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**COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

**Part I – National policies and international co-operation  
for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

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**Part II – Work Programme and Action Plan for  
the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention  
2021-2023**

**For information and action**

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## PART I

### NATIONAL POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

[Council of Europe Landscape Convention / Official website \(coe.int\)](https://convention.coe.int/)

#### Introduction

Adopted in Strasbourg by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000, the European Landscape Convention was opened for signature by the Organisation's Member States in Florence on 20 October of that year. A Protocol amending the Convention ([CETS No.219](#)) came into force on 1st July 2021. The aim of the Protocol is to promote European co-operation with non-European States who wish to implement the provisions of the Convention by opening the Convention to their accession.

As the first international treaty devoted exclusively to all aspects of landscape, the Council of Europe Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe ([ETS No. 176](#)) addresses the Organisation's key challenges in the areas of human rights, democracy and the rule of law. The Member States of the Organisation signatories to the Convention have declared themselves "concerned to achieve sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity and the environment", including the cultural dimension. Although each citizen must, of course, contribute to preserving the quality of the landscape, it is the authorities that are responsible for establishing the general framework that enables that quality to be assured. The Convention accordingly lays down the general legal principles that must guide the adoption of national landscape policies and the establishment of international co-operation in this area.

The Convention provides that existing competent Committees of Experts of the Council of Europe, set up under its Statute, are designated by the Committee of Ministers to monitor its implementation. Its Article 10 "Monitoring of the implementation of the Convention" states:

- "1. Existing competent Committees of Experts set up under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe shall be designated by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention.
2. Following each meeting of the Committees of Experts, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall transmit a report on the work carried out and on the operation of the Convention to the Committee of Ministers. ...".

The Work Programme of the Convention adopted by the Council of Europe conferences on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention and the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) is implemented by the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe which transmits a report on the work carried out, and on the operation of the Convention, to the Committee of Ministers.

#### *Reference texts for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention*

The [reference texts](#) adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for its implementation contribute to promoting definition and legal recognition of the landscape; ensuring that the landscape dimension is taken into account in national and international policies; international co-operation.

Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member States for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention were adopted (1418th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, 23 November 2021, [CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)1418/7.1](#)).

### Action required

The Committee is invited to:

– take note of the adoption of the following recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member States for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention (1418th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, 23 November 2021, [CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)1418/7.1](#)):

- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2021\)9](#) Landscape and responsibility of stakeholders for sustainable and harmonious development;
- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2021\)10](#) Town planning and landscape [and of the related reference document [CM\(2021\)152-add](#)];
- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2021\)11](#) Landscape and agriculture [and of the related reference document [CM\(2021\)156-add](#)];
- Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2021\)12](#) Integration of the landscape dimension into sectoral policies.

### *State of signatures and ratifications of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention*

To date, 40 States have [ratified](#) the Council of Europe Landscape Convention: Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. One further State has signed it: Malta.

### Action required

The Committee may:

- invite States, which so wish, to consider the possibility to [sign or ratify](#) the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, having regard to the entry into force of the Protocol amending the Convention ([CETS No.219](#)).

### *Implementation of the Work Programme of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention*

The Work Programme of the Convention promotes participatory democracy based on the commitment and responsibility of stakeholders in the territory.

This programme provides for:

1. The organisation of biennial Council of Europe Conferences on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, according to the terms of reference of Committees of Experts set up under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe designated by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention (Article 10 of the Convention – Monitoring of the implementation of the Convention);
2. The annual organisation of one or more Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention;
3. The monitoring the Information System of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention with the preparation of national and regional reports and thematic reports on public policies of Parties to the Convention (according to Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 December 2013);
4. The organisation of the Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe in the framework of the Council of Europe Landscape Alliance Award and of the Forums on the national selections of the Landscape Award (according to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and to the Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017);
5. The preparation of thematic reports and draft recommendations of the Committee of Ministers on natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, considered as outstanding, of everyday life and degraded, inland and maritime waters being taken into consideration;
6. The establishment of Working Groups supported by expertise, in order to prepare draft recommendations for the attention of the Committee and Committee of Ministers;
7. The promotion of synergies on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law;
8. A contribution to the global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat.

