Series no. 176). It is open for signature by member states of the Council of Europe and for accession by the European Community and European non-member states. It is the first international treaty to be exclusively concerned with all dimensions of European landscape. ([more...](#))



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Documentation

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Meetings of the Convention

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News

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Related activities

- ▶ [Council of Europe Conference of Ministers responsible for regional/spatial planning \(CEMAT\)](#)

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The site will also offer access to the Council of Europe Information System of the European Landscape Convention provided for in Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

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APPENDIX

STATUS OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION



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European Landscape Convention

CETS No.: 176

Treaty open for signature by the member States of the Council of Europe and for accession by the European Union and the European non-member States

Opening for signature

Place: Florence
Date : 20/10/2000

Entry into force

Conditions: 10 Ratifications.
Date : 1/3/2004

Status as of: 5/4/2011

Member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Albania										
Andorra										
Armenia	14/5/2003	23/3/2004	1/7/2004							
Austria										
Azerbaijan	22/10/2003									
Belgium	20/10/2000	28/10/2004	1/2/2005							
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9/4/2010									
Bulgaria	20/10/2000	24/11/2004	1/3/2005							
Croatia	20/10/2000	15/1/2003	1/3/2004							
Cyprus	21/11/2001	21/6/2006	1/10/2006							
Czech Republic	28/11/2002	3/6/2004	1/10/2004							
Denmark	20/10/2000	20/3/2003	1/3/2004					X		
Estonia										
Finland	20/10/2000	16/12/2005	1/4/2006							
France	20/10/2000	17/3/2006	1/7/2006							
Georgia	11/5/2010	15/9/2010	1/1/2011							
Germany										
Greece	13/12/2000	17/5/2010	1/9/2010							
Hungary	28/9/2005	26/10/2007	1/2/2008							
Iceland										
Ireland	22/3/2002	22/3/2002	1/3/2004							
Italy	20/10/2000	4/5/2006	1/9/2006							
Latvia	29/11/2006	5/6/2007	1/10/2007							

Liechtenstein											
Lithuania	20/10/2000	13/11/2002	1/3/2004								
Luxembourg	20/10/2000	20/9/2006	1/1/2007								
Malta	20/10/2000										
Moldova	20/10/2000	14/3/2002	1/3/2004								
Monaco											
Montenegro	8/12/2008	22/1/2009	1/5/2009								
Netherlands	27/7/2005	27/7/2005	1/11/2005					X			
Norway	20/10/2000	23/10/2001	1/3/2004								
Poland	21/12/2001	27/9/2004	1/1/2005								
Portugal	20/10/2000	29/3/2005	1/7/2005								
Romania	20/10/2000	7/11/2002	1/3/2004								
Russia											
San Marino	20/10/2000	26/11/2003	1/3/2004								
Serbia	21/9/2007										
Slovakia	30/5/2005	9/8/2005	1/12/2005								
Slovenia	7/3/2001	25/9/2003	1/3/2004								
Spain	20/10/2000	26/11/2007	1/3/2008								
Sweden	22/2/2001	5/1/2011	1/5/2011								
Switzerland	20/10/2000										
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	15/1/2003	18/11/2003	1/3/2004								
Turkey	20/10/2000	13/10/2003	1/3/2004								
Ukraine	17/6/2004	10/3/2006	1/7/2006								
United Kingdom	21/2/2006	21/11/2006	1/3/2007					X			

Non-member States of the Council of Europe

States	Signature	Ratification	Entry into force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
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Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications:	5
Total number of ratifications/accessions:	33

Notes:

a: Accession - s: Signature without reservation as to ratification - su: Succession - r: Signature "ad referendum".
R.: Reservations - D.: Declarations - A.: Authorities - T.: Territorial Application - C.: Communication - O.: Objection.

Source : Treaty Office on <http://conventions.coe.int>

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