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GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS –  
REQUEST FROM CIVILSCAPE

For action

Secretariat Memorandum  
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## Introduction

The Secretariat of the Council of Europe has received a request from CIVILSCAPE for observer status with the CDCPP.

Observer status to a steering committee is granted by the committee concerned by a "unanimous decision"<sup>1</sup>. Should unanimity not be reached, "the matter may be referred to the Committee of Ministers at the request of two-thirds of the members of the committee concerned. The Committee of Ministers shall decide on the matter by a two-thirds majority of all the representatives entitled to sit on it".

Observers shall have no right to vote nor defrayal of expenses.

In order to take a decision, the Committee is invited to refer to the Appendix of this document, which provides an explanation about the activities of CIVILSCAPE, together with information based on a recent questionnaire sent to INGOs participating in the Conference of the European Landscape Convention.

## Action required

The Committee is invited to consider the application for observer status from CIVILSCAPE and decide by unanimous vote.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods states, article 8.

## A P P E N D I X

## I N F O R M A T I O N O N C I V I L S C A P E

Civilscape was founded in Florence in 2008 as a network of European NGOs dealing with landscape. It was founded with a special focus on the principles of the European Landscape Convention, choosing Florence as an official birthplace because it was here the European Landscape Convention was launched by the Council of Europe in 2000. Civilscape is dedicated to all aspects of landscape management and landscape development under the principles of the European Landscape Convention: an inclusive and participatory process bringing together the natural and cultural heritage as the fundament of all European landscapes, not only the landscapes of outstanding beauty or special historic value, but also the everyday landscapes and degraded landscapes, rural as well as urban, protected as well as highly dynamic or neglected.

According to these principles the natural and cultural heritage are seen as a major asset for the European landscapes. They are seen as a living heritage, a fundamental value for social cohesion, social wellbeing, for cultural as well as economic development. True to the principles of the European Landscape Convention heritage is not only recognized as listed monuments and protected sites but as all heritage aspects, material as well as immaterial, from the outstanding to the vernacular, everyday and degraded heritage. The management and development, especially of the vast amount of the everyday heritage, can only be achieved by a strong civil participation, which is the focus of all work of Civilscape, reflected in its slogan: We are the landscape people.

Civilscape also recognizes culture and cultural diversity as key factors of the identity and for the development of landscape. Member organizations of Civilscape work actively with artists, musicians and theatre performers to raise awareness and advocate for their landscapes.

Civilscape today comprises 125 organizations in more than 30 countries in Europe, with affiliations in North Africa, the Near East, the USA, Canada, Mexico, South America and China. Civilscape is a network of NGOs, including local grass root initiatives to big international organizations. It is open to all NGOs and professional associations in the field, but has also affiliations with local and regional governments and state organizations, as for example landscape observatories throughout Europe. Civilscape has a close relationship to the Council of Europe, given its dedication to the European Landscape Convention and other Conventions by the Council of Europe, as the Valetta Convention on the Protection of the archaeological heritage, the Granada Convention on the protection of the built heritage or the Faro Convention on the value of cultural heritage. But Civilscape has also affiliations with the UN and UNESCO on matters of cultural heritage and landscape.

Within the Council of Europe Civilscape is very active with the Conference of INGOs, the fourth pillar of the Council of Europe, since it has been granted participatory status with the Council of Europe in 2009. Civilscape has also participated in all the Conferences of the European Landscape Convention and most of the Workshops of the European Landscape Convention.

For communication and dissemination Civilscape works on two levels: the top level are events organized by Civilscape itself as an independent organization, while below that Civilscape organizes networks of its own members and their activities in specific fields, through common projects (often with EU-funding) and internal task forces, bringing together member organization specialized in specific fields, like the task force for regional heritage, with local NGOs as well as governmental bodies and the academia.

The major instrument for the top level activities has become the landscape fora. A landscape forum is an event organized in a European region, modelled mainly along the outline of the Interreg-Regions, dedicated to a specific landscape-theme bringing together the member organizations of Civilsape in this region, local and regional NGOs, governmental and administrative bodies, professional organizations and the academia. Each forum is organized locally with a strong participation of civil society. Since 2013 21 such fora were organized in the Baltic Region, Scandinavia, the Iberian Peninsula, Central Europe, the Baltic Region and the Eastern Mediterranean. Many fora have developed to a regular event in the forsaied region, like the Baltic Region with the fourth forum already coming up. Several events are already in the process of organization for 2017 and 2018. At all fora representatives of the Council of Europe have been invited to participate, and have done so it nearly all of them. The affiliation is with the European Landscape Convention as well as with the Institute of Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe.

To bring together members of Civilsape as well as the general public a number of projects have been undertaken by Civilsape, mostly funded by the EU, viewing cultural heritage as an asset but also a value under threat, e.g. in the process of changing energy policies towards renewable energies, climate change or the specific challenges for coastal areas, the latter in close relationship with the European Maritime Days of the EU. Civilsape has also affiliation with other European networks in these fields, like the European Grid Initiative towards renewable energies, Necstour towards a heritage based sustainable tourism or Europa Nostra in all aspects of cultural heritage.

