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Study visit to the Northern Vosges Regional Park, organised by the Council of Europe with the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy of France. [Document <u>CEP-CDCPP (2015) 32][Presentation: Alain Roussel and Ingrid Collet]</u> [<u>Presentation: Thibault Valois and Anne-Marie Herbourg]</u>[Presentation: Rita Jacob and Pascal Desmoulin]

The participants thanked the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy of France and the Regional Directorate for the Environment, Development and Housing (DREAL) of Lorraine for their hospitality and the very interesting presentations on the occasion of the Landscape Day.

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THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015

Session I – Opening of the Conference

Opening

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, opened the Conference, welcomed the participants [list participants in <u>Appendix</u> 1 to this Report] and delivered an opening speech which appears in <u>Appendix</u> 3.1. to this Report.

Opening speeches

Mr Dirk VAN EECKHOUT, Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium to the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, delivered an opening speech which appears in <u>Appendix</u> 3.2. to this Report.

Mrs Snezana SAMARZIC-MARKOVIC, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe, delivered an opening speech which appears in <u>Appendix</u> 3.3. to this Report.

Mr Bruno FAVEL, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe, *represented by* Mrs Maria José FESTAS, former Member of the Bureau of the CDCPP and former Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, delivered an opening speech which appears in <u>Appendix</u> 3.4. to this Report.

Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, delivered an opening speech which appears in <u>Appendix</u> 3.5. to this Report.

1. Adoption of the draft agenda [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 1 - Draft agenda] [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 1Bis - Draft annotated agenda]

The agenda as it appears in <u>Appendix</u> 2 to this Report was adopted.

Session II – General presentation of the actions carried out for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

2. General activity Report on the European Landscape Convention and status of signatures and ratifications

[Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 2-A - Powerpoint presentation]

The Conference:

- took note of the General Report of activities on the European Landscape Convention prepared by Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe;
- took note of the status of signatures and ratifications of the European Landscape Convention [<u>Appendix 4</u> to this Report].

Information on the "Landscape and Democracy" Award to the Council of Europe granted by the International Federation of Landscape Architects - IFLA Europe [Document pour information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 2-B]

The Conference:

- welcomed the "Landscape and Democracy" Award granted by the International Federation of Landscape Architects - IFLA Europe to the Council of Europe on the occasion of its Silver Award Jubilee held in Oslo, Norway, on 19 October 2014;
- took note with interest of the Resolution on 'Landscape Democracy' adopted by IFLA-Europe on the occasion of its Silver Award Jubilee held in Oslo, Norway, on 19 October 2014.
- 3. Presentation of the actions carried out by the Parties to the European Landscape Convention at national, regional and local levels for its implementation, and communications by representatives of States non Parties to the Convention [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 3 - PowerPoint presentations: Armenia -Azerbaijan - Finland - Ireland - Lithuania - Republic of Moldova - Montenegro - Norway -Poland - Serbia - Spain - Sweden]

Addresses from representatives of States Parties to the Convention Addresses from representatives of States non Parties to the Convention

The Conference:

took note with great interest of the interventions and addresses of the delegations of the States present at the Conference. [The written texts submitted to the Secretariat have been included in the document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 3 – <u>Appendix</u> 5 to this Report]:

- addresses from representatives of States Parties to the Convention: Andorra (Cf. item 25 of the Agenda), Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium (Walloon Region, Flanders Region and Brussels Capital), Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro (Cf. item 9 of the agenda), Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey (Cf. item 18 of the agenda),

- addresses from representatives of States non Parties to the Convention: Albania, Austria, Estonia, Malta, Russian Federation and Holy See;

noted that the European Landscape Convention was generating major progress in landscape policies in many Council of Europe member States at national, regional and local level.

Session III – Legal recognition of the landscape

4. Texts of ratification of the European Landscape Convention [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 4]

The Conference:

- took note that the Parties to the European Landscape Convention, are kindly invited to send the text of ratification of the Convention to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe in order to complete the information document prepared by the Secretariat.
- 5. Landscape in languages and laws in the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 5]

The Conference:

- considered the provisions of the European Landscape Convention and of Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on legal recognition of landscape in law;
- took note of the "Report on Landscape in languages and laws of the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention" prepared by the Secretariat, on the basis of a questionnaire addressed to the Parties to the Convention;
- considered that the Report will be updated on the basis of the information available in the Council of Europe Information System on the European Landscape Convention - ELC L6.
- 6. Presentation of the Report "Landscape Lexicon: richness and diversity of words, texts and approaches to landscape in Europe" [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 6 - Presentation]

The Conference:

examined the Report "Landscape Lexicon: richness and diversity of words, texts and approaches to landscape in Europe" prepared in the framework of the Council of Europe Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention by Mr Jean-François SEGUIN, Expert of the Council of Europe and former Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, and in particular its conclusions [Appendix 9.1. to this Report]; and

- thanked the Expert for his Report and decided to publish it in a Council of Europe publication of Reports drawn up by experts consultants of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention.

Session IV – Landscape policies: definition and implementation

A) Definition and implementation of landscape policies for its protection, management and planning

7. Expression of general principles, strategies and guidelines: preparation of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "National landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention", Yerevan, Armenia, October 2016 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 7]

The Conference:

- welcomed with interest the proposal of the Ministry of Urban Development of Armenia to organise in co-operation with the Council of Europe, the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "National Landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention" in 2016, in Armenia [Appendix 6.5. to this Report].
- 8. Implementation of landscape policies: introduction of instruments aimed at protecting, managing and/or planning the landscape [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 8]

The Conference:

- considered the provisions of the European Landscape Convention and of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention relating to landscape policies and in particular landscape funds;
- took note in particular of the experience of the Swiss Landscape Fund, presented on the occasion of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention *« Sustainable landscapes and economy »*, Urgup, Turkey, 30 September-2 October 2014 by Mr Enrico BUERGI, former Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention;
- asked the Secretariat to prepare a draft text on landscape funds to be used by the Parties to the Convention wishing to establish a National Landscape Fund, to be examined at the next Conference.

B) Landscape knowledge: identification and assessment

9. Results of the 13th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Territories of the future, landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy"*, Cetinje, Montenegro, 1-3 October 2013

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 9]

The Conference:

- warmly thanked the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro, for its co-operation with the Council of Europe in the organisation of the 13th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Territories of the future, landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy"*, Cetinje, Montenegro, 1-3 October 2013;
- took note of the Conclusions adopted on this occasion [<u>Appendix</u> 6.1. to this Report] and asked the Secretariat to propose a possible follow-up considering the need to clarify the terms used in the identification and assessment methods;
- took note of the interventions and presentations made at the Meeting, as they appear on the website of the European Landscape Convention (the proceedings are being published in the Council of Europe's "Spatial Planning and Landscape" Series):
 http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/landscape/reunionateliers/cetinje_EN.asp?
- decided that the Parties to the Convention will be invited to present the process of landscape identification and assessment in the framework of the Information System on the European Landscape Convention – ELC L6.

10. Role of the landscape observatories, centres and institutes [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 10 - Presentation]

The Conference:

- considered that numerous landscape observatories, institutes and centres have been created over the last few years according to the Recommendation CM/Rec (2008) 3 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States on the Guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;
- thanked UNISCAPE for the information provided to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe on the holding of an International Seminar on Landscape Observatories in Europe, organised by the University of Turin on 22-23 September 2014 and on a Charter for the "Promotion and dissemination of the landscape observatories in Europe" adopted on this occasion;
- took note that the Council of Europe Information System on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention ELC L6 will contribute to identifying these observatories;

 decided to consider at its next Conference the possibility to organise a Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, in order to promote the exchange on information on practices developed by the landscape observatories.

C) Landscape and democracy: participation and consultation

11. Establishment of procedures for the participation of the general public, and other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 11- Lifescape PowerPoint]

The Conference:

- took note of the *"Handbook on participative landscape planning"* prepared in the framework of the LIFEscape Project and translated into French by the Council of Europe;
- welcomed the fact that the authors of the Handbook Mr Per BLOMBERG (Municipality of Lund) and Mrs Katarzyna FIDLER (biuro projektów Fidler), on behalf of all LIFEscape partners – have granted permission to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe to use it, and that it is thus made available for the Parties to the European Landscape Convention, as it appears in the above mentioned document [Appendix 9.6. to this Report].
- **12. Public consultation for the definition of landscape quality objectives** [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 12]

The Conference:

- took note that the participants are invited to exchange experiences regarding the formulation of landscape quality objectives and indicators.
- **13. Presentation of the Report** *"Landscape and democracy: prospects"* [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 13 Presentation]

The Conference:

- examined the Report "Landscape and democracy: prospects" prepared in the framework of the Council of Europe Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention by Mr Yves LUGINBÜHL, Expert of the Council of Europe, and in particular its conclusions [Appendix 9.2. to this Report];
- thanked the Expert for his contribution and decided to examine the follow up to be given to this theme in the framework of its Work Programme (Cf. item 31 of the agenda).

D) Landscape culture: education, training, awareness-raising

14. Education

14. A. Primary education

[Primary Education - Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 14-A - Presentation]

The Conference:

- welcomed the adoption of Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on promoting landscape awareness through education, by the Committee of Ministers on 17 September 2014, and invited the Parties to the Convention to disseminate it among different Ministries and notably the Ministries of Education;
- took note of the work of the Working Group of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention on "Landscape and education" for the preparation of a Draft Recommendation on landscape education pedagogical material for primary school chaired by Mrs Mireille DECONINCK (Officer, Public Service of Wallonia, Belgium) – [Report of the Meeting: CEP-CDCPP (2014) COE/WG-EP 1 -<u>http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/ReunionGroupe/CEP-CDCPP-</u> 2014-WGEP1-REPORT.pdf.]

Noted that this Working Group of the Council of Europe was composed of national representatives for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention who took part in the 3rd Meeting of the CDCPP, Strasbourg, 19-21 March 2014 (CDCPP (2014) 18), and of a Representative of the Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice (CDPPE) of the Council of Europe: Mr Stefan DELPLACE, Honorary Secretary General of the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education (EURASHE). The working document was prepared by Experts of the Council of Europe: Mrs Maria del TURA BOVET PLA, Professor, Faculty of Geography and History, University of Barcelona, Spain, Mr Jordi RIBAS VILÀS, Researcher, Faculty of Geography and History, University of Barcelona, Mrs Rosalina PENA VILA, University of Barcelona, with the cooperation of Mrs Annalisa CALCAGNO MANIGLIO, Professor of Landscape Architecture, Genoa, Italy. Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention and CDCPP acted as Secretariat of the Council of Europe;

- adopted the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school, as it appears in the <u>Appendix</u> 7.1. to this Report, and decided to transmit it to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting it for adoption to the Committee of Ministers;
- decided to continue the work on preparing pedagogical material for secondary school.

14. B. Higher education

[Higher Education - Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 14-B - Presentation]

The Conference:

 considered the draft Recommendation on promoting landscape in higher education, prepared by the Secretariat of the Council of Europe on the basis of a proposal of Mr Juan Manuel PALERM SALAZAR, Professor of architecture, President of Uniscape and Director of the Landscape Observatory of the Canary Islands; - thanked the Organisation for its contribution and decided that the theme of higher education would be considered in conjunction with that of training in the Work Programme (Cf. item 31 of the agenda).

