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**Results of the 23rd Council of Europe Meeting of
the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
“Landscape integration in sectoral policies”,
[Lausanne, Switzerland], 19-20 October 2020
and draft recommendation**

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Summary

Article 5 of the European Landscape Convention on “General measures” states:

“Each Party undertakes:

*...d. to **integrate landscape into its regional and town planning policies** and in its cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic **policies**, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape.”*

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23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention “*Landscape integration in sectoral policies*”, [Lausanne, Switzerland], 19-20 October 2020

The 23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and Celebration at High Level of the Twentieth Anniversary of the European Landscape Convention on “Landscape integration in sectoral policies” should be organised in Lausanne, Switzerland on 19-20 October 2020, by the Council of Europe – Secretariat of the Convention, Directorate of Democratic Participation – in co-operation with the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN) and the collaboration of the Canton of Vaud and the City of Lausanne, within the framework of the Work Programme of the Convention.

The Meeting of the Workshops on “Landscape integration in sectoral policies” aimed to present experiences of public policies adopted, or being developed, concerning the implementation of Article 5 d. of the European Landscape Convention on “General measures”, according to which each Party undertakes “to integrate landscape into its regional and town planning policies and in its cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape”.

Due to the evolution of the pandemic, the Meeting could not be held in Lausanne.

The Lausanne Declaration on “[Landscape integration in sectoral policies](#)” was however symbolically adopted (following a written procedure) on 20 October 2020, date of the Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the European Landscape Convention and the [4th International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe](#).

A thematic publication, presenting the contributions prepared for the meeting, is also available in the [European Spatial Planning and Landscape Series](#):



[23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention](#)

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“Landscape integration in sectoral policies”

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/23rd>

The Conference is invited to:

- warmly thank the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN) and the collaboration of the Canton of Vaud and the City of Lausanne for all the efforts made to be able to host the 23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and Celebration at High Level of the Twentieth Anniversary of the European Landscape Convention on “Landscape integration in sectoral policies”, in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 19-20 October 2020;
- take note of the de la publication thematic presenting the contributions prepared for the meeting: 23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Landscape integration in sectoral policies*”, European Spatial Planning and Landscape Series, 2021, No 118 ;
- examine the draft recommendation for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe – Landscape integration in sectoral policies, prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of the Lausanne Declaration, make any proposals for amendments and, if it considers it appropriate, decide to transmit it to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) with a view to its submission for adoption to the Committee of Ministers.

Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe – Landscape integration in sectoral policies

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage;

Recalling that the member states of the Council of Europe, signatories to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176), stated “Believing that the landscape is a key element of individual and social well-being and that its protection, management and planning entail rights and responsibilities for everyone;”

Stressing the importance of the landscape in relation to health, food and energy issues, as well as in order to face the challenges resulting from climate change, the disappearance of living species, water and air pollution, the degradation of agricultural and forest soils, and the artificialisation of land;

Considering also its powerful symbolic significance, which feeds on the sources of the social imagination, and its structural role as a lever for sustainable development based on a harmonious balance between the environmental, social, cultural, and economic dimensions;

Recalling that “landscape is an important part of the quality of life for people everywhere: in urban areas and in the countryside, in degraded areas as well as in areas of high quality, in areas recognised as being of outstanding beauty as well as everyday areas” (Preamble of the Convention);

Stressing that it is considered “as an essential component of people’s surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity” (Article 5.a. of the Convention);

Recalling that each Party to the Convention undertakes to “integrate landscape into its regional and town planning policies and in its cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape.” (Article 5 d.);

Having regard to the previous recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States on the European Landscape Convention¹;

¹. Recommendations CM/Rec(2008)3 on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention; CM/Rec(2013)4 on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its Glossary; CM/Rec(2014)8 on promoting landscape awareness through education; CM/Rec(2015)7 on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school; CM/Rec(2015)8 on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on Transfrontier Landscapes; CM/Rec(2017)7 on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development; CM/Rec(2018)9 contributing to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe: creation of public funds for landscape; CM/Rec(2019)7 with a view to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe – Landscape integration in policies relating to rural territories in agricultural and forestry, energy and demographic transition; CM/Rec(2019)8

Taking into consideration the message launched on 20 October 2020, with the adoption of the Lausanne Declaration on “Landscape integration in sectoral policies”, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the European Landscape Convention;

Recalling the provisions of the Lausanne Declaration on “Landscape integration in sectoral policies”, symbolically adopted on 20 October 2020 by the representatives of the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe;

Wishing to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations General Assembly’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Recommends to the Parties to the European Landscape Convention, and to any other States that may wish to do so:

1. To systematically integrate the landscape dimension into policies which may have a direct or indirect impact on the quality of the landscape, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;
2. To ensure thus that the policies of spatial and town planning, policies concerning infrastructure, water management, energy, the economy and employment, as well as environmental, agricultural, social, health, cultural and tourism policies, take into consideration the values and functions of the landscape;
3. To consider that integration concerns both the administrative bodies and departments on the same level (horizontal integration) and those belonging to different levels (vertical integration), in accordance with the provisions of the Recommendation No R (2008) 3.

with a view to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe – Landscape and democracy: public participation.