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**Draft Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of
the European Landscape Convention 2021-2023**

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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 2021-2023 and make any proposal.

**Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of
the European Landscape Convention 2021-2023¹**

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The main objectives of the Work Programme are to promote participatory democracy, maintaining and deepening 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, according to the terms of reference of Committees of Experts set up under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe designated by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention (Article 10 of the Convention – Monitoring of the implementation of the Convention);
2. Organising annually one or several Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;
3. Maintaining the Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention, and launching its Third Phase of activity, with the preparation of national and regional reports and thematic reports on public policies of Parties to the Convention (according to Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 December 2013);
4. Continuing the organisation of the Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe in the framework of the Council of Europe Landscape Alliance Award and of the Forums on the national selections of the Landscape Award (according to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and to the Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017);
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, of everyday life and degraded, inland and maritime waters being taken into consideration;
6. Establishing Working Groups supported by expertise, in order to prepare draft recommendations for the attention of the CDCPP and Committee of Ministers;
7. Promoting synergies on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law;
8. Contributing to the global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat.

1. Council of Europe – Council of Europe Landscape Convention:
Territorial Dimension of Human Rights and Democracy [PMM 2011-2019, No. 251, Cead 2561];
Territorial dimension of Human Rights, Democracy and Sustainable development
[PMM 2020-2022, No. 2453].[PMM 2023-2025, No. 3017].

Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

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 11th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 26-27 May 2021;
- Organisation of the 12th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, under the auspices of the Finnish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 6-7 May 2023;
- Preparation of the Landscape Part of the 10th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 18 June and Autumn 2021, and of the meetings of its Bureau
- Preparation of the Landscape Part of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2022-2023, and of the meetings of its Bureau;
- Development of Phase 4 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);
- Follow-up of the Working Group, supported by expertise, on “Landscape integration in sectoral policies”;
- Organisation of the 25th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “Landscape Strategies, Action plans and Policy documents for landscape quality”, Majorca, Spain, 6-8 October 2021 [Theme of the International Landscape Day of 20 October 2021] ;
- Organisation of the 27th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, 2022;
- Organisation of the 28th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, 2023.

Documentation:

- Publication of the book “Landscape mosaics: Reflections and proposals for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention”, Council of Europe Publishing (to be published in 2022);
- 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”

- National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Greece organised with the Council of Europe following the Chairmanship of Greece of the Committee of Ministers, Larissa, Greece, 2022;
- Analysis and promotion of certain experiments showing the scope covered by the Convention: examples of landscapes considered to be emblematic or outstanding (and which can be protected as such), which have also given rise to management and planning actions; examples where the landscape could serve as a key input for the definition of a territory project, not only including protected areas;
- Preparation of ELC Reports on “The law applicable to landscapes in comparative and international law” (on the basis of the Information System of the Convention);
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on “Landscape of rural areas: general (industrial and mining landscapes, forestry, new cities, landscape and jobs) and specific thematic (trees and hedges...)”;
- Preparation of ELC Report and proposals “Peri-urban landscape and quality of life”;
- Preparation of ELC Report and proposals “Climatic changes: new energies as a challenge for the landscape”;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on integration of landscape into sectorial policies and

thematic: urbanism, architecture, skylines, urban green spaces, health, leisure.

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

- Preparation of leaflets on the Convention and recommendations adopted by the Committee of Ministers;
- Preparation of a new issue of the magazine Futuropan on “The landscape character, result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors” (No. 4, 2022);
- Promotion of events on the landscape (International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe on 20 October, other days, weekends, months, years, landscape festivals...);
- National Landscape Symposium organised to celebrate the International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, Budapest, Hungary, 20 October 2021.

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

- Promotion of meetings on education and summer universities;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on training.

Documentation:

- Dissemination (and possible translation into 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 Pedagogical Booklet “Landscape education for primary school”.

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;
- Contribution to the consideration of landscape as an ecosystem service.

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

- Update of the European Landscape Convention website, including the International Landscape Observatory and the Information Platform: www.coe.int/en/web/landscape;
- Promotion of meetings on mutual exchange and information;
- Legal and institutional assistance (establishment of landscape centres or observatories);
- Interministerial Round Tables on the European Landscape;
- Information meetings on the European Landscape Convention.

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;
- Establishment of a network of landscape observatories and universities.

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 12th and 13th Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg)

- 2022 and Strasbourg, 2024), and on the occasion of other events;
- Organisation of the 7th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2020-2021) according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Organisation of the 8th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2022-2023) according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Organisation of the 9th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2024-2025) according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Organisation of the 24th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 6th Session 2018-2019”, 2022;
- Organisation of the 26th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 7th Session 2020-2021”, 2022;
- Organisation of the ...th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 8th Session 2022-2023”, 2024.

Documentation:

- Dissemination and translations in diverse languages of the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe;
- Dissemination and translations in diverse languages of the Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017;
- Publication “Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe”, volume 2, 2018-2021, Council of Europe, Territory and Landscape Series”, Territory and Landscape Series, 2021, No. 120;
- Publication “Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe”, volume 2, 2018-2023, Council of Europe, Territory and Landscape Series”, Territory and Landscape Series, 2023, No. 120;
- Online presentation of the achievements of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance;
- Exhibitions on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe;
- Posters on the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance.

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