15. Training

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 15 - Presentation]

The Conference:

- examined the Report "Taking account of the landscape dimension in the training of civil engineers" prepared in the framework of the Council of Europe Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention by Ms Szofia PECSI, Expert of the Council of Europe and in particular its conclusions [Appendix 9.3. to this Report]; and
- thanked Ms Szofia PECSI for her contribution and decided that the theme of the training would be considered in conjunction with that of higher education in the Work Programme (Cf. item 31 of the agenda).

16. Awareness-raising

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 16]

The Conference:

- decided to include this topic in the context of its activities.

17. Contributions of non-governmental organisations to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

[Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 17- Presentation]

The Conference:

 took note with great interest of the interventions of the non-governmental organisations present at the Conference [The written texts submitted to the Secretariat have been included in the document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 17 – <u>Appendix</u> 8 to this Report].

Session V – Landscape dimension of policies with direct or indirect impact on the landscape

A) Landscape and economy

18. Results of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention *"Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape"*, Urgup, Turkey, 30 September-2 October 2014

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 18-A] [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 18-B]

The Conference:

- particularly thanked Mr Alaaddin KILINC, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the Council of Europe who presented a statement on the results of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention "Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape", Urgup, Turkey, 30 September-2 October 2014 [Appendix 6.3. to this Report and document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 3];
- warmly thanked the Landscape Conservation Division of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey, for its co-operation with the Council of Europe in the organisation of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape"*, in Urgup (Turkey) from 30 September to 2 October 2014;
- took note of the interventions and presentations made at the Meeting, as they appear on the website of the European Landscape Convention (the proceedings are being published in the Council of Europe's *"Spatial Planning and Landscape"* Series): http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/ReunionAteliers/turkey_en.asp

19. Presentation of the Report on "Landscape and economy" [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 19 - Presentation]

The Conference:

- examined the Report on "Landscape and economy" prepared in the framework of the Council of Europe Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention by Mr Joaquín ROMANO, Expert of the Council of Europe and in particular its conclusions [Appendix 9.4. to this Report]; and
- thanked the Expert for his Report and decided to publish it in a Council of Europe publication of Reports drawn up by experts consultants of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention.

B) Interrelations between landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy

20. Considering interrelations between landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 20 - Presentation]

The Conference:

- considered the proposal on a joint statement on "Interrelationships between the human landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy".

Some participants expressed the wish that the Working Group to be established continue the work on this issue.

C) Landscape and advertising

21. Presentation of the Report "Landscape and advertising" [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 21- Presentation]

The Conference:

- examined the Report on "Landscape and advertising" prepared in the framework of the Council of Europe Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention by Mr Jean-Philippe STREBLER, Expert of the Council of Europe, and in particular its conclusions [Appendix 9.5. to this Report]; and
- thanked the Expert for his Report and decided to publish it in a Council of Europe publication of Reports drawn up by experts consultants of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention.

Session VI – The Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

22. Presentation of the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 22]

The Conference:

- welcomed the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, presented on the website of the European Landscape Convention, under the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, which gathers the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention and shows that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy while improving the landscape features of people's surroundings. http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/Alliance/default_en.asp
- 23. Results of the 14th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum Sessions 2012-2013", Wroclaw, Poland, 10-12 June 2014 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 23-A] [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 23-A]

The Conference:

- warmly thanked the General Directorate for Environmental Protection of Poland, for its cooperation with the Council of Europe in the organisation of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape"*, in Wrocław (Poland) on 10-12 June 2014;
- took note of the interventions and presentations made at the Meeting, as they appear on the website of the European Landscape Convention (the proceedings are being published in the Council of Europe's *"Spatial Planning and Landscape"* Series):

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/ReunionAteliers/wroclaw2014_e n.asp

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congratulated the prizewinner and the authors of the Projects of the 3rd Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (decision of the Committee of Ministers of 12 December 2013):

- Preserving ecological value in the landscape of the Szprotawa river valley, Lower Silesian Association of Landscape Parks, Poland - *Landscape Award*,

- The rebirth of the Alto Belice Corleonese region through the recovery of lands confiscated from the mafia organisations, LIBERA, Associations, names and numbers against mafias, Italy *Special Mention for "Strengthening democracy"*,

- U-parks. U-turn we love, Utena district Municipality, Lithuania - Special Mention for "Giving attention to the urban landscape as a common good"

- The Gate of Gornje Podunavlje, NGO Podunav, Backi Monostor, Serbia - Special Mention for "Contributing to Europeans ideals",

- Hoge Kempen National Park, Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland vzw, Belgium,

- Environmental education in the town of Strakonice year by year or "Pilgrimage through the Contemplative Landscape", Municipality of Strakonice, Czech Republic,

- The Landscape Projects of Hyyppä Valley, City of Kauhajoki, Hyyppä village Association, Finnish Forestry Centre/Public Services, Unit of South and Central Ostrobothnia, Finland,

- Grand Pré Park, City of Langueux, France,

- Complex landscape rehabilitation and development programme in the Gerecse Mountains and the Által Creek Valley, Association for the Restoration and Development of the Által Creek Valley (Tata), Hungary,

- Bere Island Conservation Plan, The Heritage Council and the Bere Island Project Group, Ireland,

- Dzintari Forest Park, Jurmala City Council, Latvia,

- Planning policy for conservation and sustainable development of 20 national landscapes in the Netherlands, Stichting Nationale Landschappen (NGO), Netherlands,

- Furnas Landscape Laboratory (Furnas LandLab), Azores Regional Directorate of the Environment, Portugal,

- Agricultural Development and Environmental Protection in Transylvania, ADEPT Foundation, NGO, Romania,

- Salvage, Revival and Operation of the Forest Railway in the Landscape of Cierny Balog, Ciernohronska zeleznica NGO, Slovak Republic,

- Landscape and water-management restoration of Škocjanski Zatok nature reserve, DOPPS, BirdLife Slovenia, Slovenia,

- The sustainable revitalisation of the protected landscape of Geria, Consortium for the defence and promotion of the landscape of Geria, Spain,

- South Pennines Watershed Landscape Project, Pennine Prospects, United Kingdom.

 took note of the new version of the publication on the Landscape Award http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/Publications/landscapeaward102_en.pdf

24. Presentation of the 4th Session 2014-2015 of the Council of Europe Landscape Award [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 24]

The Conference:

 welcomed the progress of the organisation of the 4th Session 2014-2015 of the Council of Europe Landscape Award: - the Parties to the Convention were invited to present by 30 January 2015 the applications to the General Secretariat of the Council of Europe, according to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and in the framework of the organisation of the 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe;

- the Secretariat of the Council of Europe received the following twelve applications:

1. BELGIUM / BELGIQUE Project/Projet : « Mise en valeur du site naturel de l'Hof ter Musschen », CEBE – Commission de l'Environnement de Bruxelles et Environs ASBL 2. CROATIA / CROATIE Project/Projet : "Ecomuseum Blaca Hermitage",
CEBE – Commission de l'Environnement de Bruxelles et Environs ASBL 2. CROATIA / CROATIE
2. CROATIA / CROATIE
Cultural Center of Brač
3. CYPRUS / CHYPRE
Project/Projet : "Development of the historical Centre of Agios Athanasios Municipality",
Agios Athanasios Municipality
4. CZECH REPUBLIC / REPUBLIQUE TCHEQUE
Project/Projet : "Service Tree – Tree of the Slovácko Region",
Municipality of Tvarožná Lhota and INEX voluntary service Bílé Karpaty – NGO
5. FINLAND / FINLANDE
Project/Projet : "The Bull by the Horns: Grazing in nature and landscape management",
Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Central Finland
6. HUNGARY / HONGRIE
Project/Projet : "Borderless cooperation of local communities for the landscape heritage of 'Fabulous'
Hetés",
Local Governments of Bödeháza, Gáborjánháza, Szijártóháza, Zalaszombatfa, Greenways Methodological
Association and Iron Curtain Trail Association
7. ITALY / Italie
Project/Projet : "Parco Agricoli dei Paduli" in Puglia, Le Lecce,
Laboratorio Urbano Aperto
8. LATVIA / LETTONIE
Project/Projet : "Kuldiga Town in Venta Valley – Preserving Unique Landscape for the Next Generations",
Kuldiga Municipality 9. THE NETHERLANDS / PAYS-BAS
Project/Projet : "National Project Nieuwe Hollandse, Waterlinie / New Dutch Waterline",
The Board of National Project Nieuwe Hollandse, Waterlinie
10. SLOVAK REPUBLIC / REPUBLIQUE SLOVAQUE
Project/Projet : "The protection of the unique historical landscape types",
Village of Liptovská Teplička
11. SPAIN / ESPAGNE
Project/Projet : "The Sénia Territory Millennium Olive Tree Landscape",
Mancomunidad de la Taula del Sénia
12. TURKEY / TURQUIE
Project/Projet : "Biodiversity and Natural Resources Management Project in Camili Basin",
The Camili Environmental Protection and Development Association

- the elements of the application files appear on the European Landscape Convention Website: http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/landscape/prix/session2015_EN.asp?;

- an International Jury being set up as a subordinate body of the committees of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention will meet (Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, 16-17 April 2015) in order to examine the applications and propose the prizewinner and possible special mentions;

- the proposals of the Jury will be presented at the 4th Plenary Session of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) (Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, 1-3 June 2015), and then to the Committee of Ministers.

Session VII – Transfrontier landscapes

25. Preparation of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape convention on "Landscape and transfrontier co-operation", Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015, and text on transfrontier co-operation

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 25]

The Conference:

- particularly thanked Mr Joan FORNER ROVIRA, *Chargé d'Affaires a.i.*, Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Andorra to the Council of Europe for its statement [<u>Appendix</u> 6.4. to this Report and document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 3];
- took note of the holding of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Landscape and transfrontier co-operation"*, organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Andorra, on 30 September-2 October 2015 in Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra.

The Conference:

 adopted the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention, on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on "Transfrontier landscapes", as it appears in the <u>Appendix</u> 7.2. to this Report, and decided to transmit it to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting it for adoption to the Committee of Ministers.

26. Draft text on co-operation with non-European States [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 26]

The Conference:

- took note of the following elements:

- considering the possibility to allow non-European non-Member States to accede to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176) and the interest expressed by the representatives of some States (notably Mediterranean States, having already participated in the work of the European Landscape Convention), the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) asked the Secretariat to prepare a draft protocol of amendment on the accession to the Convention by non-European States, to be presented to the CDCPP for examination and possible submission to the Committee of Ministers [Report of the meeting held on 16-17 October 2013, CDCPP-Bu(2013) 17];

- at its 3rd Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 19-21 March 2014) the CDCPP considered the advisability of drafting a protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and, following a vote, decided to re-discuss this item at its next plenary meeting, on the basis of additional information to be provided by the Secretariat [Report of the Meeting, CDCPP(2014)20, par. 6.5];

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/CDCPP/Plenary/CDCPP201420_FR-Report_en.pdf;

- at the 1200th meeting of the Committee of Ministers, on 28 May 2014, the Deputies took note of the abridged Report of the 3rd meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) (Strasbourg, 19-21 March 2014), as it appears in document CM(2014)58. This Report states: "18. The CDCPP considered the advisability of drafting a protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and following a vote decided to re-discuss this item at its next plenary meeting, on the basis of additional information to be provided by the Secretariat".

