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General Report of activities on the European Landscape Convention
and
Status of signatures and ratifications

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Intergovernmental organisation founded in 1949

47 Member States - Headquarters in the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
Dans le Foyer du Comité des Ministres la tapisserie

Statutes – values

- Promote **Democracy, Human rights, Rule of law**
- Seek **Common solutions to the main problems facing society...**

Dans le Foyer du Comité des Ministres la tapisserie...
In the Foyer of the Committee of Ministers the tapestry...



**Liberté,
J'écris ton nom...**

***Freedom,
I write your name...***

Paul Eluard

*Poésie et vérité - Poetry and truth,
1942*



"La terre est bleue comme une orange"

"The earth is blue like an orange"

Paul Eluard

L'amour la Poésie - Love Poetry, 1929

... bleue et belle

... *blue and beautiful*

European Landscape Convention

1. Origin

- Council of Europe activities on spatial planning, urban development, landscape, environment, natural, rural and cultural landscape.
- Decision in 1999 of the Committee of Ministers to set up a select group of experts at governmental level responsible for drafting a Convention.
- Adoption of the final text by the Committee of Ministers on 19 July 2000.
- The Convention was opened for signature in Florence, Italy, on 20 October 2000 in the context of the Council of Europe Campaign “Europe, a common heritage”.
- The Convention came into force on 1 March 2004.

2. Status 2021

Parties to the Convention:

Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, North Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom (40 ratifications). **Signatory state:** Malta.



Other Council of Europe Member States:

Albania, Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Russian Federation.

Accession of non-European States:

After the entry into force (1st July 2021) of the Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention (Council of Europe Treaty Series - No. 219) ... The Convention will be named 'Council of Europe Landscape Convention'.

3. Philosophy

The landscape

... has an important **public interest role** in the cultural, ecological, environmental and social fields, and constitutes a resource favourable to economic activity and whose protection, management and planning can contribute to job creation;

.. contributes to **the formation of local cultures** and ... is a basic component of the European **natural and cultural heritage**, contributing to **human well-being and consolidation of the European identity**;

... 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;

... is a key element of **individual and social well-being** and ... its protection, management and planning entail **rights and responsibilities for everyone**.



4. Why?

The **developments** in agriculture, forestry, industrial and mineral production techniques, together with the practices followed in town and country planning, transport, networks, tourism and recreation **and**, at a more general level, changes in the world economy, have in many cases accelerated the **transformation** of landscapes.

The Convention expresses the Member States' concern to achieve **sustainable development** based on a **balanced and harmonious relationship** between social needs, economic activity and the environment.

It aims to respond to the public's wish to enjoy **high quality landscapes**.



5. Scope

The Preamble says that States wish to provide “a **new instrument devoted exclusively to the protection, management and planning of all landscapes**”.

It applies to the **entire territory** of the Parties and covers **natural, urban and peri-urban areas**, whether on land, water or sea.

It concerns **remarkable landscapes...** and also **ordinary or everyday landscapes and degraded areas**.

Landscape is recognised irrespective of its perceived value, since all forms of landscape are crucial to the **quality of the citizens' environment** and deserve to be considered in landscape policies.



6. Definitions

“Landscape” means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors.

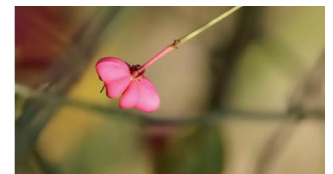
“Landscape policy” means an expression by the competent public authorities of general principles, strategies and guidelines that permit the taking of specific measures aimed at the protection, management and planning of landscapes.

“Landscape quality objective” means, for a specific landscape, the formulation by the competent public authorities of the aspirations of the public with regard to the landscape features of their surroundings.

“Landscape protection” means action to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape, justified by its heritage value derived from its natural configuration and/or from human activity.

“Landscape management” means action, from a perspective of sustainable development, to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape, so as to guide and harmonise changes which are brought about by social, economic and environmental processes.