## **1. Council of Europe Conferences on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

### **Summary**

The Council of Europe [Conferences](#) on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention aim to present the progress made in the implementation of the Convention, and to deal with the practical questions relating to its implementation. They allow the Council of Europe to ensure the implementation of the Convention, in accordance with its Article 10. The Committee of Experts mentioned in this Article is the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), according to a decision of the Committee of Ministers. The conclusions of the Conference are brought to the attention of the Committee, which reports to the Committee of Ministers.

The [11th Council of Europe Conference](#) on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, was held under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, at the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, on 26-27 May 2021.

Report [CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 16E](#) | Contributions: [States-Add. 1](#) - [NGOs-Add. 2](#) | [Draft agenda](#) | [Working documents](#)

The 12th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the Landscape Convention, will be held at the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, in 2023.

### **Action required**

The Committee is invited to:

- take note of the Report [CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 16E](#) of the [11th Council of Europe Conference](#) on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, held under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, at the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, on 26-27 May 2021;
- take note of the holding of the 12th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention in the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, in 2023.

## **2. Council of Europe Meetings for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

### **2.1. Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the Convention**

### **Summary**

Regularly organised by the Council of Europe in the framework of the Work Programme of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, the [Meetings of the Workshops](#) for the implementation of the Convention aim to present new concepts and achievements in support of the implementation of the Convention. They represent a real forum for exchanging practices and ideas. Particular attention is paid to the public policies of the States Parties to the Convention, and especially those of the State hosting the meeting.



23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention and Celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on "*Landscape integration in sectoral policies*", ([Lausanne, Switzerland], 19-20 October 2020)

The proceedings of the Meeting have been published in the Council of Europe Series, *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, [2021, N° 118](#).

25th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on "*Landscape policies! Strategies, action plans and policy documents for landscape quality*" (Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 6-8 October 2021)

The [25th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops](#) for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention was prepared by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Spain and the Council of Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, within the framework of the Work Programme of the Convention. The Meeting provided an opportunity to present public policy experiences regarding the implementation of the Convention.

The proceedings of the meeting are available in the Council of Europe Series *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, [2022, N° 123](#) (provisional version).

### Action required

23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention and Celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on "*Landscape integration in sectoral policies*", ([Lausanne, Switzerland], 19-20 October 2020)

The Committee is invited to :

- take note of the publication of the proceedings of the Meeting in the Council of Europe Series, *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, [2021, N° 118](#).

25th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on "*Landscape policies! Strategies, action plans and policy documents for landscape quality*" (Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 6-8 October 2021).

The Committee is invited to :

- to thank the Ministry of Culture and Sport of Spain and the Council of Mallorca, Autonomous Community of the Balearic Islands, Spain for their hospitality in holding the Council of Europe Meeting;
- take note of the publication of the proceedings of the Meeting in the Council of Europe Series, *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, [2022, N° 123](#) (provisional version).

## 2.2. Council of Europe National Symposiums on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

### Summary

Intended for States which have or have not yet ratified the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, the national, and regional, [Symposiums](#) on the Convention are organised by the Council of Europe, Secretariat of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, in co-operation with the hosting State, in the framework of the Work Programme of the Convention. They generate debate on the subject of landscape, and policies relating to the landscape.

[National Symposium on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention in Hungary, on the occasion of the International Landscape Day \(Budapest, Hungary, 21 October 2021\)](#)

The [National Symposium](#) was organised under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers by the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture, in consultation with the Council of Europe, in the framework Work Programme of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention.

The proceedings of the Symposium will be published in the Council of Europe Series, European Spatial Planning and Landscape, 2022, N° 124.

[National Symposium on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention in Greece \(Trikala, Greece, 2-4 March 2022\)](#)

The Symposium will be organised by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of the Environment and Energy in Trikala, Greece, on 2-4 March 2022.