The Conference:

– approved the draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and draft amendments to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 as they appear in <u>Appendix</u> 7.3. to this Report, and decided to transmit them to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting them for adoption to the Committee of Ministers.

Session VIII – Council of Europe Observatory for the implementation of the Convention

27. Exchanges of information on matters covered by the Convention: Council of Europe information System on the European Landscape Convention – ELC L6 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 27]

The Conference:

– took note of the following information:

- at its 1187th meeting, 11-12 December 2013 (CM/Del/Dec(2013)1187), the Committee of Ministers adopted Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary.

- the Information System promotes the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and helps 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.

- took note of the latest developments of the Council of Europe's Information Systems on the European Landscape Convention:

- technical user manuals have been prepared and complementary work has been carried out in 2014, notably to allow the use of the Information System in the two official languages of the Council of Europe;

- the Parties to the Convention have started to be invited by the Secretariat to use the Information System;

- the Parties to the Convention will be invited to complete the questionnaire by 10 May 2015;

- the Information System will be presented at the 4th Meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 1-3 June 2015) in the presence of the delegates of the Permanent Representations of the Member States of the Council of Europe ;

- a second phase of work in order to allow the extraction of data and the presentation of syntheses, was launched by the Secretariat;

- invited member States to actively implement Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States 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).
- 28. Mutual technical and scientific assistance through the pooling and exchange of experiences, and the results of research projects: Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and discussion Forums

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 28]

The Conference:

took note that, in accordance with the decisions of the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP) and the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), mutual assistance and exchange of information regarding the implementation of the Convention is done through:

- the Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention;

- the Council of Europe Meetings of the workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;

- the Meetings of the Working Groups;

- the Council of Europe Website and notably its Observatory on the European Landscape Convention, which contains the Information System on the European Landscape Convention and its Glossary; discussion forums should be set up to complement these elements.

On the discussion forums, the Conference:

 took note that work is currently being carried out by the Secretariat with a view to establishing a platform on exchange of information taking into consideration the new technologies.

Session IX – Landscape dimension of the policies and international programmes

29. Update of the Report "Selected EU funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention" [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 29]

The Conference

- took note of the revised Report "Selected EU Funding Opportunities to Support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention" (previously prepared in 2009), will be available late 2015;
- asked to receive a draft version of the document as soon as possible in order to be able to apply for funding in time.
- 30. Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment

[Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 30]

The Conference:

took note of the adoption of Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment.

Session X – Work of implementation 2015-2017

31. Action plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2015-2017 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 31]

The Conference:

- examined the Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2015-2017 – referring to the Articles of the Convention, and decided to invite the Parties to send their proposals and priorities to the Secretariat [Appendix 10 to this Report].
- requested the Chair to prepare a Proposal for a Work Programme on the European Landscape Convention for 2016-2017 in line with the wishes expressed at the Conference, to be presented to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP).
- welcomed the proposal of France to support a Working Group to promote the activities for the implementation of the Convention and entrusted the Chair to prepare with the representative of France the terms of reference of this Group; the Parties will then be invited by the Secretariat to propose members according to these terms of reference.

32. Elections of the next Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference

The Parties to the Convention unanimously re-elected:

- Mrs Liv Kristine MORTENSEN (Norway) as Chair of the Conference of the European Landscape Convention;
- Mrs Sanja LJESKOVIC MITROVIC (Montenegro) as Vice-chair of the Conference of the European Landscape Convention.

Mrs Liv Kristine MORTENSEN and Mrs Sanja LJESKOVIC MITROVIC thanked the States parties to the Convention for the confidence placed in them and expressed their willingness to promote the implementation of the Convention.

33. Other topics

No other items for discussion.

Close of the Conference

34. Conclusions

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention thanked the participants and closed the Conference.

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LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - List of participants

Appendix 2 - Agenda

Appendix 3 - Opening speeches

- 3.1 Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention
- 3.2. Mr Dirk VAN EECKHOUT, Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium to the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
- 3.3. Mrs Snezana SAMARZIC-MARKOVIC, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe
- 3.4. *Mr* Bruno FAVEL, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe, represented by Mrs Maria José FESTAS, former Member of the Bureau of the CDCPP and former Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention
- 3.5. Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

Appendix 4 - General activity report on the European Landscape Convention and status of signatures and ratifications

Appendix 5 - Presentation of the actions carried out by the Parties and non Parties to the European Landscape Convention at national, regional and local levels for its implementation

Appendix 6 - Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

- 6.1. Conclusions of the 13th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Territories of the future, landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy"*, Cetinje, Montenegro, 1-3 October 2013;
- 6.2. Conclusions of the 14th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum Sessions 2012-2013", Wroclaw, Poland, 10-12 June 2014
- 6.3. Conclusions of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape"*, Urgup, Turkey, 1-2 October 2014
- 6.4. Preparation of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape convention on "*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*", Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015

6.5. Preparation of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "National landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention", Yerevan, Armenia, October 2016

Appendix 7 - Texts adopted by the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

7.1. Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 18-20 March 2015) decided to transmit the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting it for adoption to the Committee of Ministers

7.2. Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention, on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on "Transfrontier landscapes"

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 18-20 March 2015) decided to transmit the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention, on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on "Transfrontier landscapes" to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting it for adoption to the Committee of Ministers

7.3. Draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and draft amendments to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 18-20 March 2015) approved the draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and draft amendments to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3, and decided to transmit them to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting them for adoption to the Committee of Ministers

Appendix 8 - Presentation of the actions carried out by international governmental and nongovernmental institutions and organisations dedicated to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

Appendix 9 - Reports presented to the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

- 9.1. Conclusions of the Report "Landscape Lexicon: richness and diversity of words, texts and approaches to landscape in Europe"
- 9.2. Conclusions of the Report on "Landscape and democracy: prospects"
- 9.3. Conclusions of the Report "Taking account of the landscape dimension in the training of civil engineers"

- 9.4. Conclusions of the Report on "Landscape and economy"
- 9.5. Conclusions of the Report on "Landscape and advertising"
- *9.6.* Report on the *"Handbook on participative landscape planning"* prepared in the framework of the LIFEscape Project (translated into French by the Council of Europe)

Appendix 10 – Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2015-2017

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APPENDIX 2

DRAFT AGENDA

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The European Landscape Convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 in Strasbourg and opened for signature of the Member States of the Organisation in Florence (Italy) on 20 October 2000, with the aims to promote European landscape protection, management and planning, and to organise European co-operation. It is the first international treaty to be exclusively devoted to all aspects of European landscape. The Convention applies to the entire territory of the Parties and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas. It concerns landscapes that might be considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes.

To date, 38 Council of Europe Member States have ratified the Convention: Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Two States have signed the Convention: Iceland and Malta.

The Convention provides an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives, namely to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing European society today. By developing a new territorial culture, the Council of Europe seeks to promote populations' quality of life.

The aim of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention is to present to the member States of the Council of Europe the progress made in the implementation of the Convention, and practical questions related to its implementation.

The Conference is the means by which the Council of Europe ensures, in accordance with Article 10 of the Convention, its implementation. The Committee of experts mentioned in Article 10 is, according to the Committee of Ministers' decision, the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP). The conclusions of the Conference will be brought to the attention of the CDCPP which will then Report to the Committee of Ministers.

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WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2015

- 9.00-17.30 Study visit of the North Vosges Park, organised with the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy of France
- 8.30 9.00 Meeting in front of the main building of the Council of Europe (Palais de l'Europe Avenue de l'Europe, near the flags)
- 9.00 Departure

Programme of the Study visit [Document <u>CEP-CDCPP (2015) 32</u>] [Presentation: Alain Roussel and Ingrid Collet][Presentation: Thibault Valois and <u>Anne-Marie Herbourg]</u>[Presentation: Rita Jacob and Pascal Desmoulin]

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THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015

Session I – Opening of the Conference

9.00-9.30 Welcome of the participants

9.30-10.45

Opening

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

Opening speeches

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10.45-11.00

1. Adoption of the draft agenda [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 1] [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 1Bis – Draft annotated agenda]

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11.00-11.30 Break

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11.30-13.00

Session II – General presentation of the actions carried out for the implementation of the **European Landscape Convention**

2. General activity Report on the European Landscape Convention and status of signatures and ratifications

[Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 2-A - PowerPoint presentation]

Information on the 'Landscape and Democracy Award' to the Council of Europe granted by the International Federation of Landscape Architects - IFLA Europe [Document pour information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 2-B]

3. Presentation of the actions carried out by the Parties to the European Landscape Convention at national, regional and local levels for its implementation, and communications by representatives of States non Parties to the Convention

[Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 3]

PowerPoint presentations: Armenia - Azerbaijan - Finland - Ireland - Lithuania - Republic of Moldova - Montenegro - Norway - Poland - Serbia - Spain - Sweden]

Addresses from representatives of States Parties to the Convention

Addresses from representatives of States non Parties to the Convention

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Delegations are invited to submit to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe their proposals for the next Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Conference before 16.00.

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13.00-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.00

Session III – Legal recognition of the landscape

- 4. Texts of ratification of the European Landscape Convention [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 4]
- 5. Landscape in languages and laws in the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 5]

6. Presentation of the Report "Landscape Lexicon: richness and diversity of words, texts and approaches to landscape in Europe" [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 6 - Presentation]

Session IV – Landscape policies: definition and implementation

A) Definition and implementation of landscape policies for its protection, management and planning

- 7. Expression of general principles, strategies and guidelines: preparation of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "National landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention", Yerevan, Armenia, October 2016 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 7]
- 8. Implementation of landscape policies: introduction of instruments aimed at protecting, managing and/or planning the landscape [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 8]
- **B**) Landscape knowledge: identification and assessment
- 9. Results of the 13th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention *"Territories of the future, landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy"*, Montenegro, 2-3 October 2013 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 9]
- **10.** Role of the landscape observatories, centres and institutes [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 10 - Presentation]
- 16.00-16.30 Break

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Announcement of the the candidatures for the next Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the Conference, received by the Secretariat.

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16.30-18.00

- C) Landscape and democracy: participation and consultation
- **11.** Establishment of procedures for the participation of the general public and the other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 11- Lifescape PowerPoint]

- **12. Public consultation for the definition of landscape quality objectives** [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 12]
- **13. Presentation of the Report** *"Landscape and democracy: prospects"* [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 13 Presentation]
- D) Landscape culture: education, training, awareness-raising

14. Education

[Primary Education - Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 14-A - Presentation] [Higher Education - Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 14-B - Presentation]

- **15. Training** [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 15]
- **16. Awareness-raising** [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 16 - Presentation]

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17. Contributions of non-governmental organisations to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

[Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 17 - Presentation]

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Art exhibition on photographies on the landscape [Document: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 33]

Photo exhibition "Places from our history", from MAESTRALI, Stage designer, painter, photographer

"Works of Art have an Aura from a time when relationships with places were sacred. The days of bottomless depths, grottos and lustral water are past, although their memory haunts us. We are now in an era of interconnection, flux and communication, as reflected in the contemporary Landscape.

How can possible Communion be restored? How can we foster the emergence of Beauty of Use? This photographic record of the Everyday tries to provide an answer through time spent spotting signs, and by including and stratifying images deposited in the sediments.