“Landscape planning” means strong forward-looking action to enhance, restore or create landscapes.



7. Aims

National level:

to promote **protection, management and planning** of landscapes

International level:

to organise **international co-operation** on landscape issues.



8. Commitments for Parties

National level

- **Legal recognition of landscape** as constituting 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
- **Establishment and implementation of landscape policies** aimed at landscape protection, management and planning
- **Establishment of procedures for the participation** of the general public, local and regional authorities and other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies
- **Integration of landscape into** regional and town planning **policies** and in cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies, with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape.

- **Awareness-raising:** increasing awareness among the civil society, private organisations and public authorities of the value of landscapes, their role and changes to them
- **Promotion in training and education:**
 - training for specialists in landscape appraisal and landscape operations
 - multidisciplinary training programmes in landscape policy, protection, management and planning, for professionals in the private and public sector and for associations concerned
 - school and university courses which, in the relevant subject areas, address the values that the landscape has and the issues raised by its protection, management and planning
- **Identification and evaluation:** mobilising those concerned in order to reach a better knowledge of landscape, guiding the work of landscape identification and evaluation through exchanges of experience and methodology between the Parties
- **Setting landscape quality objectives:** defining landscape quality objectives for the landscapes identified and assessed, after public consultation
- **Implementation of landscape policies:** introducing policy instruments aimed at protecting, managing and/or planning the landscape

International level

- International policies and programmes

To co-operate in the consideration of the landscape dimension in international policies and programmes, and to recommend, where relevant, the inclusion of landscape considerations in them.

In particular :

- to render each other technical and scientific assistance in landscape matters through the pooling and exchange of experience, and the results of research projects;**
- to promote the exchange of landscape specialists for training and information purposes;**
- to exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the Convention.**

- Transfrontier landscapes

To encourage transfrontier co-operation on local and regional level and, wherever necessary, prepare and implement joint landscape programmes.

9. Institutional apparatus

Council of Europe Committees of experts are responsible to monitor the implementation of the Convention.

The Committee of Ministres, Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe are involved.

The Council of Europe acts as Secretariat for the Convention.



10. Monitoring the implementation of the Convention
















































Information System on the European Landscape Convention

Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member states recommends that States Parties to the Convention:

- use the Information System with its glossary, in the framework of their co-operation, and co-operate to develop it;**
- continue to exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the Convention in order to promote knowledge of landscapes and landscape policies, in view of enhancing the quality of people's lives, taking care of their surroundings.**

The Information System is a “[toolbox](#)” helping to provide mutual technical and scientific assistance through the collection and exchange of landscape experience and research, as provided for in Article 8 of the Convention on mutual assistance and exchange of information.



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▶ Andorra		▶ Luxembourg	
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▶ Austria		▶ Malta	
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▶ Belgium		▶ Monaco	
▶ Bosnia and Herzegovina		▶ Montenegro	
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▶ Liechtenstein			

Support the exercise of good governance based on horizontal vertical and transversal co-operation

Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States for the implementation of the Convention

Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary

Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 on promoting landscape awareness through education

Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)7 on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school

Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on transfrontier landscapes

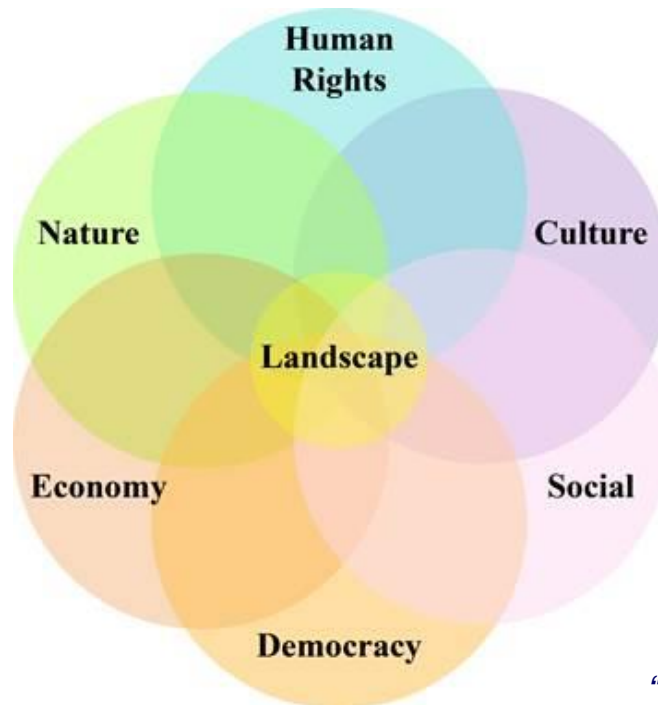
Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)7 on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development

Recommendation CM/Rec(2018)9 on the creation of public funds for landscape

Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)7 on Landscape integration in policies relating to rural territories in agricultural and forestry, energy and demographic transition

Recommendation CM/Rec(2019)8 on Landscape and democracy: public participation

Recommendation 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...



*“The landscape flower” – Council of Europe
Design Adrien D.*

...Recommendation CM/Rec(2021)... on Landscape and Responsibility

National information Meetings on the European Landscape Convention

www.coe.int/fr/web/landscape/national-regional-symposiums

National Days

**The implementation of the European
Landscape Convention in France,
Strasbourg, France, 26-27 November 2019**

JOURNÉES NATIONALES SUR LA MISE EN ŒUVRE DE
LA CONVENTION EUROPÉENNE SUR LE PAYSAGE EN FRANCE

NATIONAL DAYS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION IN FRANCE



*Paysages d'ici et d'ailleurs :
regards croisés sur quelques
démarches paysagères
à différentes échelles, de part
et d'autre des frontières*

*Landscapes from here and
elsewhere: diverse perspectives
on some landscape approaches
at different scales,
on either side of borders*

Actes / Proceedings

Aménagement du territoire européen et paysage, n° 117
European spatial planning and landscape, No. 117

Conseil de l'Europe, Strasbourg, France, 26-27 novembre 2019
Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France, 26-27 November 2019

12. Promote international co-operation

Conferences of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention

The representatives of Contracting Parties meet regularly to devise joint co-ordinated programmes and to exchange information on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

The three Council of Europe bodies – Committee of Ministers, Parliamentary Assembly and Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe – are invited, as UE and international governmental organisations.

The main international non-governmental organisations specialising or interested in landscape are represented, as well as some national NGOs.



Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the Convention

Organised by the Council of Europe with a Member State of the Council of Europe and other partners on a regular basis since 2002
Echange experiences, examining both good and bad practices in the protection, management and planning of the European landscape
Special emphasis is given to the experiences of the state hosting the meeting.

1. Workshops 23-24 May 2002, Strasbourg, France

- Landscape policies***
- Landscape identification, evaluation and quality objectives***
- Awareness-raising, training and education***
- Innovative tools***



2. Workshops 27-28 November 2003, Strasbourg, France

- *Integration of landscapes in international policies and programmes*
- *Transfrontier landscapes*
- *Individual and social well-being*
- *Spatial planning and landscape*



Exhibition on “Landscape through the eyes of the children of Armenia”

3. Workshops 16-17 June 2005, Cork, Ireland

Landscape for urban, suburban and peri-urban areas



4. Workshops 11-12 May 2006, Ljubljana, Slovenia *Landscape and society*



5. Workshops 28-29 September 2006, Girona, Spain *Landscape quality objectives: from theory to practice*



6. Workshops 20-21 September 2007, Sibiu, Romania *Landscape and rural heritage*



7. Workshops 25-26 April 2008, Piestany, Slovak Republic *Landscape in planning policies and governance: towards integrated spatial management*