The proceedings of the Symposium will be published in the Council of Europe Series, European Spatial Planning and Landscape, 2022, N° 125.

### Action required

The Committee is invited to take note:

- of the holding of the [National Symposium](#) on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention in Hungary, organised under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers by the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture in consultation with the Council of Europe, on the occasion of the International Landscape Day (Budapest, Hungary, 21 October 2021), (proceedings to be published in the Council of Europe series *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, 2022, N° 124);
- of the preparation of the National Symposium on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention in Greece (Trikala, Greece, 6-8 March 2022), (proceedings to be published in the Council of Europe series *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, 2022, N° 125).

### 2.3. International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe

#### Summary

The [International Landscape Day](#) of the Council of Europe is celebrated each year on 20 October, the day of the opening of the Convention for signature.

#### *Fifth International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, 20 October 2021*

The [Fifth International Landscape Day](#) of the Council of Europe was celebrated on 20 October 2021 and the diffusion of the "Message from Palma de Mallorca", on the theme of the 25th Council of Europe Meeting of Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on "*Landscape policies! Strategies, Action plans and Policy documents for landscape quality*", Mallorca, Spain, 6-8 October 2021, invited public authorities to adopt landscape policies, at national, regional and local level, in accordance with the provisions of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention.

#### Action required

The Committee is invited to take note of:

- the Celebration of the [Fifth International Landscape Day](#) of the Council of Europe on 20 October 2021.
- the dissemination of the "Message from Majorca", which invites public authorities to adopt landscape policies, at national, regional and local level, in accordance with the provisions of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention.

### 3. International Landscape Observatory of the Council of Europe

#### 3.1. Information System of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention: National (and Regional) Landscape Policies

#### Summary

Since the adoption of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, major progress has been made towards the establishment of landscape policies at national, regional and local levels.

To ensure exchanges of information between the States Parties to the Council of Europe Landscape Convention and its follow-up, a document setting out the landscape policies pursued in the Member States was produced on a regular basis by the Secretariat and presented on the occasion of the Council of Europe Conferences on the Convention.<sup>1</sup>

The use of the [Information System](#) of the Convention and its [Glossary](#) (set up pursuant to Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)4](#) of the Committee of Ministers to Member States), provides online access to information concerning national and regional policies.<sup>2</sup> The Glossary of the Information System of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention has been published by the Council of Europe publishing (European Spatial Planning and

1. Documents of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe: [CEP-CDPATEP \(2009\) 3](#); [CEP-CDPATEP \(2011\) 7](#); [CEP-CDCPP \(2013\) 5](#); [CEP-CDCPP \(2015\) 5](#).

2. Public part to be completed by the Parties to the Convention: [www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-observatory](http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-observatory); [https://eld6.coe.int/WebForms/Public\\_List.aspx](https://eld6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx)



Landscape Series, [2018, No. 106](#). Linguistic versions: [English](#), [French](#), [Polish](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#).

In accordance with the above Recommendation, States Parties to the Convention are invited:

- to make use of the Information System and its glossary in the context of their co-operation;
- to work together on developing it further;
- to continue to exchange information on all the matters covered by the provisions of the Convention, in order to promote an awareness of landscapes and the policies relating to them.

A password to access the online questionnaire has been sent to the national Representative correspondents of the Information System. These Representatives have been invited to complete or update the questionnaire, with a view to preparing the National Reports on the implementation of the Convention. A "User Manual", available to National and Regional representatives of the Information System (in paragraph 5 of the Manual), invites them if they wish to create passwords for "Delegates" responsible for completing the questionnaire. The National Representatives have the possibility to give passwords to regional representatives. National (and Regional) Reports are already available for several States.