18.00-19.30 Official reception in the Foyer of the Committee of Ministers of the Palais de l'Europe offered by the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Minister

FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2015

9.00-10.30

Session V – Landscape dimension of policies with direct or indirect impact on the landscape

- A) Landscape and economy
- 18. Results of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention "Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape", Urgup, Turkey, 30 September-2 October 2014 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 18-A]

[Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 18-B]

- **19. Presentation of the Report on "Landscape and economy"** [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 19 - Presentation]
- B) Interrelations between landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy
- 20. Considering interrelations between landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 20 - Presentation]

- C) Landscape and advertising
- **21. Presentation of the Report** *"Landscape and advertising"* [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 21- Presentation]

10.30-11.00 Break

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11.00-12.30

Session VI – The Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

- 22. Presentation of the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 22]
- 23. Results of the 14th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum Sessions 2012-2013", Wroclaw, Poland, 10-12 June 2014 [Document for action:] [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 23-A]
- 24. Presentation of the 4th Session 2014-2015 of the Council of Europe Landscape Award [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 24]

Session VII – Transfrontier landscapes

- 25. Preparation of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape convention on "Landscape and transfrontier co-operation", Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015 and text on transfrontier co-operation [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 25]
- **26. Draft text on co-operation with non-European States** [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 26]

Session VIII – Council of Europe Observatory for the implementation of the Convention

- 27. Exchanges of information on matters covered by the Convention: Council of Europe information System on the European Landscape Convention ELC L6 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 27]
- 28. Mutual technical and scientific assistance through the pooling and exchange of experiences, and the results of research projects: Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and discussion Forums

[Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 28]

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14.00-17.30

Session IX – Landscape dimension of the policies and international programmes

- **29.** Update of the Report "Selected EU funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention" [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 29]
- 30. Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 amending Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment [Document for information: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 30]

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- **31.** Action plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2015-2017 [Document for action: CEP-CDCPP (2015) 31]
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by Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention Mr Bruno FAVEL, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe

OPENING SPEECHES

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- 3.3. Mrs Snezana SAMARZIC-MARKOVIC, Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe
- 3.4. Mr Bruno FAVEL, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe, represented by Mrs Maria José FESTAS, former Member of the Bureau of the CDCPP and former Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention
- 3.5. Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

3.1. OPENING SPEECH

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN

Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear colleagues and friends

Welcome to the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention here in Strasbourg.

The European Landscape Convention is very innovative as it concerns landscape as living environment of individuals and societies, considering the four pillars of sustainable development; environment, social, culture and economy.

At the Conference in March 2013 we became aware that the work of the Landscape Convention was threatened by the reorganisation and austerity measures that were necessary within the Council of Europe's work. The Parties decided to endorse the Joint Statement on "The Council of Europe activities within Landscape and Spatial planning." and underlined the importance of Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention as a forum for dialogue and co-operation based on the Working programme of the Convention.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe took note of this and included in the terms of reference of the Steering committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape; the biennial Conferences, and that the Council of Europe Workshops on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention should be organised once a year.

The Committee of Ministers also decided that the Information System of the European Landscape Convention - ELC L6 should continue to be set up and developed in order to allow for an active follow-up of the Convention and of the Members States landscape's policies, to encourage the exchange of information between the parties and to promote the value of landscape for Europeans. We will receive a report on this in the Conference.

I would like to warmly thank the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe Directorate of Democratic Governance for their support and that they have been willing to allocate the necessary resources for the work related to the European Landscape Convention the past two years, so we have been able to maintain a high level of activity. It is not to be taken for granted that we shall be given such good service when the Secretariat every day must prioritize hard what to use resources on.

We must therefore all continue to emphasize the importance of the European Landscape Convention and the Secretariat's work.

This 8th Conference has an agenda filled with very important issues. I would like to compliment the Council of Europe on all its work and the publications it has produced.

And I want to thank the highly skilled experts who have contributed to these high quality papers to be considered by the Parties.

I would also like to thank the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable development and Energy of France for the wonderful and very interesting Study visit of the Northern Vosges Regional Park which we were attending yesterday.

When it comes to all the issues we shall consider there have been done so much excellent work the past two years. We have with this 8th Conference the opportunity to move our work a major step in the right direction. I especially want to direct your attention to the documents under Session IV c) Landscape and democracy: participation and consultation. These are very important contributions to the further implementation of the European Landscape Convention as Democracy is a keyword in ELC work since several years.

I would also request that the Parties carefully examine the draft document 20 "Considering interrelations between landscape, spatial planning, human rights and democracy".

It gives the Conference an opportunity to say something about the important role the European Landscape Convention has within the Council of Europe's core areas and how it reflects the three main pillars of the Council of Europe: human rights, rule of law and democracy.

The draft document serves as the initial step in the process. It is open for amendments and improvements. I would therefore ask the Parties to consider the text as it is prepared by some of our experienced experts, and prepare what you might have of proposals for amendments and improvements as soon as possible. So that as much as possible of it can be given in writing to the Secretariat or me before we start up tomorrow morning. We have as you can see from the agenda many important issues and very little time to each of them.

I would conclude by warmly thanking the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers for giving this occasion and supporting the work developed for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention. And I want to thank the Directorate of Democratic Governance of the Council of Europe sincerely for organising this conference here in Strasbourg, particularly the Director General of Democracy Mrs Snezana SAMARZIC-MARKOVIC, and the Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, Mrs Maguelonne DÉJEANT-PONS, as well as all their colleagues and assistants, and I wish all the participants rewarding discussions and positive results.

3.2. OPENING SPEECH

Mr Dirk VAN EECKHOUT

Chairman of the Ministers' Deputies Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium to the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Madam Chair,

Madam Director General,

Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, I am particularly pleased to speak at the opening of this 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention.

Belgium signed the Convention in 2000 and ratified it in 2004 after securing the support of the different bodies and persons responsible for landscape policies. We are now particularly pleased that the work being carried out in Belgium to implement the Convention – in the Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels-Capital Regions – is generating interest and enthusiasm, and that it is resulting in the operational implementation of its provisions on our territories, with the support of the inhabitants. Belgium regularly attends the Landscape Workshops and Conference as well as other working and reflection groups

The Parties to the Convention have expressed the desire to achieve sustainable development based on the harmonious balance between the many complex issues facing our societies.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has given its full support to the Convention and its implementation: it adopted the Convention in Strasbourg in July 2000, before it was open for signature by Council of Europe member states in Florence, and subsequently adopted four other fundamental texts designed to ensure its implementation:

- the Recommendation on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention,
- the Resolution on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe,
- the Recommendation on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary, and
- the Recommendation on promoting landscape awareness through education.

We welcome the progress made in framing and implementing landscape policies as proposed by the Convention through the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and thank the pilot States and Regions – Wallonia and Catalonia – for having drawn up the questionnaire.

High-quality projects presented in the context of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance are also worthy of mention.

The pan-European area covered by the Council of Europe offers a unique framework for co-operation and our governments have a duty to overcome tensions and crises and to find appropriate responses together to the main challenges arising, in the interests of the population. Climate change, ageing populations, social polarisation, and economic difficulties in particular, call for appropriate responses in terms of policies. Landscape policies based on awareness of the values of the territories, resulting both from nature and from human intervention, provide some of these responses.

Much can be learned from a landscape approach based on recognition of the quality and diversity of landscapes. What is important is to consider the essential human aspect of policies which shape the space where we live. The landscape should be considered as an open book, an encyclopaedia, which helps us to become familiar with and to understand the history of the Earth and of mankind.

Finally, this entails promoting harmonious co-existence in landscapes that are not imposed on us but are those we want to have; we need to shape the future with intelligence and vision.

We shall meet again in Namur from 22 to 24 April 2015 on the occasion of the 6th Conference of Ministers responsible for Heritage. This Conference, organised as part of the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, is an indication of Belgium's interest in the Council of Europe's activities in general and in the activities of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape in particular.

3.3. OPENING SPEECH

Mrs Snezana SAMARZIC-MARKOVIC,

Director General of Democracy of the Council of Europe

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur,

Monsieur le Président du Comité directeur de la culture, du patrimoine et du paysage (CDCPP),

Madame la Présidente de la Conférence du Conseil de l'Europe sur la Convention européenne du paysage,

Madame la Présidente de la Commission démocratie, cohésion sociale et enjeux mondiaux de la Conférence des OING du Conseil de l'Europe,

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Je vous souhaite la bienvenue dans ce Palais de l'Europe à l'occasion de cette 8^e Conférence du Conseil de l'Europe sur la Convention européenne du paysage.

I should like to extend particular thanks to the Ambassador for including the conference in the events of the Belgian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers. His presence provides major support for the Council of Europe's efforts to take account of the environment Europeans live in, which also has symbolic value. We welcome the constant attention which the Committee of Ministers pays to the activities of the European Landscape Convention.

I would also congratulate him on the outstanding work done in Belgium – in the Walloon Region, Flanders Region and Brussels-Capital Region – to implement the European Landscape Convention.

The landscape policies developed over the years are now bearing fruit and are changing the ways people think and act.

Why does our organisation care about the landscape?

- Because the Council of Europe is *the* organisation for human rights, democracy and the rule of law;
- Because the Council of Europe is an organisation of shared values that advocates a social model involving "living together", which is seen not in abstract terms but in relation to the areas where people actually live;
- Because the Council of Europe has the ambition to look ahead and design policies capable of meeting the needs of present and future generations. The integrated preservation and promotion of the natural and cultural heritage and the landscape are key factors to ensure the sustainable development of our civilisations.

Fostering democratic values is an imperative for the Council of Europe, and culture in all its forms – from creativity to landscapes and from heritage to habitats – is a key to encourage ownership, participation and commitment by citizens to the fundamental values of the CoE. The activities in the areas of Landscape are a very valid example of how to do this.

The approach of the European Landscape Convention

The European Landscape Convention seeks not only to maintain the quality of areas of outstanding beauty but also to boost the quality of everyday areas and restore degraded areas. This approach seems vital, as it makes it possible to identify and tackle problems of territorial segregation, which cause malaise and conflicts. Qualitative landscape management fosters the attractiveness of individual areas under all aspects: health, social relations, culture and also to a potentially more solid economic environment. This approach is in my opinion fully consistent with the priorities that UN is setting in its ambitious agenda "The road to dignity by 2030: ending poverty, transforming all lives and protecting the planet", which includes amongst its goals to "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable" and to "Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reserve land degradation and halt biodiversity loss".

Landscape and democracy

The Parties to the European Landscape Convention are called upon "to establish procedures for the participation of the general public, local and regional authorities, and other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of landscape policies". The Convention demands a responsible and forward-looking attitude on the part of all stakeholders whose decisions affect landscape quality, so it has consequences in many fields of policy and action, public and private alike. In this connection, I wish for instance to warmly congratulate the national associations of landscape architects for the truly public service work they do.

The Council of Europe has created a unique and innovative *body of law* at international level by putting forward the principles of a new approach to territories which seeks to build on and reveal the natural and cultural riches of individual regions. This collective approach requires appropriate co-operation between all the administrations involved. At national and regional level, this demands horizontal co-operation between administrative departments, vertical co-operation between levels of authority, active public involvement and thorough knowledge of territories and their resources on the part of professionals. Making this a reality means implementing not only a convention but the whole set of values and principles of democracy that our Organisation seeks to promote and defend.