8. Workshops 8-9 October 2009, Malmo, Sweden *Landscape and driving forces*

**Swedish National
Heritage Board**



9. Workshops 15-16 April 2010, Cordoba, Spain *Landscape and infrastructure for society*



10. Workshops 20-21 October 2011, Evora, Portugal *Multifunctional landscapes*



Ministério da Agricultura,
Mar, Ambiente e
Ordenamento do Território

DGOTDU

Direcção-Geral do Ordenamento do Território
e Desenvolvimento Urbano



11. Workshops 4-5 June 2012, Carbonia (Sardinia), Italy *Forum of national landscape selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 1st and 2nd Sessions*



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PER I BENI E
LE ATTIVITÀ
CULTURALI



Provincia di
Carbonia Iglesias



12. Workshops 2-3 October 2012, Thessalonica, Greece

Vision for the future of Europe on territorial democracy: Landscape as a new strategy for spatial planning. Another way to see the territory involving civil society...



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CLIMATE
CHANGE



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Hellenic Republic*



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Council of Europe Conference of Ministers
responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning
Conférence du Conseil de l'Europe des Ministres
responsables de l'Aménagement du Territoire



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13. Workshops 2-3 October 2013, Cetinje, Montenegro

The future of the territories, landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy



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AND TOURISM



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14. Workshops 11-12 June 2014, Wroclaw, Poland

Forum of national landscape selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 3rd Session



15. Workshops 1-2 October 2014, Urgup, Turkey

Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape



16. Workshops 1-2 October 2015, Andorra la Vella, Andorra

*Landscape and transfrontier cooperation,
the landscape knows no boundary*



17. Workshops 9-10 June 2016, Budapest, Hungary

*Forum of national landscape selections for the Council of Europe
Landscape Award - 4th Session*



18. Workshops 5-7 October 2016, Erevan, Armenia

National Landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities



19. Workshops October 2017, Brno, Czech Republic

The implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level: local democracy



Chairmanship of the Czech Republic
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20. Workshops 20-21 June 2018, Daugavpils, Latvia

*Forum of national landscape selections for the Council of Europe
Landscape Award - 5^h Session*



21. Workshops 3-4 October 2018, Tropea, Calabria, Italy

Landscape and education



22. Workshops 14-16 March 2019, Seville, Spain

Water, landscape and citizenship in the face of global change



23. Publication [19-20 October 2020, Lausanne, Switzerland]

Landscape integration in sectoral policies



24. Publication [Workshops, 21-22 October 2020], Geneva, Switzerland *Forum of national landscape selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award - 6^h Session*



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25. Workshops, October 2021, Majorca, Spain

“Landscape Strategies, Action plans and Policy documents for landscape quality”, Majorca, Spain, 6-8 October 2021

Landscape Award and the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award

The Landscape Award recognises a policy implemented or measures taken by local and regional authorities or non-governmental organisations to protect, manage and/or plan their landscape which have proved effective in the long-term and can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities.

The Award thus contributes to the stimulation of those working on a local level and to the encouragement and recognition of exemplary landscape management. It is conferred by the Committee of Ministers, on proposals from the Committee of Experts responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention.