### Action required

The Committee is invited to:

- welcome the major advances made by the States Parties to the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, in favour of the implementation of landscape policies at regional, local and local level;
- take note of the National and Regional Reports, appearing in the [Information System](#) of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, as presented at the [11th Council of Europe Conference](#) on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 26-27 May 2021) :

- 1 Andorra - Andorre [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Andorra - Andorre](#)]
- 2 Armenia - Arménie
- 3 Azerbaijan - Azerbaïdjan
- 4 Belgium - Belgique
  - Regions / Régions:*
  - Brussels-Capital Region - Région Bruxelles Capitale [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Belgium - Belgique, Brussels-Capital Region - Région Bruxelles Capitale](#)]
  - Flanders - Flandres
  - Wallonia - Wallonie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Belgium - Belgique, Wallonia - Wallonie](#)]
- 5 Bosnia and Herzegovina / Bosnie-Herzégovine
  - Regions / Régions:*
  - Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Federation de Bosnie-Herzégovine [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Bosnie-Herzégovine, Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Fédération de Bosnie-Herzégovine](#)]

Republic of Srpska - République de Srpska

- 6 Bulgaria - Bulgarie
- 7 Croatia - Croatie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Croatia - Croatie](#)]
- 8 Cyprus - Chypre
- 9 Czech Republic - République tchèque
- 10 Denmark - Danemark
- 11 Estonia - Estonie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Estonia - Estonie](#)]
- 12 Finland - Finlande [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Finland - Finlande](#)]
- 13 France - France [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - France - France](#)]
- Regions / Régions:*
- Bretagne - Brittany [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - France - France, Bretagne - Brittany](#)]
- Occitania - Occitanie [[CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - France - France, Occitania - Occitanie](#)]
- Normandy - Normandie [[CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - France - France, Normandy - Normandie](#)]
- 14 Georgia - Géorgie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Georgia - Géorgie](#)]
- 15 Greece - Grèce [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Greece - Grèce](#)]
- 16 Hungary - Hongrie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Hungary - Hongrie](#)]
- 17 Iceland - Islande
- 18 Ireland - Irlande
- 19 Italy - Italie [*available on the [Information System](#) of the Convention*]
- 20 Latvia - Lettonie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Latvia - Lettonie](#)]
- 21 Lithuania - Lituanie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Lithuania - Lituanie](#)]
- 22 Luxembourg - Luxembourg [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Luxembourg - Luxembourg](#)]
- 23 République de Moldova - Republic of Moldova
- 24 Montenegro - Monténégro [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Montenegro - Monténégro](#)]
- 25 Netherlands - Pays-Bas
- 26 North Macedonia - Macédoine du Nord
- 27 Norway - Norvège [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Norway - Norvège](#)]
- 28 Poland - Pologne [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Poland - Pologne](#)]
- 29 Portugal - Portugal [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Portugal - Portugal](#)]
- 30 Romania - Roumanie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Romania - Roumanie](#)]
- 31 San Marino - Saint Marin
- 32 Serbia - Serbie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Serbia - Serbie](#)]
- 33 Slovak Republic - République Slovaque
- 34 Slovenia - Slovénie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Slovenia - Slovénie](#)]
- 35 Spain - Espagne [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Spain - Espagne](#)]
- Regions / Régions:*
- Catalonia - Catalogne [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Spain - Espagne, Catalonia - Catalogne](#)]
- Extremadura - Estrémadure [*available on [Information System](#) of the Convention*]
- 36 Sweden - Suède [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Sweden - Suède](#)]
- 37 Switzerland - Suisse
- 38 Turkey - Turquie [[CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 9E - Turkey - Turquie](#)]
- 39 Ukraine - Ukraine
- 40 United Kingdom - Royaume-Uni

– invite the National Representatives of the States Parties to the Convention to update and complete the [Information System](#) on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention by 15 December 2021, in accordance with Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)4](#) of the Committee of Ministers to Member States;

– invite the Representatives of States who so wish to translate the Glossary of the Information System of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention (Council of Europe Series, *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, [2018, No. 106](#)).

### **3.2. Information Platform of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

#### **Summary**

An [Information Platform](#) of the Convention has been established in order to present: the main themes of the Convention; synthesis reports on national and regional policies for its implementation; the work carried out for its implementation.

