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DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION 2017-2019

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The Conference is invited to:

- consider the Draft Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019, make any proposal, and adopt it.

**Draft Work Programme for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
2017-2019**

The main objectives of the Work Programme are to maintain and deepen dialogue and co-operation between public authorities and civil society for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention by:

1. Organising biennial **Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention** (a mention should be made in the terms of reference of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape - CDCPP);
2. Organising annually one or several **Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention**;
3. Maintaining the **Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention (ELC L6)**, and launching its 3rd Phase of activity, with the preparation of national and regional reports on public policies of Parties to the Convention;
4. Continuing the organisation of the **Sessions of the Council of Europe's Landscape Award** in the framework of the **Council of Europe Landscape Alliance Award** and of the **Forums on the national selections of the Landscape Award**;
5. Continuing the preparation of **thematic Reports and draft recommendations of the Committee of Ministers** on natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, considered as outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes (inland water and marine areas will be taken into consideration);
6. Establishing a **Working Group, supported by expertise, on "Landscape, rights and responsibilities for everyone"**, in order to prepare a draft recommendation for the attention of the CDCPP and Committee of Ministers;
7. Promote **synergies** on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law;
8. Contribute to the **global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat**

Note: The Work programme is proposed to cover the period between the 9th and 10th Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention.

**Draft Action Plan for
the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
2017-2019**

The Action Plan refers to the Articles of the Convention.

1. Implementation of Article 10 “Monitoring and implementation of the Convention” and of Article 8 “Mutual assistance and exchange of information” of the European Landscape Convention

- Organisation of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017;
- Contribution to the preparation of the 6th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 10-12 May 2017, and of the meetings of its Bureau, Strasbourg, 7-8 March 2017 and (other dates to be confirmed);
- Establishment of a Working Group, supported by expertise, on “*Landscape, rights and responsibilities for everyone*”, (draft conceptual report and draft recommendations for the attention of the CDCPP and the Committee of Ministers;
- Development of Phase 3 of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention Information System on the website (according to the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States CM/Rec(2013)4);
- [Contribution to the preparation of the 7th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2018 and of the meetings of its Bureau];
- [Contribution to the preparation of the 10th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 2019].

Documentation:

- Dissemination and translation of the 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.

2. Implementation of Article 5 “General Measures”

- Organisation of the 19th Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*The implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level: local democracy*”, Brno, Czech Republic, 5-7 September 2017;
- Organisation of the 22nd Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Implementation of the European Landscape Convention and water*”, Seville, Spain (dates to be confirmed);
- Organisation of the 23rd Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Implementation of the European Landscape Convention*”, Switzerland, (theme and dates to be confirmed).
- Preparation of ELC Reports on “*The law applicable to landscapes in comparative and international law*” (on the basis of the Information System ELC L6);
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on “*Landscape of rural areas: general (agriculture, rural development) and specific thematic (drystone walls, hedges...)*”;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on “*Integration of landscape into policies and thematic: urbanism, architecture, urban green spaces, health and leisure (eg., walking)...*”;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals “*Peri-urban landscape and quality of life*”.

Documentation:

- Publication of “*Landscape dimensions*”, Council of Europe Publishing;
- Publication of the proceedings of the 18th Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities*”, Yerevan, Armenia, 5-6 October 2016;
- Dissemination of the proceedings of the 15th Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape*”, Urgup, Nevşehir, Turkey, 1-2 October 2014.

3. Implementation of Article 6 A “Specific Measures - Awareness-raising”

- Exhibition on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe;
- Preparation of leaflets on the Convention and recommendations adopted by the Committee of Ministers;
- Preparation of a new issue of the magazine *Futuropa* on *The landscape character, result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors* (No. 4, 2017/2018);
- Promotion of events on the landscape (days, weekend, month, year, festival...).

Documentation:

Dissemination of the magazine *Futuropa*, for a new vision of landscape and territory on “*Landscape and public space: the human scale*” (No. 3, 2012).

4. Implementation of Article 6 B “Specific Measures - Training and Education”¹

- Organisation of the 21st Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*The implementation of the European Landscape Convention: education*”, Calabria, Italy (dates to be confirmed) October 2018;
- Promotion of meetings on education and summer universities;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on training.

Documentation:

- Dissemination (and possible translation in other languages) of the Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member States: CM/Rec(2014)8 on promoting landscape awareness through education, and CM/Rec(2015)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary schools;
- Publication of the Report on “*Landscape and education*” (CEP-CDCPP (2013) 9).

5. Implementation of Article 7 “International policies and programmes” of the European Landscape Convention

- Promotion of the consideration of the landscape dimension of sectorial policies of the European Union (Policies of Agriculture, of Research) and other international policies and programmes;
- Contribution to global debates on sustainable development and habitat.

¹ The Working Group of the ELC considered the follow up to be given to the decisions below of the 8th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention on the development of pedagogical material for secondary school and decided that the necessity and form of the work to be developed will be based on the data collected in the framework of the Information System of the Council of Europe (CEP-CDCPP-WG (2015) 37E).

6. Implementation of Article 8 “Mutual assistance and exchange of information” of the European Landscape Convention

- Update of the European Landscape Convention website
<http://www.coe.int/europeanlandscapeconvention>;
- Promotion of meetings on mutual exchange and information;
- Legal and institutional assistance (establishment of landscape centres or observatories).

7. Implementation of Article 9 “Transfrontier landscapes” of the European Landscape Convention

- Implementation of the 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;
- Promotion of transfrontier co-operation: meetings and projects.

Documentation:

- Dissemination of the Proceedings of the 16th Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*”, Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 1-2 October 2015;
- Dissemination of the magazine *Futuroipa, for a new vision of landscape and territory* on “*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*” (No. 2, 2010).

8. Implementation of Article 11 “Landscape Award of the Council of Europe” of the European Landscape Convention

- Organisation of an exhibition on the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, on the occasion of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017;
- Preparation of ELC Draft Resolution on “*The Council of Europe Landscape Alliance of the European Landscape Convention*”.
- Organisation of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers, 2016-2017 – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Publication on the Council of Europe Landscape Award (Projects of the 5th Session of the Award);
- Organisation of the 20th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2016-2017*”, June 2018;
- Development of the Council of Europe Landscape Alliance of the European Landscape Convention <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance>;
- Organisation of the 6th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, 2018-2019.

Documentation:

- Dissemination of the proceedings of the 17th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2014-2015*”, Budapest, Hungary, 8-10 June 2016;
- Dissemination and translations of the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

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