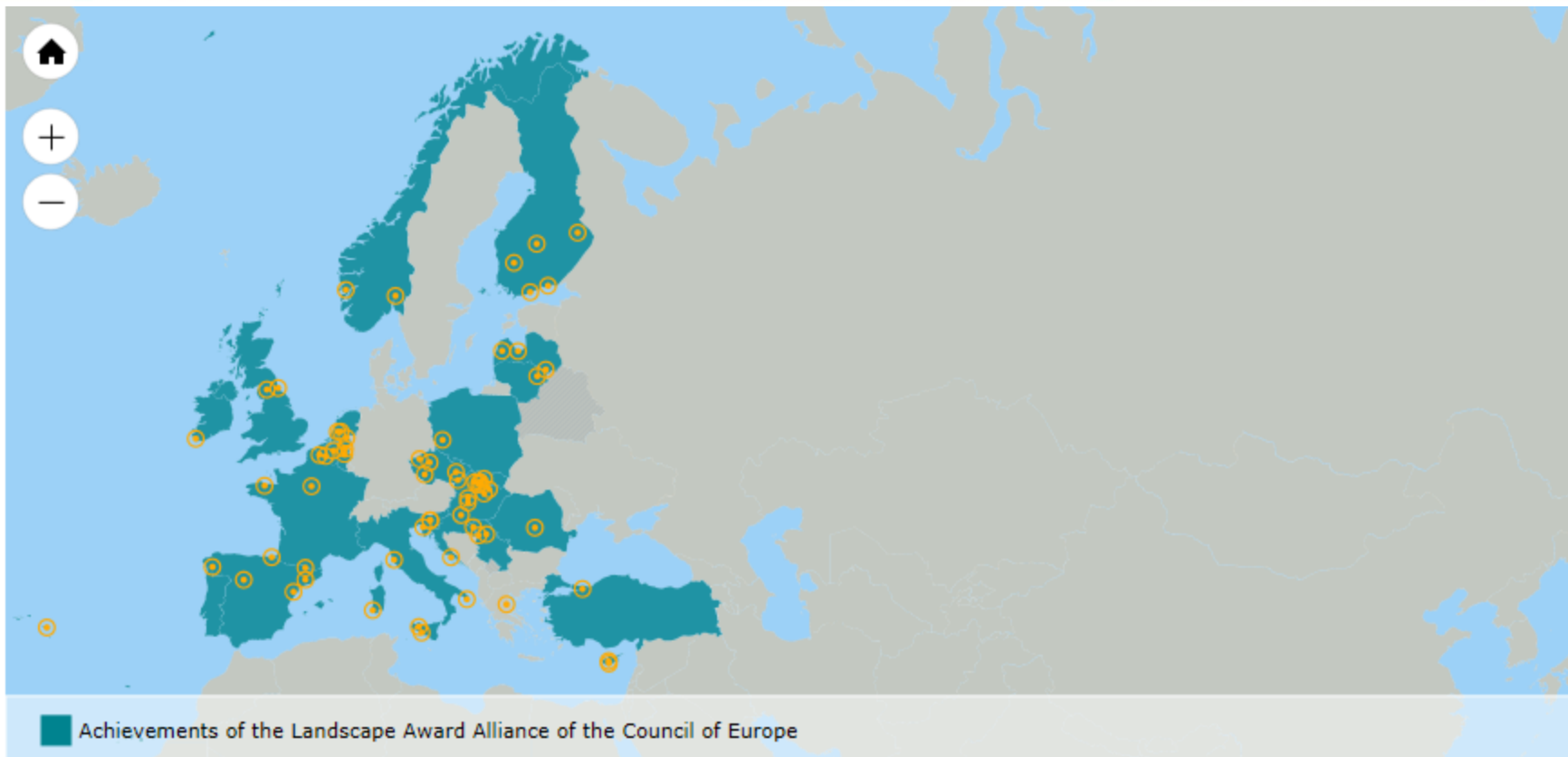
Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