#### **Action required**

The Committee is invited to:

– take note of the establishment of the [Information Platform](#) of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, intended to present: the main themes of the Convention; the synthesis reports on national and regional policies for the implementation of the Convention; the work carried out for its implementation.

## **4. The Landscape Award of the Council of Europe**

### **4.1. Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe**

#### **Summary**

The Council of Europe Landscape Convention provides for a “Landscape Award of the Council of Europe” which recognises policy or measures which local or regional authorities or non-governmental organisations have adopted: to protect, manage and plan their landscape; which have proved to be lastingly effective; and which can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe. According to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, the [Award](#) is given by the Committee of Ministers based on proposals from the Committees of Experts of the Council of Europe in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Convention.

The work of the current and future [Sessions of the Award](#) is presented below.

### **6th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2018-2019)**

24th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops\_for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention "*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – 6th Session 2018-2019*", [Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22 October 2021]

The proceedings of the Meeting have been published in the Council of Europe Series, *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, [2021, n° 119](#)).

An in-person Meeting will be organised by the Council of Europe in 2022. Participants will be informed of the dates and venue of the meeting.

### **7th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2020-2021)**

Twelve [Applications](#) were presented by the States' Parties to the Council of Europe Landscape Convention to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

On the proposal of the [International Jury](#) and the [Committee](#), the Ministers' Deputies adopted the decisions of the Committee of Ministers concerning the attribution of the Award, Special Mentions and Recognitions (1418th meeting, 23 November 2021, [CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)1418/7.1](#)).

The 26th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops\_for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention "*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – 7th Session 2020-2021*", 2022

A Meeting will be organised by the Council of Europe in 2022. Participants will be informed of the dates and venue of the meeting.

### **8th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2022-2023)**

The Council of Europe Secretariat will send a message to the Permanent Representations (with a copy to the members of the Committee and national representatives for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention), indicating that the Parties to the Convention are invited to submit, by 30 January 2023, candidatures to the Council of Europe Secretariat, in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Council of Europe Landscape Award

At its 11th Meeting (2022), the Committee will be invited to nominate its representative to sit on the International Jury of the 8th Session of the Award which will meet in March 2023.

### **Action required**

#### *6th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2018-2019)*

The Committee is invited to:

- take note of the proceedings of the 24th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention "*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – 6th Session 2018-2019*", [Geneva, Switzerland, 21-22 October 2021] in the Council of Europe Series, *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, [2021, n° 119](#));

- take note of the holding of an in-person meeting organised by the Council of Europe in 2022.

*7th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2020-2021)*

The Committee is invited to take note of the following information:

- at the 1418th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies (23 November 2021, [CM/Del/Dec\(2021\)1418/7.1](#)), the Committee of Ministers decided:

- i. To confer the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, on the following achievement:
  - Biodiversity in the city: Bergamo and the Astino Valley, Foundation della Misericordia Maggiore of Bergamo, Italy;
- ii. To confer identical Special Mentions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, on the following achievements:
  - The Salt of Life, Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation, Bulgaria;
  - Bothnian Bay Coastal Meadows Management, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment, North Ostrobothnia, Finland;
  - The Land of Bees, kRAJ Civic Association, Slovak Republic;
  - Brda tourist destination development, Municipality of Brda, Institute for Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sport Brda, Slovenia;
  - Dokuma Park, a culture, nature and art park for society, Antalya Kepez Municipality, Turkey;
- iii. To acknowledge the great value of each of the following projects, and the importance to make them well-known as sources of inspiration:
  - Landscapes are speaking, Latvian Fund for Nature, Latvia;
  - Living Landscape: the Fjord Coast Regional- and Geopark, Municipalities of Solund, Fjaler, Askvoll and Hyllestad, Norway;
  - Protection of the valuable non-forest habitats and landscapes characteristic for the area of Orle Gniazda Landscape Park, Complex of Landscape Parks of the Silesian Voivodeship, Poland;
  - Herdade da Contenda, a tale of resilience for nature, Municipality of Moura, Alentejo, Portugal;
  - The Gardens Park, Timișoara City, Timiș County, Romania;
  - Val Bregaglia, a landscape culture to meet the challenges of the future, Municipality of Bregaglia, Switzerland.