Conclusions

Governments wishing to implement the principles of good governance need to incorporate the landscape dimension in their national and international policies. Beyond the paramount requirements of fundamental freedoms and the appropriate functioning of democratic institutions, such an approach helps promoting stability and inclusiveness in our societies, by striving to find more effective responses to the needs of the qualitative management of people's living environments. We see clearly how the lack of prospects in some areas can be a conducive factor to the emergence of extremism and radicalisation. In this respect, we hope in the forthcoming years to further pursue field action, pilot projects and technical assistance to member States to support the implementation of the convention, assess and address emerging needs.

The projects which will be presented to you foster policies of good neighbourliness, and at the same time help sharing the values promoted by the Council of Europe.

Before concluding, let me extend my grateful thanks to Ms Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, President of the Conference, for the great support she provides for the activities, to Mr Bruno FAVEL, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape, for the very close attention he pays to the three areas covered by the committee, to Ms Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair of the Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges Committee of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, and to all the non-governmental organisations which play an active part in promoting the

Convention. And I also thank the government representatives here today for the great work done at both national and regional level to help implementing the Convention.

I greatly appreciate the efforts of you all and I am looking forward to hearing about your reflections and deliberations.

3.4. OPENING SPEECH

Mr Bruno FAVEL

Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe, represented by

Mrs Maria José FESTAS Former Member of the Bureau of the CDCPP and former Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

Mr Ambassador,

Madam President of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention,

Madam Director General,

Madam Chair of the Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges Committee of the INOG Conference of the Council of Europe

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Chair of the Council of Europe's Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape, I have great pleasure in addressing you at the opening of this 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention.

The European Landscape Convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg and opened for signature by its member states in Florence in 2000. We are now in 2015 and the Convention is like a young girl in the flower of her youth.

As representative of the Ministry of Culture on the Steering committees responsible for culture, heritage and landscape, I have followed the work on the Convention for all these years and therefore know just how far we have come and how much progress has been made.

Landscape is a complex subject as it is part of our lives and it is impossible to "capture" life and pin it down. The aim of landscape policies, therefore, is not to stop social progress but to ensure that the changes that take place enhance the natural, social and cultural wealth and values of our physical environment.

The Convention is an eminently innovative text as it proposes a new ethic of responsibility. It considers that the protection, management and planning of the landscape "entails rights and responsibilities for everyone".

The 38 Parties to the Convention undertake to recognise landscapes in law 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". The French expression for "surroundings" (*cadre de vie*) includes the word "life" (*vie*) and indeed, we are talking here about the life of not only human beings but also the life of animal and plant species. We perceive the landscape both through our senses and in our inner selves and it has to be read, listened to, tasted, sensed and felt. It inspires our life-styles and our creations.

The Convention therefore proposes a blueprint for society and invites us to carefully consider the matter and to take action. It invites us to define and prepare legal instruments and policies, not in an abstract manner but in keeping with the needs of the territories and the spirit of the different places.

The Convention is a ground-breaking text which views space as a whole by adopting a quality approach that is environmental, cultural, social and economic. Its preamble refers to other Council of Europe conventions concerning the natural and cultural heritage. It supplements these conventions by expressing concern for our surroundings in their entirety.

We appreciate the considerable work that has been done by the Council of Europe in both setting up the Information System on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention – ELC L6, which will allow it to present national and regional or local landscape policies of States Parties to the Convention, and also in gathering exemplary achievements in implementing the Convention, in the context of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance.

Far from withdrawing into themselves, Council of Europe member states co-operate with others. It therefore seemed appropriate that the European Landscape Convention should be opened to non-European states as is already the case with other Council of Europe Conventions on the natural and cultural heritage – the Bern, Granada, Valetta and Faro Conventions. We have a collective duty to pay close attention to the quality of landscapes in the interests of both present and future generations.

I trust that the outcome of our two days' work will be positive. The results will be presented at the 4th Plenary Session of the CDCPP, which will take place at the Council of Europe from 1 to 3 June 2015, and the CDCPP will forward them to the Committee of Ministers.

3.5. OPENING SPEECH

Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON

President of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

Monsieur le Président du Comité des Ministres,

Madame la Directrice Générale,

Mesdames et Messieurs les Présidents,

Mesdames et Messieurs les Directeurs,

Chers collègues et cher Amis,

Dans le discours qu'elle vient de prononcer au nom de Monsieur Bruno FAVEL, Madame Marie José FESTAS a mis en consonance « paysage » et « cadre de vie ». Elle l'a fait en mettant l'accent sur le mot « vie ».

Aujourd'hui, l'actualité nous rend particulièrement sensibles à ce message.

Après la Belgique, après la France et le Danemark, après les pays d'Afrique et du Moyen Orient frappés au quotidien, la « vie » vient d'être volée au Maghreb où la Tunisie vient d'être, à son tour, frappée par l'utilisation de la terreur.

Nous sommes abasourdis et, pour donner un sens à ces événements absurdes, nous déclinons, jour après jour, des appartenances solidaires : Je suis français, je suis danois, je suis tunisien, je suis journaliste, je suis policier, je suis juif, je suis chrétien, je suis musulman... Et aujourd'hui, quoi ? Je suis touriste ? Une amie tunisienne m'a envoyé ce matin un appel à dire « Je suis le Bardo »...

Tout ceci au nom de qui et pour quoi ?

Ces crimes soudent les populations dans un élan de solidarité. Mais ils les divisent aussi. On le voit notamment sur les réseaux sociaux où se distille la méfiance, chacun opposant à l'autre son histoire, chacun alléguant les blessures du passé ou encore le nombre, hélas croissant, de ses victimes.

Notre société fondée sur les droits de l'Homme, sur la démocratie et l'état de droit sera en danger si nous laissons croire que l'autre y est un danger à cause de sa différence.

Les ténors des campagnes électorales, et nous en avons une en ce moment en France, nous disent parfois, pour garder ou élargir leur espace, que nos valeurs ne sont pas les mêmes, que nous sommes fondamentalement différents, qu'il ne faut pas croire aux démonstrations de fraternité, que nous avons marché côte à côte dans de grands rassemblements unitaires sous la seule emprise de l'émotion. Des analystes et des sceptiques nous disent de garder la tête froide – vous l'avez entendu comme moi – au regard de cet élan de fraternité, que c'était une sorte d'exorcisme de la douleur et de la peur.

Alors, c'est peut-être vrai, s'il n'y a pas de socle de valeurs communes. Si je ne sais plus qui je suis et si je ne sais pas qui est l'autre, si la méfiance prévaut, comment pouvons-nous entrer en relation ?

Alors, je crois aussi que le défi de nos sociétés, aujourd'hui, c'est de se ré-identifier, de se ré-enraciner si l'on veut pouvoir s'allier durablement. Si l'on veut pouvoir échanger dans une altérité féconde, et si l'on veut pouvoir co-créer ensemble.

Et, vous devinez où je veux en venir... Je veux en venir au paysage, à la Convention européenne du paysage, à ce texte fondateur qui peut faire de nous des bâtisseurs d'espoir.

Le paysage, outil de médiation

Le paysage tel que défini par la Convention permet, en effet, et nous le savons tous, de rendre aux habitants leur identité, leur dignité humaine profonde, car l'humain y occupe une place centrale. En raison des valeurs particulières du conseil de l'Europe que vous avez invoquées, Madame la Directrice générale.

Ce paysage-là offre une place où nul n'est stigmatisé. Pas plus le territoire que l'être humain qui l'occupe. Je ne suis pas réduit(e) à mon quartier sensible, je ne suis pas réduit(e) à mon pays d'origine, je ne suis pas réduit(e) à mon ethnie, à mon chômage, à mon appartenance convictionnelle ou religieuse, je suis co-habitant(e) et je suis co-créateur, co-créatrice.

Cette Convention, nous le savons tous, est un réel outil de médiation. C'est un réel outil de développement humain. Et, Madame la Directrice générale en charge de la Démocratie, c'est un réel outil de démocratie « ouverte ».

C'est la raison pour laquelle notre commission Démocratie, cohésion sociale et enjeux mondiaux y est tellement attachée. C'est la raison pour laquelle plusieurs de nos ONG, dont les plus engagées, présentes dans cette salle, en sont – je crois pouvoir le dire – les porte-drapeaux.

Le paysage outil de partage des territoires

Le paysage est un outil de médiation. C'est un outil de rencontre et de partage des territoires, un partage apaisé car la convention européenne du paysage n'a pas, dans sa grille d'évaluation, la course à l'efficacité et à la performance comme absolu, comme seul critère de réussite. Le choix des finalistes au Prix européen du Paysage – et je dirai même des candidatures – en est l'éloquent témoignage.

Notre Commission a voulu inviter l'un d'eux, l'ONG LIBERA, noms et chiffres contre les Mafias dont l'action courageuse au service de la démocratie, de l'insertion professionnelle et du développement d'un territoire a reçu une mention spéciale du Comité des Ministres. En la présentant, Gerhard ERMISCHER estimait, à son tour, que le projet de LIBERA est « une illustration parfaite de l'approche paysagère promue par la convention européenne du paysage dans laquelle se conjuguent droits de l'Homme, démocratie, cohésion sociale et développement territorial durable ».

L'action de LIBERA, l'action sur le paysage en général, cette action que vous soutenez, chacun de vous, dans vos pays, c'est l'aspect territorial de la démocratie, là où les gens ont besoin d'être « empowered », c'est-à-dire rendus autonomes, responsabilisés, pour prendre leur « vie » en mains, pour décider du développement de leurs paysages, de leur cadre de vie.

C'est la raison pour laquelle notre Commission vient d'intituler son groupe d'expert sur le Paysage, piloté par Gerhard ERMISCHER : « Cohésion sociale et territoires partagés ». Ce partage du territoire a pour nous une valeur très forte en ce moment.

Conclusion

Je dirai enfin que j'aurais aimé parler du climat, de la COP 21 qui se tiendra à Paris dans quelques mois, du rôle intrinsèque du paysage dans la lutte contre le changement climatique. L'actualité m'a conduite à agir autrement. Oui, la Convention européenne du paysage peut faire de nous des bâtisseurs d'espoir ! C'est bien le cas des manuels et des textes qui vont nous être présentés au cours de cette conférence. Ils sont remarquables. Je citerai notamment celui produit par le Groupe de travail du Conseil de l'Europe sur l'éducation au paysage, présidé par Mireille DECONINK, Ce travail mené à bien avec le concours d'experts de la Catalogne auprès du conseil de l'Europe a pour objet de « faire découvrir aux élèves le rôle de chacun en tant qu'habitant du paysage qui l'entoure, comme gardien de son identité et de sa culture, et comme protagoniste conscient de son développement futur ». Il s'agit bien du développement et de l'identification bidirectionnelle dont je parlais tout à l'heure et dont nous avons tellement besoin.

Je sais que cette 8^e Conférence, comme les précédentes, sera créatrice et féconde. Nous vous en remercions. Nous remercions le Conseil de l'Europe, vous, Madame la Directrice Générale, vous, Madame la Présidente, ainsi que Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS et ses services tout particulièrement, pour l'avoir permis.

Je vous remercie de m'avoir écoutée.