Criterion 1 – Sustainable territorial development

Criterion 2 – Exemplary value

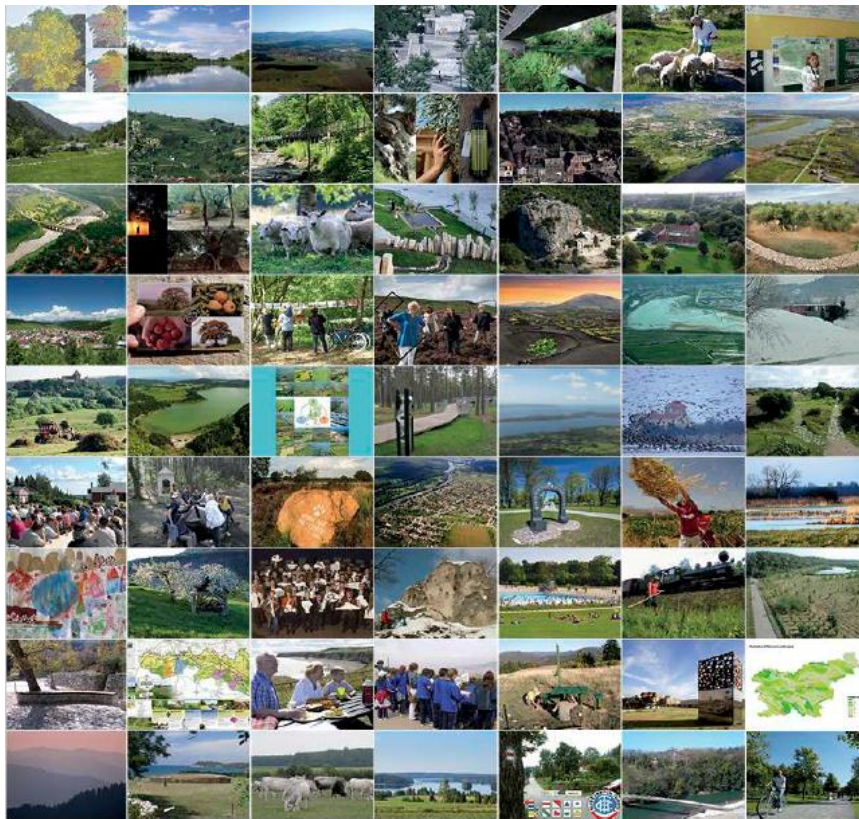
Criterion 3 – Public participation

Criterion 4 – Awareness-raising



Disclaimer

- [Overview of the Projects of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance](#): classification based on the actors, the scope and the objectives of the Projects



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and landscape, No. 120

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13. Awareness raising

13.1. Publications

*Landscape and sustainable development:
challenges of the European Landscape
Convention*

- Integration of landscapes in international policies and programmes;
 - Transfrontier landscapes;
 - Education; Individual and social well-being;
- Spatial planning and landscape**
CoE Publishing, 2006



*Landscape and sustainable development:
challenges of the European
Landscape Convention*

Landscape facets: reflections and proposals for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

- Landscape, town, peri-urban and sub-urban areas;
- Infrastructure and landscape: roads;
- Road infrastructure: tree avenues in the landscape;
- European Local Landscape circle studies: implementation guide;
- Education on landscape for children;
- Training of landscape architects;
- Landscape and ethics)

CoE Publishing, 2012



Landscape facets
Reflections and proposals for the implementation
of the European Landscape Convention

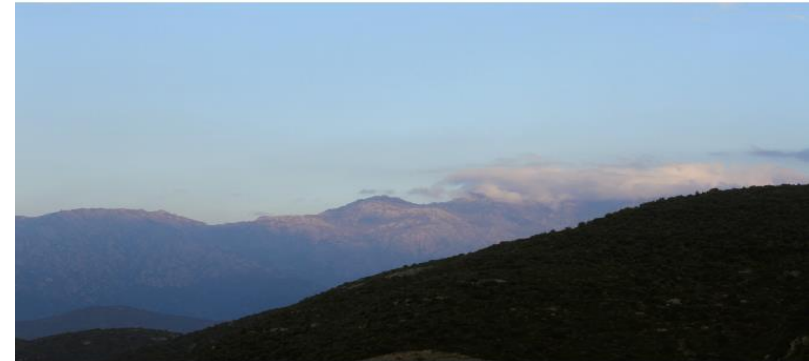
Publishing
Editions



Landscape dimensions: reflections and proposals for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

**Landscape and wind turbines,
Landscape and leisure
Landscape and education
Landscape and economy
Landscape and advertising
Landscape and democracy
*CoE Publishing, 2017***