[www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award](http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award)

In accordance with [Resolution CM/Res\(2017\)18](#), the achievements are now part of the [Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#).

- the 26th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops\_for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – 7th Session 2020-2021, will be organised by the Council of Europe in 2022. Participants will be informed of the dates and venue of the meeting.

*8th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2022-2023)*

The Committee is invited to take note of the following information:

- the Council of Europe Secretariat will send a message to the Permanent Representations (with a copy to the Committee members and national representatives for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention), indicating that the Parties to the Convention are invited to submit, by 30 January 2023, candidatures to the Council of Europe Secretariat, in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Council of Europe Landscape Award;
- at its 11th Meeting (2022), the Committee will be invited to nominate its representative to sit on the International Jury of the 8th Session of the Award which will meet in March 2023.

## 4.2. Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

### Summary

The Committee of Ministers adopted, on 27 September 2017, the Resolution [CM/Res\(2017\)18](#) on the [Landscape Award Alliance](#) of the Council of Europe. It gathers the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, showing that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscape features of people's surroundings.

The following activities were carried out:

- [Online presentation](#) of the achievements of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance 2008-2021;
- [Posters](#) on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe 2008-2021;
- Publication "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe", volume 1, 2008-2017, "Council of Europe Series, *Territory and Landscape*, [2017, No. 105](#);
- Publication "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe", volume 2, 2018-2021, Council of Europe Series, *Territory and Landscape*, [2021, No. 120](#).

### Action required

#### *7th Session of the Landscape Award 2020-2021*

The Committee is invited to take note of the following work:

- [Online presentation](#) of the achievements;
- Preparation of a [Poster](#);
- Publication "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe", volume 2, 2018-2021, Council of Europe Series, *Territory and Landscape*, [2021, No. 120](#).



## 5. Thematic Reports and draft recommendations of the Committee of Ministers on natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes (inland water and marine areas are taken into consideration)

### Summary

Reports on topics related to the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, prepared by expert consultants of the Council of Europe, were presented at the Council of Europe Conferences on Landscape, and published by the Council of Europe Series, [Territory and Landscape](#):

- Landscape and sustainable development: Challenges of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, Council of Europe Series, *Territory and Landscape*, [2006](#);
- Landscape facets: Reflections and proposals for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, Council of Europe Series, *Territory and Landscape*, [2012](#));
- Landscape dimensions: Reflections and proposals for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, Council of Europe Series, *Territory and Landscape*, [2016](#);
- Landscape Mosaics, Thoughts and proposals for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, Council of Europe Series, *Territory and Landscape*, (in preparation for 2022).

A publication contributing to the implementation of Article 6, B, c of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, concerning school landscape education, has been published:

- Landscape education activities for primary schools: Pedagogical booklet, Council of Europe Series, *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, [2021, n° 121](#).

Linguistic versions:

[French](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Armenian](#) | [Bulgarian](#) | [Croatian](#) | [Estonian](#) | [Finnish](#) | [Greek](#) | [Hungarian](#) | [Italian](#) | [Latvian](#) | [Lithuanian](#) | [Polish](#) | [Norwegian](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Romanian](#) | [Russian](#) | [Serbian](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Swedish](#) | [Turkish](#)

Reports on the themes mentioned in the Work Programme will be presented at the 12th Council of Europe Conference on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 2022).

### Action required

The Committee is invited to take note:

- of the preparation of reports on the themes mentioned in the Work Programme, with a view to presenting them at the 12th Council of Europe Conference on the Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 2022).

## **6. Working Groups, supported by expertise, in order to prepare a draft recommendation for the attention of the Committee and the Committee of Ministers**

### **Summary**

[Working Groups](#), supported by expertise, to prepare draft recommendations for the attention of the Committee and the Committee of Ministers are established by the Council of Europe in the framework of the Work Programme of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention.