General activity report on the European Landscape Convention and status of signatures and ratifications

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 2-A - Powerpoint presentation]

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APPENDIX 5

Presentation of the actions carried out by the Parties and non Parties to the European Landscape Convention at national, regional and local levels for its implementation

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 3 - Powerpoint presentations: Armenia - Azerbaijan - Finland - Ireland - Lithuania - Republic of Moldova - Montenegro - Norway - Poland - Serbia - Spain - Sweden]

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APPENDIX 6

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

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- 6.4. Preparation of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape convention on "*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*", Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015
- 6.5. Preparation of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "National landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention", Yerevan, Armenia, October 2016

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[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 9 - PowerPoint presentations: Montenegro]

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[*Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP* (2015) 23-A] [*Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP* (2015) 23-A]

6.3. Conclusions of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape", Urgup, Turkey, 30 September-2 October 2014

[*Cf. DocumentCEP-CDCPP* (2015) 18-A] [*Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP* (2015) 18-B]

Report of Turkey

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Deputy to the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the Council of Europe

Dear Chair of Committee, Distinguished Representatives of European Council and Representatives of Parties,

First of all, we would like to state that we feel proud of hosting the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention *"Sustainable landscapes and economy"* in Ürgüp.

We would like to thank to all participants and to Mrs DEJEANT-PONS and Mrs DORE who provided great support to the Workshop.

250 people from 28 different institutions participated to the meeting. During the meeting, alignment between landscape-economy and landscape-sustainable development were discussed.

During the "*A Journey in the Landscapes of Turkey*" session, Turkey's natural and cultural landscapes and biodiversity were introduced, Turkey's nature conservation policies were referred, studies and projects made by Turkey since 2000 were demonstrated.

During the "Landscape Values and Economic Valuation" session, it was emphasized that Landscape must participate to all processes at every stage of development, and it was expressed that excluding Landscape from transducer dynamics and economics cannot be a solution. If we would like to plan

and manage the landscapes we need to have new approaches which will protect landscape and cultural identity.

It was expressed that subject of Landscape Rehabilitation is of great importance and we need additional economical resources in this regard. It was also stated that while activities are being planned, the problems faced earlier should be included into the process.

It was declared that the landscape is essentially a mirror of human values and people need to demonstrate what is important to their daily life. In this context, it was also referred to the importance of education and awareness.

It was underlined that in terms of sustainable development, landscape should not be seen as an extra cost by governments; it benefits the project and must be involved to the process.

At the second day of the workshop, it was stated that urban landscapes are part of landscape and should be considered in "*Urban Landscape and Economy*" session. Recreational benefits that provided by city parks which are a part of urban areas; artistic, aesthetic, architectural and historical values enriched by these parks were emphasized.

Additionally, strengthening effect of branding in the concept of identity, the importance of cultural identity for local people and the case that reflection of cultural identity on landscape is more positive with branding is mentioned. Landscape policies in Japan, economic effects of landscape, lost landscape caused by Fukushima nuclear accident, the relation between human rights and landscape and the question of : "What is landscape for human and public?" were considered In the last part of this session.

The importance of protection of cultural heritage was mentioned. Also, it was referred to the terms of garden city, machine city and smart city. The importance of smart cities for the future was emphasized.

During the "*Rural Landscapes and Economy*" session; the example of Urla-Çeşme-Karaburun Peninsula, site selection and provision of sustainability of service sectors, such as education, health, tourism, informatics and composing of inbeing oriented ecosystems, were stressed.

It was referred to the importance of landscape analysis and assessment studies in spatial plans. Also it was mentioned that landscape analysis and assessment studies enable to define unique and sensitive landscapes. In this session; a project about relation between bio-economy and landscape was told. And finally; "Humanity and wild life for viable landscape" was underlined.

It was stated that; rural landscapes are the key for sustainable development and should be considered with local authorities.

In the "Implementation Means, Instruments and Procedures" session; the issue of agriculture, environment, LEADER Approach and Urban Tourism Implementations within the concept of IPARD were emphasized.

To conclude, European Landscape Convention reveals the importance of the landscape, bringing together different cultures and disciplines by creating a bridge with an interdisciplinary approach, providing solutions against differences.

As a result of this meeting:

- The relationship between landscape and economy was examined to reveal what the tangible and intangible values of landscape will be.

- As it is difficult to separate symbolic, aesthetic and using values of landscape from each other, it is necessary to take the dynamics of the landscape into account.
- It should be introduced by researchers and universities who will determine the economic and overall values of landscape and which methodology is to be used.
- It was agreed that studies should be done regarding the value of the landscape and its contribution to the economy.
- It should be noted that Landscape is a part of the tangible and intangible economy.
- While protecting our nature, history and landscape, it is necessary to adopt a more holistic and integrated approach.

We will continue to share and discuss the methodology for the assessment of the landscape for the next meetings.

Thank you for your attention.

6.4. Preparation of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape convention on "Landscape and transfrontier co-operation", Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 25]

Report of Andorra

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Nous remercions le Conseil de l'Europe d'avoir accepté la proposition de l'Andorre d'organiser la 16^e Réunion du Conseil de l'Europe des Ateliers pour la mise en œuvre de la Convention européenne du paysage, dans notre pays. Cet évènement contribuera sans nul doute à promouvoir l'importance de la Convention européenne du paysage en vigueur en Andorre depuis juillet 2012.

L'objectif de ces Ateliers pour la mise en œuvre de la Convention européenne du paysage organisés périodiquement par la Conseil de l'Europe, est de présenter des nouveaux concepts et réalisations en application de la Convention. Ce sont de véritables forums d'échange de pratiques et d'idées et les sessions antérieures auxquelles nous avons assisté, voire même participé, ont donné leurs fruits, puisque ils ont inspiré l'élaboration sa politique nationale de paysage.

L'article 9 de la Convention européenne du paysage engage les parties à encourager la coopération transfrontalière au niveau local et régional, et au besoin, à élaborer et mettre en œuvre des programmes communs de mise en valeur du paysage.

Ainsi, le thème des 16^e Ateliers du paysage, qui se dérouleront en Andorre du 30 septembre au 2 octobre prochains, sous le titre *« Paysage et coopération transfrontalière - Le paysage ne connaît pas de frontières »* nous semblait très opportun étant donné notre position frontalière entre deux pays européens, la France et l'Espagne. Nous souhaitons que cet évènement soit l'occasion du partage des nombreuses expériences, projets et échanges de coopération en Europe et même au-delà.

Lors de cette réunion les expériences de l'Etat d'accueil sont spécialement présentées. C'est ainsi que les participants seront conviés à une visite d'étude pour connaître les paysages d'Andorre jusqu'à la frontière avec la France pour connaître les particularités propres de ces lieux aux conditions orographiques et climatiques particulièrement rudes mais connaîssant une ferveur commerciale et touristiques importantes. Ce sera également l'occasion de faire connaître aux participants les paysages de l'Andorre qui témoignent d'un passé économique toujours lié aux échanges commerciaux et de marchandises avec les pays voisins, que ce soit pour les denrées agricoles, ou la sidérurgie.

Les conférences prévues à partir du 1^{er} octobre porteront dans un premier temps d'introduction, sur la gouvernance et la coopération transfrontalière et une réflexion sur les espaces et les paysages de frontière.

L'Atelier 1 : « *Parcours dans les paysages de l'Andorre* », sera l'occasion de présenter les réalisations de l'Andorre avec le bilan 2012-2015 de la Stratégie nationale du paysage. Sera ensuite présentée une étude comparative menée à bien par l'Observatoire du Paysage de Catalunya en coopération avec le gouvernement de l'Andorre, concernant la planification du paysage dans le monde local en Europe. Lors des ateliers, un ouvrage sur cette étude sera d'ailleurs disponible pour les participants traduit en français et en anglais. Ce sera ensuite l'occasion de vous présenter la perception des paysages transfrontaliers par nos concitoyens et les relations transfrontalières entre l'Andorre et ses régions voisines en France et en Espagne. Nous terminerons la session par la présentation d'un projet d'aménagement du paysage transfrontalier du Pas de la Casa.

Sous le thème, « *Paysages en pointillé, des lignes qui séparent, des lignes qui rapprochent* » le deuxième atelier portera sur une dizaine de projets de paysages transfrontaliers entre pays voisins.

Un troisième atelier portera sur la coopération à plus grande échelle, que ce soit paneuropéenne, entre divers pays du nord et du sud de l'Europe, ou bien intercontinentale. Onze conférences sont programmées pour l'instant.

Le 4^e et dernier atelier portera une attention particulière aux 15 ans de mise en œuvre de la Convention européenne du paysage en matière de coopération transfrontalière. Ainsi les anciens présidents de la Convention et Mme la Présidente Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN sont invités à faire une intervention à ce sujet, qui seront suivis d'une discussion.

Nous remercions tout particulièrement Mme DEJEANT-PONS pour son soutien et sa collaboration a l'Organisation de cette réunion, ainsi que M. Joan NOGUE et M. Pere SALA, de l'Observatoire du Paysage de Catalunya pour leur collaboration a l'établissement du programme.

6.5. Preparation of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "National landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention", Yerevan, Armenia, October 2016

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 7- PowerPoint presentations: Armenia]

Texts adopted by the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

7.1. Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 18-20 March 2015) decided to transmit the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting it for adoption to the Committee of Ministers

7.2. Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention, on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on "Transfrontier landscapes"

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7.3. Draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and draft amendments to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 18-20 March 2015) approved the draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and draft amendments to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3, and decided to transmit them to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting them for adoption to the Committee of Ministers

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)... of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention, on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary school

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2015 at the ... meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

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 greater unity between its members for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage;

Having regard to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000, opened to member States for signature in Florence on 20 October 2000 and entered into force on 1 March 2004;

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;

Considering the aims of the European Landscape Convention and wishing to encourage its implementation;

Referring to Article 6.B of the European Landscape Convention on specific measures for training and education, which states that "Each Party undertakes to promote: ... school ... courses which, in the relevant subject areas, address the values attaching to landscapes and the issues raised by their protection, management and planning";

Recalling the principles laid out in CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, regarding how school curricula should foster children's awareness of and sensitivity to landscape;

Having regard to its Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on promoting landscape awareness through education which considers that one of the aims of education is to train young people and equip them with a set of skills necessary for citizenship and democracy;

Asserting that educational activities in the landscape field are an excellent way of giving meaning to the future;

Recommends that the governments of member States Parties to the Convention make the "Document on landscape education activities for primary school" as it appear in the Appendix to this recommendation, available as a source of inspiration;

The governments of member States Parties to the Convention are also invited to facilitate its dissemination and translation into other languages as appropriate.

Appendix to Recommendation CM/Rec(2015) ...