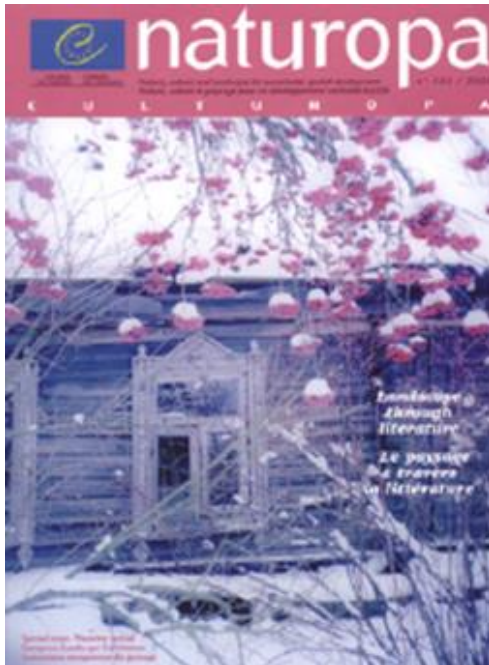
Landscape dimensions



Reflections and proposals
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13.2. *Naturopa Magazine, Futuropa for a new vision of landscape and territory*

- Landscapes: the setting for our future lives, 1998, n° 6
- The European Landscape Convention, 2002, n° 98
- Landscape through literature, 2005, n° 103
- Vernacular habitat, an heritage in the landscape, 2008, n° 1
- Landscape and transfrontier cooperation, 2010, n° 2
- Landscape and public space, 2013, n° 3



13.3. *Landscape and Education – Pedagogical Booklet*

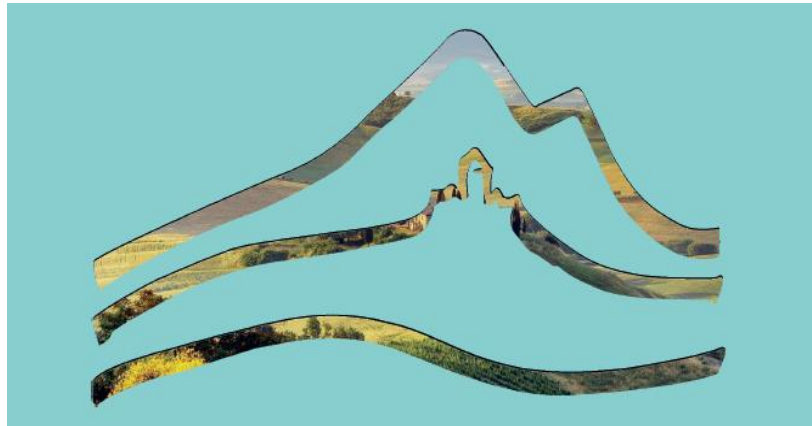
Convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur le paysage
**ACTIVITÉS D'ÉDUCATION
AU PAYSAGE POUR L'ÉCOLE PRIMAIRE**
Livret pédagogique



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**LANDSCAPE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS**
Pedagogical booklet



13.4. The International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, on 20 October



- 2017 - Landscape at local level**
- 2018 - Landscape and education**
- 2019 - Landscape and water**
- 2020 - Landscape integration in sectoral policies**
- 2021 - Landscape strategies...**

Conclusion

Spatial planning policy is an instrument in the hands of public authorities which use is a political responsibility. It should result in an organisation of space that expresses, in its distribution of human being and their activities, and in the quality of human environment created or adapted to our own time.

A thoroughly modern concept, landscape combines all four elements of sustainable development: natural, cultural, social and economic. It is also a constantly evolving story. A unique setting and meeting place for populations, landscape is a key factor in the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of individuals and societies.



A source of inspiration, it takes us on a journey, both individual and collective, through time, space and imagination.

Any government wishing to implement the principles of good governance needs to give due emphasis to landscape in its national and international policies.

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