[Working Group on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention "Landscape and responsibility of the actors"](#)

The Working Group of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention "Landscape and Responsibility" met, in Strasbourg and online, on 15 March 2021.

[Working documents](#) | [CDCPP-CEP-WG \(2021\) 3E - Report](#)

[Working Group on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention "Landscape and health"](#)

A Working Group of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention "Landscape and health" will meet in 2022.

### **Action required**

The Committee is invited to:

- take note of the continuing work on the preparation of draft recommendations to the Committee and the Committee of Ministers;
- invite two of its representatives to participate in the meetings of the Working Group on "Landscape and health".

## **7. Promoting synergies on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law**

### **Summary**

The Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2017\)7](#) of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the contribution of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017 recommends that the governments of States Parties to the Council of Europe Landscape Convention:

- consider the importance that quality and diversity of landscapes has for the minds and bodies of human beings, as well as for societies, in the reflections and work devoted to human rights and democracy, with a view to sustainable development;
- frame landscape policies in the long term, so that they take into account the common surroundings for present and future generations;
- develop landscape policies throughout the entire territory, so that people can enjoy their surroundings in dignity and without discrimination;

- ensure that landscape policies respond to the ideal of living together, especially in culturally diverse societies;
- take into account the landscape issue in the actions taken to promote good governance and democratic citizenship, notably through awareness-raising, training and education;
- apply the principles of human rights and democracy in landscape policies;
- guarantee the right to participation by the general public, local and regional authorities, and other relevant parties including non-governmental organisations, with an interest in the definition, implementation and monitoring of landscape policies;
- include the 'landscape', as defined by the Convention, in indicators of sustainable development relating to environmental, social, cultural and economic issues;
- implement the principle of non-regression in order to ensure that landscape policies can only be subject to continuous improvement."

See also:

Council of Europe Landscape Convention: Contribution to human rights, democracy and sustainable development, Council of Europe Publishing, [2018](#).

### Action required

The Committee is invited:

- to support the work to promote synergies on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and the rule of law, in the framework of the Work Programme of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention.

## 8. Contribution to the global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat

### Summary

The implementation of the Convention represents a Council of Europe Contribution to the United Nations [2030 Agenda](#) for sustainable development goals, in particular for the Goals [3](#) (*Good health and well-being*), [11](#) (*Sustainable cities and communities*) and [15](#) (*Life on land*).

The opening of the European Landscape Convention to non-European States following the entry into force of its Protocol of amendment, is an opportunity to reaffirm the universality of human rights and demonstrate that the Convention is an international treaty that fosters the practical implementation of several rights, both substantive and procedural, including the rights to health, well-being, dignity, the environment, culture, information, participation, education and training.

**Action required**

The Committee is invited to take note:

– of the continuation of the work to contribute to the global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat, in the framework of the Work Programme of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention;

– of the contribution of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with regard in particular to the implementation of the Goals 3 (Good health and well-being), 11 (Sustainable cities and communities) and 15 (Life on land).

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## PART II

### **WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE LANDSCAPE CONVENTION 2021-2023<sup>3</sup>**

*Adopted by the 11th Council of Europe Conference on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention  
on 27 May 2021 (CEP-CDCPP (2021) 16E),  
and which the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)  
took note of on 18 June 2021 (CDCPP (2021) 11 rev, 4.3)*

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The main objectives of the Work Programme are to promote participatory democracy, maintaining and deepening dialogue and co-operation between public authorities and civil society for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention by:

