

European Landscape Convention and the European Year of Citizens



ELC

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

Is responding to the public's wish to enjoy high quality landscapes and to play an active part in the development of landscapes.

Is promoting landscape protection, management and planning, and is organising European co-operation on landscape issues.



CIVILSCAPE – a network

- Civil Society Network for the European Landscape Convention which was **founded 2008**
- CIVILSCAPE is an international association of **81 civil society organizations from 28 European countries.**
- The member are non-governmental organisations (NGO) which dedicate their work to landscape protection, management and planning, according to the “**European Landscape Convention**”.



CIVILSCAPE promotes

the ELC and a broader awareness raising landscape through

- presentations at our own and also third party events
- presentation of best-practice example
- in-house seminars



CIVILSCAPE informs

about **civil society activities** and try to foster the **exchange between all stakeholders** in Europe by

- workshops, conferences and field trips
- internet sites and social media
- electronic newsletters
- printed reports and brochures



CIVILSCAPE motivates

- different acteurs involved in the
implementation of the ELC through
- transnational Landscape Forum events
 - ELC transnational experience groups
 - presentation events on international level like European Maritime Days



CIVILSCAPE lobbies

for civil society organisation involved in the implementation of the ELC through

- Council of Europe (member of the iNGO assembly)
- European Union (registered iNGO, public consultationen)
- United Nation (registered iNGO, e.g. Rio+20)



CIVILSCAPE organises

Campaigns like **EnergyScapes** and **MarineScapes** targeting European policy fields in order to promote a structured framework of European civil dialogue that is able to link agenda driven sectoral policies on European level and the manifestation of these on regional and local level in the daily landscape of citizens



What is the outcome implementing the European Landscape Convention?



**Citizens must have a say on their
landscape!**

Europe needs participation in
landscape issues.



CIVILSCAPE – the family

We have two sister networks and together these three form the **European Landscape Network** family:

- RECEP-ENELC: European Network of the Regions and local authorities
- UNISCAPE: European Network of universities and research institutes



CIVILSCAPE - partner

- Nationale and regional partners support us or collaborate within concrete projects and campaigns
- International and European partner, like IFLA, NECSTouR, North Sea Commission, or the Renewable Energy Grid Initiative and other
- We are member in European networks like ARC2020 or European Year of Citizens 2013 Alliance (EYCA)



European Year of Citizens

- On 11 August 2011, the European Commission proposed to designate 2013 as the “European Year of Citizens” to mark the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the European Union Citizenship under the Maastricht Treaty in 1993.



EYCA 2013

- European Year of Citizens Alliance (EYCA)
- **62 European members** of the EYCA represent more than **4000 individual organisations in 50 European countries**
- EYCA is also active in the EU-28 Member States thanks to **National Alliances** involving national and local civil society organisations



EYCA Manifesto

A democratic citizenship which is based on citizens' legal status and includes all aspects of life in a democratic society relating to a vast range of topics such as, inter alia, **education, culture, sustainable development**, non-discrimination, inclusion of ethnic minorities, participation in society of people (...)



EYCA Manifesto

A democratic citizenship which perforce must also operate at Member States' level, so that the structures for citizens' engagement are accessible and form part of every citizen's experience. (...)



EYCA Manifesto

A democratic citizenship which implies that European institutions enjoy public confidence and can secure active **involvement of citizens and organised civil society players in the decision-making processes at all levels, from local and national to European one; ...**



EYCA Manifesto

.. therefore, the adoption of an inter-institutional agreement for a structured framework for European civil dialogue would give a permanent practical substance such an active and participatory citizenship alongside with the provisions of the Lisbon Treaty, besides the European Citizens' Initiative.



EYCA Manifesto

A democratic citizenship that guarantees that all citizens can participate in the life of their communities and the shaping of public policies, including the most disadvantaged groups which are more than often the most remote from the European building process. (...)



EYCA Working programme

- Four main **conferences** in Brussels, Zagreb, Brussels, Vilnius
- **High ranked events** like EU Parliament
- Internal: Meetings of the Plenary and the steering committee and the Working groups (3):
Participation and Governance
- Member activities like debates, conferences, screenings, workshops, exhibitions...



Landscape Forum events

- Scandinavian Landscape Forum
- Benelux Landscape Forum
- Balkan Landscape Forum
- Alpine Landscape Forum
- Landscape Forum Berlin
- Baltic Landscape Forum
- Landscape Forum Strasbourg
- MarineScape Forum Bremen



CIVILSCAPE

Permanent campaigns to foster civil society participation and involvement on landscape:

- Long-term campaigns like EnergyScapes and MarineScapes
- European Year of Citizens 2013 Alliance action
- European Citizens Initiative „Ask us!“ - European Union to sign the ELC



Thank you for you attention!

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www.energscapes.eu

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