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## **EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

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### **6<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

Council of Europe  
Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg  
- Room 5 -  
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### **FOLLOW-UP TO BE GIVEN TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CELEBRATION ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

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The Conference is invited to :

- to warmly thank the Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities of Italy, the Tuscany Region, the Florence Province and the City of Florence for their cooperation with the Secretariat of the Council of Europe on the occasion of the organisation of the event;
  - take note of the synthesis speech of the Council of Europe Celebration on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Landscape Convention on « *New challenges, new opportunities* » (Florence, Italy, 19-20 October 2010), delivered by Mr Jean-François SEGUIN, President of the Conference of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe;
  - take note of the interventions presented on this occasion (Part 2 of the present document), available on the Council of Europe website of the European Landscape Convention (<http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention> (*under conference*) or direct link:  
[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/landscape/reunionconf/Celebration10/default\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/landscape/reunionconf/Celebration10/default_en.asp))
- and of its forthcoming publication of the proceedings of the meeting in the Council of Europe “*European Spatial Planning and Landscape*” Serie;
- discuss the most appropriate follow-up that should be given to them at international, national, regional and local levels.



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***COUNCIL OF EUROPE CELEBRATION OF  
THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION  
2000-2010***

*New challenges, new opportunities*



10th Anniversary  
of the European  
Landscape Convention  
10ème Anniversaire  
de la Convention  
Européenne du Paysage

*Florence, Italy  
Palazzo Vecchio, Salone dei 500  
19 - 20 October 2010*

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**WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2010**

**– OFFICIAL CEREMONY –**

***Summary speech***

*Mr Jean-François SEGUIN*

*President of the Conference of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe*

Following the presentations and debates to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the European Landscape Convention held in Florence on 19 and 20 October 2010, we can identify three main findings and three major challenges and opportunities for the future.

### **Findings:**

1. Six years after its entry into force, the European Landscape Convention is being implemented in many Council of Europe member states, including some which have not yet ratified or signed it. The resultant work highlights the wealth and diversity of European landscapes, and tangible effects can already be felt on the individual and collective well-being of Europeans.
2. The vitality of the European Landscape Convention can be gauged by the heavy involvement of the States Parties and the increasing support from the general public, local and regional authorities and many other stakeholders for the principles and orientations set out in the instrument. There are very obvious echoes from many quarters, at all levels, to the effect that the European Landscape Convention has become an instrument which inspires action.
3. By responding to the aspirations of different population groups, particularly as regards their participation in developing and implementing landscape policies, the European Landscape Convention is making a major contribution to improving awareness of the Council of Europe's ideals and principles.

### **Challenges and opportunities for the future:**

This overall assessment is encouraging the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention to:

1. maintain the vitality of the European Landscape Convention by continuing to organise meetings of Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, the Council of Europe Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and the work of the Group of Experts. These meetings, which are held under the terms of reference of the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP), are also intended to strengthen links between the European Landscape Convention and the work of the Council of Europe's Conference of Ministers responsible for Regional Planning (CEMAT), and other Council of Europe programmes;
2. continue and intensify the identification and qualification of every European landscape by means of transfrontier and transnational co-operation. The outcome of this work should be accessible to all, particularly the younger generations, in order to consolidate the European identity and the feeling of belonging to a common space and culture. Developing the European Landscape Convention Information System (ELCIS) will help us pursue this ambitious goal;
3. promote even more intensively the understanding of the landscape and public action under the European Landscape Convention. The Florence Convention is still an innovative text, promoting an approach to the landscape simultaneously involving democracy, ecology and aesthetics, and also eliciting combined action in terms of landscape protection, management and development.

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