Civilsape has also been active in the lobbying in consulting for the European Heritage Year in 2018 promoting the Heritage Year also in the Conference of iNGOs of the Council of Europe, actively lobbying for support and participation by all relevant European NGOs organized in the Conference. Through its own member organizations, its affiliations and activities within the Conference of iNGOs of the Council of Europe Civilsape can reach a vast auditory in Europe. For example the German Landscape Forum (made an honorary member of Civilsape in 2016) organized by the Bund für Heimat und Umwelt (BHU) in Germany, a strong member of Civilsape, brings together more than four million members in Germany. The Sveriges Hembygdsförbund in Sweden with 2.000 member associations reaches about 1.000.000 people in Sweden. These are only two examples of major national organizations in Civilsape. On top of the big national NGOs, Civilsape has international members active in Europe and on a global level and cross memberships with many important international organizations in the field.

Civilsape therefore has much to offer through its expertise as well as its wider network. Although it is specifically an iNGO dealing with landscape, that includes a strong link with cultural heritage and culture in general, especially cultural diversity. Therefore Civilsape covers the whole agenda of the CDCPP. It is active in the Year of the Cultural Heritage 2018, a common project of the EU and the CoE, as well as in the regular Heritage Days, an initiative of the CoE. In the many landscape fora Civilsape works closely with many member states and regional administrations in the member states of the CoE.

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Year of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ 2008

Type of INGO: Association (under Dutch Law, reg.nr. 09182679 at the Chamber of Commerce Centraal Gelderland)

## Organisational structure

President of INGO: \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Inge Gotzmann  
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Secretary General of INGO: \_\_\_\_\_ Pere Sala i Martí  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ Carrer Hospici, 8  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 17800 Olot, Spain

## Structure and management of directing bodies:

\_\_\_\_\_ Presidency with President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Treasurer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Board with 8 Board Members + Advisory Board  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Directorate

Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Part Time plus hired in expertise and Volunteers

Number of members: \_\_\_\_\_ 122 institutions

## Geographical representation:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Andorra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greece	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Romania
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<input type="checkbox"/> Belarus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Latvia	<input type="checkbox"/> Slovenia
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Croatia	<input type="checkbox"/> Luxembourg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Switzerland
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cyprus	<input type="checkbox"/> Malta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Czech Republic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Republic of Moldova	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Turkey
<input type="checkbox"/> Denmark	<input type="checkbox"/> Monaco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ukraine
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montenegro	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United Kingdom
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## World level

- Asia
- Africa
- North America
- South America
- Antarctica
- Australia

## Accreditations with other international intergovernmental:

UNESCO \_\_\_\_\_

EU Parliament and EU Commission \_\_\_\_\_

## Activities:

A concise report on the Landscape Fora can be found here:

<http://www.civilscape.eu/civilscape/public/en/events/series/pages/1366181283.xml>

## List of the Landscape Fora organized by Civilscape so far (and planned in 2018):

1. [Scandinavian Landscape Forum 2013](#)
2. [Benelux Landscape Forum 2013](#)
3. [Balkan Landscape Forum 2013](#)
4. [Alpine Landscape Forum 2013](#)
5. [Landscape Forum Berlin 2013](#)
6. [Baltic Landscape Forum 2013](#)
7. [Baltic Landscape Forum 2014](#)
8. [MarineScape Forum Bremen 2014](#)
9. [TownScape Forum Berlin 2014](#)
10. [East-Mediterranean Landscape Forum 2014](#)
11. [Scandinavian Landscape Forum 2014](#)
12. [Iberian Landscape Forum 2014](#)
13. [Alpine Landscape Forum 2014](#)
14. [Landscape Forum Berlin 2014](#)
15. [Central-European Landscape Forum 2015](#)
16. [MarineScape Forum Pireaus 2015](#)
17. [Baltic Landscape Forum 2015](#)
18. [Southwest Landscape Forum 2015](#)
19. [Landscape Forum Berlin 2015](#)
20. [Central European Landscape Forum 2016](#)
21. [Landscape Forum Berlin 2016](#)
22. [Marinescape Forum Poole 2017](#)
23. [Landscape Forum Berlin 2017](#)
24. [Landscape Forum Strasbourg 2018](#)
25. [Marinescape Forum Burgas 2018](#)
26. [Landscape Forum Berlin 2018](#)

Civilscape has also a special focus on maritime landscapes. For this Civilscape has been participating at the Maritime Days of the European Union, organizing side-events and participating with its own seminars.

A concise report on the participation on the EU Maritime Days can be found here:

<http://www.civilscape.eu/civilscape/public/en/events/series/pages/1398287216.xml>

List of EU Maritime Days with events by Civilscape:

1. [MarineScape Forum Bremen 2014, Germany](#)
2. [MarineScape Forum Piraeus 2015, Greece](#)
3. [MarineScape Forum Turku 2016, Finland](#)
4. [MarineScape Forum Poole 2017, United Kingdom](#)

A full list of all events organized by Civilscape or in which Civilscape has actively participated:

<http://www.civilscape.eu/civilscape/public/en/events/index.php?jid=1o1>

Furthermore Civilscape has organized and participated in and does participate in several EU-funded projects on landscape issues, like energyscapes, maritime landscapes etc. Civilscape does focus especially on the participative aspect of these projects, including civil society and empowering NGOs and citizens. You can find more about recent projects here:

<http://www.civilscape.eu/civilscape/public/en/projects/index.php?jid=1o9>