"Document on landscape education activities for primary school"

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[Cf. Text of the Appendix in Document <u>CEP-CDCPP (2015) 14-A</u> - <u>Presentation</u>, pages 9-80]

7.2. Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2015) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States Parties to the European Landscape Convention, on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on "Transfrontier landscapes"

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

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The Committee of Ministers,

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,

Having regard to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 and opened for signature by the member states of the Council of Europe in Florence on 20 October 2000,

Considering Article 9 of the said Convention on "Transfrontier landscapes" which states that "The Parties shall encourage transfrontier co-operation on local and regional level and, wherever necessary, prepare and implement joint landscape programmes",

Referring to the European Outline Convention on Transfrontier Co-operation between Territorial Communities or Authorities (Madrid, 21 May 1980) and its additional protocols,

Bearing in mind the European Charter of Local Self-Government (Strasbourg 15 October 1985),

Considering that transfrontier landscapes bear witness to geographical continuity, historic events and the human and cultural relationships that have been forged over time,

Eager to raise greater awareness on both sides of the border of the landscape values of the areas concerned and to promote transfrontier co-operation focusing on landscapes,

Wishing to involve and bring together elected representatives, professionals, the local population and other stakeholders taking action for the protection, management and development of these transfrontier landscapes,

Considering that it is important for appropriate consideration to be given to landscape and its environmental, cultural, social and economic values as a development factor for local societies,

1. Recommends that the states Parties to the Convention promote co-operation focusing on transfrontier landscapes by encouraging local and regional authorities to work together to draw up, where appropriate, joint landscape-enhancement programmes for implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on transfrontier landscapes;

2. Calls on the Parties concerned to inform the other Parties to the Convention, in the framework of the Council of Europe Information System on the European Landscape Convention - L6, of the cooperation programmes drawn up and put in place as a result so that they can foster an exchange of experience between the Parties.

7.3. Draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and draft amendments to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 18-20 March 2015)

- took note of the following elements:

- considering the possibility to allow non-European non-Member States to accede to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176) and the interest expressed by the representatives of some States (notably Mediterranean States, having already participated in the work of the European Landscape Convention), the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) asked the Secretariat to prepare a draft protocol of amendment on the accession to the Convention by non-European States, to be presented to the CDCPP for examination and possible submission to the Committee of Ministers [Report of the meeting held on 16-17 October 2013, CDCPP-Bu(2013) 17];

- at its 3rd Plenary Meeting (Strasbourg, 19-21 March 2014) the CDCPP considered the advisability of drafting a protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and, following a vote, decided to re-discuss this item at its next plenary meeting, on the basis of additional information to be provided by the Secretariat [Report of the Meeting, CDCPP(2014)20, par. 6.5]; http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/CDCPP/Plenary/CDCPP201420_FR-Report_en.pdf

- at the 1200th meeting of the Committee of Ministers, on 28 May 2014, the Deputies took note of the abridged Report of the 3rd meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) (Strasbourg, 19-21 March 2014), as it appears in document CM(2014)58. This Report states: "18. The CDCPP considered the advisability of drafting a protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and following a vote decided to re-discuss this at its next plenary meeting, on the basis of additional information to be provided by the Secretariat".

approved the draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention in order to enable accession by non-European States and draft amendments to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 as they appear below, and decided to transmit them to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), with a view to presenting them for adoption to the Committee of Ministers.

1. Proposal for a draft Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention

The member States of the Council of Europe signatory to the present Protocol to the European Landscape Convention (European Treaties Series - ETS, No. 176) (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention"),

Wishing to promote the European co-operation with non-European States wishing to implement the provisions of the Convention,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1. Amendments to the Convention

1. In the Preambule, a new paragraph is added after paragraph 5: "<u>Aware, in general, of the</u> importance of the landscape at global level as an essential component of human being's surroundings;"

[Acknowledging that the 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;

Aware, in general, of the importance of the landscape at global level as an essential component of human being's surroundings;].

2. In the Preamble, a new paragraph is added after paragraphs 11 and 12:

"Wishing that the values and principles formulated in the Convention could also be applied to non-European States so wishing"

[Acknowledging that the quality and diversity of European landscapes constitute a common resource, and that it is important to co-operate towards its protection, management and planning;

Wishing to provide a new instrument devoted exclusively to the protection, management and planning of all landscapes in Europe,

Wishing that the values and principles formulated in the Convention could also be applied to non-European States so wishing;]

3. In Article 3, the expression "European co-operation" is replaced by "co-operation between the Parties";

[The aims of this Convention are to promote landscape protection, management and planning, and to organise *European* co-operation between the Parties].

4. In Article 6, paragraph C.2, the word "European" is replaced by the word "international"

[2 These identification and assessment procedures shall be guided by the exchanges of experience and methodology, organised between the Parties at *European* international level pursuant to Article 8.]

5. In the title of Chapter III, the word "European" is replaced by the words "between the Parties":

[CHAPTER III – EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION [BETWEEN THE PARTIES]

6. In Article 11, paragraphs 1, the words "in Europe" are replaced by the words "of the Parties":

[1 The Landscape award of the Council of Europe is a distinction which may be conferred on local and regional authorities and their groupings that have instituted, as part of the landscape policy of a Party to this Convention, a policy or measures to protect, manage and/or plan their landscape, which have proved lastingly effective and can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe of the Parties. The distinction may be also conferred on non-governmental organisations having made particularly remarkable contributions to landscape protection, management or planning.]

7. In Article 14, paragraph 1, the word "Community" is replaced by the word "Union" and word "European" (from "European State") is deleted.

[1 After the entry into force of this Convention, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may invite the European Community Union and any European State which is not a member of the Council of Europe, to accede to the Convention by a majority decision as provided in Article 20.d of the Council of Europe Statute, and by the unanimous vote of the States parties entitled to hold seats in the Committee of Ministers.]

Article 2. Signature, ratification, entry into force

1. This Protocol shall be open for signature by the Parties to the Convention, which may express their consent to be bound by:

a. signature without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval; or

b. signature subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, followed by ratification, acceptance or approval.

2. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

3. This Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of three months after the date on which all Parties to the Convention have expressed their consent to be bound by the Protocol, in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

4. However, this Protocol shall enter into force following the expiry of a period of two years after the date on which it has been opened to signature, unless a Party to the Convention has notified the Secretary General of the Council of Europe of an objection to its entry into force. The right to make an objection shall be reserved to those States or the European Union which were Parties to the Convention at the date of opening for signature of this Protocol.

5. Should such an objection be notified, the Protocol shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Party to the Convention which has notified the objection has deposited its instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

Article 3. Notification

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall notify the member States of the Council of Europe, any State or the European Union having acceded to the Convention:

a. any signature;

b. the deposit of any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;

c. the date of entry into force of this Protocol, in accordance with Article 3;

d. any other act, notification or communication relating to this Protocol.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Protocol.

Done at Strasbourg, this \dots day of \dots , in English and French, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Council of Europe. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall transmit certified copies to each member State of the Council of Europe and to any state or to the European Union having acceded to the Convention.

2. Draft amendments to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

1. In Article 1.c, the expression "European identity" is replaced by the words: <u>"values promoted</u> by the Council of Europe":

[c. The award also helps to make people more aware of the importance of landscapes for human development, consolidation of the *European identity values promoted by the Council of Europe* and the well-being of individuals and society as a whole. It fosters public participation in the decision-making process concerning landscape policies.]

2. In Article 2, the words "in Europe" are replaced by "of the Parties".

[In accordance with Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the following may be candidates for the award: local or regional authorities and their groupings that have instituted, as part of the landscape policy of a party to this Convention, a policy or measures to protect, manage and/or plan their landscape, which have proved lastingly effective and can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe of the Parties. Non-governmental organisations having made particularly remarkable contributions to landscape protection, management or planning may also be candidates.]

Explanatory Note

a. The European Landscape Convention

The European Landscape Convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 in Strasbourg and opened for signature by member States of the Organisation in Florence on 20 October 2000. It aims to promote European landscape protection, management and planning and to organise co-operation between Parties.

The Convention is the first and only international treaty to be exclusively devoted to all aspects of landscape. It applies to the entire territory of the Parties and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas. It concerns landscapes that might be considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes.

Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention indicates that the concept of landscape is undergoing a period of rapid and profound change accompanied by significant advances and that, together with the documents relating to its implementation, the Convention constitutes "a genuine innovation".

The Convention provides thus an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives, namely to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing society today. By developing a new territorial culture, the Council of Europe seeks to promote the quality of people's surroundings.

Concerning the promotion of democracy, the Convention states that: "Each Party undertakes: [...] to establish 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" and that "Each Party undertakes to define landscape quality objectives for the landscapes identified and assessed, after public consultation".

Concerning transfrontier landscapes, the Convention states that "The Parties shall encourage transfrontier cooperation on local and regional level and, wherever necessary, prepare and implement joint landscape programmes".

To date, 38 Council of Europe member States have ratified the Convention and two States have also signed it.

b. Accession by non-European States

Article 14 of the Convention stipulates that after the entry into force, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may invite "any <u>European</u> State which is not a member of the Council of Europe, to accede to the Convention by a majority decision as provided in Article 20.d of the Council of Europe Statute, and by the unanimous vote of the States parties entitled to hold seats in the Committee of Ministers".

Therefore non-European States cannot accede to this Convention.

However, on a number of occasions, the wish has been expressed, including within the CDCPP and its Bureau, that the Convention be opened to non-European States.

The following sections of this document aim at illustrating the situation as regards the policy of "opening up" Council of Europe Conventions to non-European States, the modalities of achieving this objective and the likely consequences thereto.

c. Accession to Council of Europe conventions by non-European States

Among the 216 Council of Europe conventions currently open for signature, 157 are open to the non-European non-member States¹. The following conventions placed under the responsibility of the CDCPP can be mentioned in particular:

- the European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (ETS No. 66);
- the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (ETS No. 104);
- the Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (ETS No. 121);
- the European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Revised) (ETS No. 143);
- the Framework Convention of the Council of Europe on the Value of Cultural Heritage for Society (ETS No. 199).

The opening up of Council of Europe conventions to non-European States is not a systematic policy of the Organisation, but rather depends on case-by-case considerations enshrined in the conventions concerned. However, in the recent past, this option has been examined in the framework of the so-called "Council of Europe Neighbourhood Policy". Considering that "many of the core issues under the Council of Europe mandate are being influenced by developments outside Europe, and notably in [Council of Europe member States'] immediate neighbourhood, in the Mediterranean region, the Middle East and in Central Asia", the Secretary General envisages the "accession to relevant Council of Europe Conventions in the area of good governance and the rule of law" (SG/Inf(2011)7 rev 2).

At its 121st session on 11 May 2011 in Istanbul, the Committee of Ministers took note of the Secretary General's proposals concerning the Council of Europe policy with regard to its immediate neighbours.

Co-operation tools with neighbouring non-European States include advice, participation in the relevant Council of Europe structures, activities and accession to Council of Europe conventions applicable in the sphere of good governance and the rule of law. (DGProg/INF(2012)3 rev, 23 March 2012).

d. Advisability of opening the Landscape convention to non-European States

As part of its Terms of reference, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 November 2013, the CDCPP is entrusted with "[assessing] the necessity or advisability of drafting amendments or additional protocols to the conventions for which they have been given responsibility or drafting supplementary conventions" and "[reporting] back to the Committee of Ministers".

The European Landscape Convention is among the conventions for which the CDCPP has been given responsibility.

It is up to the CDCPP to consider whether it would be appropriate to establish a protocol to the Convention for the purpose of supplementing its provisions, or enabling non-European States to accede to it.

In order to decide whether such a development would be welcome, the CDCPP should pay attention to such issues as:

- the interest expressed by non-European States in the Convention;

¹ The full list is available at the Council of Europe's Treaty Office website, under: http://www.conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ListeTraites.asp?CM=8&CL=ENG The list of Conventions open to the non-European non-member States is available, under: http://www.conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/ListeTraites.asp?CM=12&CL=ENG

- the usefulness of having the principles of the convention implemented outside Europe, especially in neighbouring States of Council of Europe member States;
- the possibility of reinforced dialogue and co-operation between those states in the field of landscape protection, management and planning;
- the spreading of Council of Europe values beyond the confines of its member States.

