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"LANDSCAPE AND DEMOCRACY"

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Introduction

According to the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention for 2015-2017, the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) at its 4th Meeting, Strasbourg, 1-3 June 2015 [CDCPP(2015)15], decided of the "establishment of a working group, supported by expertise, on 'Landscape and democracy' to follow up the report 'Landscape and democracy: prospects', in order to prepare an issue paper (taking into consideration the contribution of natural and cultural heritage and culture, as an expression of the social, economic, ecological, cultural and spatial diversity and identity of territories)".

The Working Group of the European Landscape Convention "Landscape and Democracy" was chaired by Mrs Liv Kirstine Mortensen (Norway), Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention[1]. The reports and working documents of the meetings are available on the Website of the Council of Europe http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention / Meetings / Working Groups / Working Group on the European Landscape Convention "Landscape and democracy":

- First Meeting (Andorra la Vella, Andorra, 3 October 2015)
  CEP-CDCPP-WG (2015) 37-E - Report
- Second Meeting (Paris, 17-18 March 2016)
  Working documents | CEP-CDCPP-WG (2016) 6-E - Report
- Third Meeting (Paris, 18-19 October 2016)
  Working documents | CEP-CDCPP-WG (2016) 14-E - Report

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The following documents were prepared and are being finalized:

1) Conceptual report for reference on Landscape and the European Landscape Convention's contribution to democracy, human rights and sustainable development ;

2) Draft Recommendation on the contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention, to the exercise of democracy and human rights, in a perspective of sustainable development;

3) Draft Recommendation on principles for the participation of the general public in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies, as defined in the European Landscape Convention.

These documents will be presented at the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (23-24 March 2017) and then to the CDCPP with a view to transmit them to the Committee of Ministers.

Action required

The Committee is invited to take note of the results of the work of the Working Group on the European Landscape Convention "Landscape and democracy".