According to a decision recently taken by the Committee of Ministers on the "Review of Council of Europe conventions", participation by non-member States would be ruled by the following provisions²:

"- to apply the usual informal consultation procedure of the member States on the requests by non-member States to be invited to accede to a convention and, where necessary as a result of this consultation, to seek the opinion of the competent committees, in particular regarding the requesting State's capacity to fulfil the obligations arising under the convention in question;

- to limit the validity of an invitation by the Committee of Ministers to accede to a convention to a period of five years;

- to provide, in cases where there is no convention-based body including all the Parties, for participation, with a right to vote, by non-member States in steering committee or ad hoc committee meetings pertaining to the conventions to which those States are Parties".

Non-member of the Council of Europe non-European States could thus participate in the meetings of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention and of the CDCPP. This situation already applies to several Council of Europe committees and notably to the Steering Committee of the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats. Kazakhstan also participates in CDCPP Meetings, as Party to the European Cultural Convention.

Moreover, two amendments of the Resolution on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe could be made in order to make it possible for non-European states to take part. A revised Resolution on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe would come into force at the same time as the entry into force of the Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention.

e. Modalities for enabling accession by non-European States

After entrance into force of such a Protocol, accession by non-European States would not be automatic but should follow the procedure established by this Protocol: the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe would have to invite the non-European State so wishing to accede to the Convention <u>"by a majority decision as provided in Article 20.d of the Council of Europe Statute, and by the unanimous vote of the States parties entitled to hold seats in the Committee of Ministers".</u>

² SG/Inf(2012)12, SG/Inf(2012)12 add, CM/Del/Dec(2012)1146/1.5, GR-J(2013)CB3, GR-J(2013)5 rev3) - 1168th meeting – 10 April 2013, Item 10.2.

Presentation of the actions carried out by international governmental and non-governmental institutions and organisations dedicated to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 17 - Presentation]

Conclusions of the reports presented to the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

9.1. Conclusions of the Report "Landscape Lexicon: richness and diversity of words, texts and approaches to landscape in Europe"

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 6]

9.2. Conclusions of the Report on "Landscape and democracy: prospects"

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 13]

9.3. Conclusions of the Report "Taking account of the landscape dimension in the training of civil engineers"

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 15]

9.4. Conclusions of the Report on "Landscape and economy"

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 19]

9.5. Conclusions of the Report on "Landscape and advertising"

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 21]

9.6. *"Handbook on participative landscape planning"* prepared in the framework of the LIFEscape Project and translated into French by the Council of Europe

[Cf. Document CEP-CDCPP (2015) 11]

Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2015-2017

Work Programme

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (18-20 March 2015) requested the Chair to prepare a Proposal for a Work Programme on the European Landscape Convention for 2016-2017 in line with the wishes expressed at the Conference, to be presented to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)

Reminder

1) At its 2nd Meeting, Strasbourg, 27-29 May 2013 (CDCPP (2013)29) the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP),

"- endorsed the draft 2014-2015 work overview with the following comments on actions to be incorporated:

...iv) the Joint Declaration, presented by some member States and approved by the Committee, on the European Landscape Convention work programme (*Appendix IX*, p.113).

APPENDIX IX

"Joint Statement of the delegates from France, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Hungary and Italy" 28 May 2013

France, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Hungary and Italy reaffirm their commitment to the European Landscape Convention and the ongoing work of the Council of Europe in this context.

We ask that at the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape, the work program of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention is officially endorsed.

We ask that this programme includes the following areas of work that we want to voluntarily limited and prioritised:

In the short term, for the next two-year program 2014-2015:

Give more importance and visibility to the Convention in the projects and activities of the Council of Europe, on two levels (within the Council of Europe and outside) in terms of the new orientation DGII as its contribution to the promotion of democracy, participation and diversity.

Maintain and deepen dialogue and cooperation between States and civil society on the theme of landscape:

1) Organise biennial Conferences of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention and organise workshops each year the workshops for the implementation of the Convention. To do this, ensure that the human and financial resources, without generating additional costs, compared to the current situation. In this regard, it should reinforce the existence of conferences of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention by explicitly introducing the next term of CDCPP a reference to the periodic organisation of these conferences, such as the paragraph included in the mandate of CDPATEP.

2) Implement, deploy the information system of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention (ELCIS).

Awareness-raising of various audiences:

3) Establish a working group, supported by expertise to explore the different possibilities of the Council of Europe and the States Parties to give more visibility to the European Landscape Convention and the work of the Council Europe's Landscape (Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, thematic reports...) and emphasize its contribution to democracy, social and physical well-being and socio-cultural diversity in Europe.

4) Develop a model training package to educate the public school landscape, the state could then translate, adapt, multiply and spread (based on the report "Landscape and education" presented at the last conference).

It should be noted that for the year 2013, France and Switzerland offer based on their voluntary contributions to the landscape of the priorities identified in this joint statement (as specific projects).

In the medium term, for the two-year program 2016-2017:

- 1) Improve the Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention (ELCIS): Launch of Phase 2 development of the tool.
- 2) Establish working groups to demonstrate the contribution of the European Landscape Convention objectives, priorities and values of the Council of Europe, such as:
 - the landscape and democracy (taking account of the contribution of heritage and culture, as an expression of the physical and spatial diversity of our territories) – [Because these thematic areas are an essential basis of identity, diversity and thus participation in democratic structures, part of space life and its quality is a prerequisite for their functionality],
 - the landscape quality objectives,
 - the landscape indicators,
 - urban landscapes.

2. Proposals and working topics on the programme of activities for 2016-2017 presented by the Members of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)

Sent to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe after the Meeting of the Bureau - Addendum to the Report of the 6th Meeting of the Bureau of the CDCPP (CDCPP-Bu(2014)19 Add., Strasbourg, 15 December 2014 – Extract) - Mrs Maria José FESTAS, Senior Advisor, Direção-Geral do Território, Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy, Portugal

"Proposals for the CDCPP's work programme, pillar landscape

These proposals have been discussed with, and endorsed by Ms Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Conference of the European Landscape Conference.

Proposals:

The continuation of the Conference, the workshops (theme for 2017: ELC at the local level), the ELCIS (management and systematic implementation/updating) and the Award (let's call it "routine work"):

- 2 reflection strategic themes, based on "issue papers":
 - 1 action on the 3 pillars of the CDCPP (similar to the Faro walks, but enlarging them to include culture), based on a joint reflection paper, that could eventually finish with a workshop; - 1 issue paper on Landscape and Democracy."

Action Plan 2015-2017 for the follow-up of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention³ http://www.coe.int/europeanlandscapeconvention

The 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 18-20 March 2015) examined the Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2015-2017 – referring to the Articles of the Convention, and decided to invite the Parties to send their proposals and priorities to the Secretariat

Implementation of Article 10 "Monitoring and implementation of the Convention" and 1. of Article 8 "Mutual assistance and exchange of information" of the European Landscape Convention

- Preparation of the 4th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 1-3 June 2015 and of the meetings of its Bureau;
- Preparation of the 5th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2016 and of the meetings of its Bureau:
- Preparation of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 2017;
- Development of Phase 2 of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention Information System on the website https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx, according to of the Committee of Ministers to member States CM/Rec(2008)3 on the Guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and CM/Rec(2013)4 on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary:
- Update of the European Landscape Convention website and national contacts http://www.coe.int/europeanlandscapeconvention;
- Promotion of meetings on mutual exchange and information.

³ See previously: Appendix 12 of the Report of the 7th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 26-27 March 2013 - CEP-CDCPP (2013) 12E, Addendum - Up dated according to the Joint Statement of member States of the Council of Europe for the Working Programme of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), adopted at the 2nd Meeting of the CDCPP, Strasbourg, 27-29 May 2013 - CEP-CDCPP (2013) 29 E, Appendix IX and of which the CDCPP took note CDCPP(2014)20. See also: Report of the Meeting of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape took note on 25 June 2014[CDCPP-Bu(2014)10, Appendix 5].

2. Implementation of Article 5 "General Measures"

- Organisation of the 17th Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, "Implementation of the European Landscape Convention at national level", Erevan, Armenia 2016;
- Organisation of the 19th Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, "Implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level", 2017;
- Publication of "*Landscape dimensions*" (ELC Reports), Council of Europe Publishing (Integration of landscape into policies);
- Report on "The law applicable to landscapes in comparative and international law";
- ELC Report "Peri-urban landscape and quality of life";
- ELC Report on "Expansion of industrial zones and out-of-town shopping centres: solutions for the landscape of people";
- ELC Report on "Landscape of rural areas";
- ELC Draft recommendation on "Landscape and democracy";
- ELC Draft recommendation on "Landscape and employment";
- ELC Draft recommendation on "Landscape and economy";
- ELC Draft recommendation on "National landscape funds".

3. Implementation of Article 6 A "Specific Measures - Awareness-raising"

- Distribution of the magazine *Futuropa*, for a new vision of landscape and territory on "Landscape and public space: the human scale" (No. 3, 2012);
- Preparation of a new issue of the magazine *Futuropa*, for a new vision of landscape and territory on "Landscape, governance and democracy" (No. 4, 2016);
- Report on "Intercultural awarness-raising by the landscape";
- Initiative on "Landscape and media".

4. Implementation of Article 6 B "Specific Measures – Training and Education"

- Report on *"Landscape and urbanism"*;
- Preparation of Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on Landscape Education Activities for Primary School;
- Preparation of Draft Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)... of the Committee of Ministers to member States on Landscape for Higher School;
- Publication of the Report on *"Landscape and education"* (CEP-CDCPP (2013) 9);
- Preparation of pedagogical materiel for landscape education in secondary schools;
- Promotion of meetings on education and summer universities.

5. Implementation of Article 7 "International policies and programmes" of the European Landscape Convention

- Promotion of the consideration of the landscape dimension of sectoral policies of the European Union (Policies of Agriculture) and other international policies and programmes;
- Preparation of a Draft Protocol to the Convention.

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

- Publication of the proceedings of the 15th Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, *"Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the*

inestimable natural and human value of the landscape", Urgup, Nevşehir, Turkey, 30 September-2 October 2014;

 Publication of the proceedings of the 16th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, "Landscape and transfrontier cooperation", Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 1-2 October 2015.

7. Implementation of Article 9 "Transfrontier landscapes" of the European Landscape Convention

- Organisation of the 16th Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, "Landscape and transfrontier cooperation", Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015;
- Development of transfrontier cooperation with the organisation of transfrontier meetings;
- Distribution of the magazine *Futuropa*, for a new vision of landscape and territory on "Landscape and transfrontier cooperation" (No. 2, 2010).

8. Implementation of Article 11 "Landscape Award of the Council of Europe" of the European Landscape Convention

- Publication of the Proceedings of the 14th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe* Landscape Award" – Session 2012-2013", Wroclaw, Poland, 10-12 June 2014;
- Publication on the Council of Europe Landscape Award;
- Organisation of the 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers, 2014-2015 – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Organisation of the 18th Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award* - Session 2014-2015",..., June 2016;
- Organisation of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers, 2016-2017;
- Development of the Council of Europe Landscape Alliance of the European Landscape Convention

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/Alliance/default_en.asp