1. Organising biennial Council of Europe Conferences on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, according to the terms of reference of Committees of Experts set up under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe designated by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention (Article 10 of the Convention – Monitoring of the implementation of the Convention);
2. Organising annually one or several Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention;
3. Monitoring the Information System of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention with the preparation of national and regional reports and thematic reports on public policies of Parties to the Convention (according to Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 December 2013);
4. Continuing the organisation of the Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe in the framework of the Council of Europe Landscape Alliance Award and of the Forums on the national selections of the Landscape Award (according to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and to the Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017);
5. Preparing thematic reports and draft recommendations of the Committee of Ministers on natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, considered as outstanding, of everyday life and degraded, inland and maritime waters being taken into consideration;
6. Establishing Working Groups supported by expertise, in order to prepare draft recommendations for the attention of the CDCPP and Committee of Ministers;
7. Promoting synergies on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law;

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3. The Work Programme is intended to cover the period between the 11th and 12th Council of Europe Conferences on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention.

*Council of Europe Landscape Convention:*

- Territorial Dimension of Human Rights and Democracy [PMM 2011-2019, No. 251, Cead 2561]

- Territorial dimension of Human Rights, Democracy and Sustainable development

[PMM 2020-2022, No. 2453]. [PMM 2023-2025, No. 3017].

8. Contributing to the global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat.

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### **Action Plan for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

The Action Plan refers to the Articles of the Convention.

#### **1. Implementation of Article 10 "Monitoring and implementation of the Convention" and of Article 8 "Mutual assistance and exchange of information" of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

- Organisation of the 11th Council of Europe Conference on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 26-27 May 2021;
- Organisation of the 12th Council of Europe Conference on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, under the auspices of the Finnish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 6-7 May 2023;
- Preparation of the Landscape Part of the 10th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 18 June and 8-9 December 2021, and of the meetings of its Bureau;
- Preparation of the Landscape Part of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2022-2023, and of the meetings of its Bureau;
- Development of Phase 4 of the Council of Europe Council of Europe Landscape Convention Information System on the website (according to the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States CM/Rec(2013)4);
- Follow-up of the Working Group, supported by expertise, on "Landscape integration in sectoral policies";
- Organisation of the 25th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, "Landscape Strategies, Action plans and Policy documents for landscape quality", Palma de Mallorca, Spain, 6-8 October 2021 [Theme of the International Landscape Day of 20 October 2021];
- Organisation of the 27th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, 2022;
- Organisation of the ...th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, 2023.

#### *Documentation:*

- Publication of the book "Landscape mosaics: Reflections and proposals for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention", Council of Europe Publishing (to be published in 2022);
- Dissemination and translation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers to Member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention.



## **2. Implementation of Article 5 “General Measures”**

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

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

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

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

- Promotion of meetings on education and summer universities;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on training;
- Publication of the Pedagogical Booklet “Landscape education for primary schools” and translation in several languages.

### *Documentation:*

- Dissemination (and possible translation into other languages) of the Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to Member States: CM/Rec(2014)8 on promoting landscape awareness through education, and CM/Rec(2015)7 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary schools.

## **5. Implementation of Article 7 “International policies and programmes” of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

- Promotion of the consideration of the landscape dimension of sectorial policies of the European Union (Policies of Agriculture, of Research) and other international policies and programmes;
- Contribution to global debates on sustainable development and habitat;
- Contribution to the consideration of landscape as an ecosystem service.

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

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

**7. Implementation of Article 9 “Transfrontier landscapes” of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

- Implementation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the implementation of Article 9 of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on transfrontier landscapes;
- Promotion of transfrontier co-operation: meetings and projects;
- Establishment of a network of landscape observatories and universities.

**8. Implementation of Article 11 “Landscape Award of the Council of Europe” of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

- Organisation of an Exhibition on the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, on the occasion of the 12th and 13th Council of Europe Conferences on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention (Strasbourg 2022 and Strasbourg, 2024), and on the occasion of other events;
- Organisation of the 7th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2020-2021) according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Organisation of the 8th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2022-2023) according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Organisation of the 9th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2024-2025) according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Organisation of the 24th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 6th Session 2018-2019”, 2022;
- Organisation of the 26th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 7th Session 2020-2021”, 2022;
- Organisation of the ...th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention on “Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 8th Session 2022-2023”, 2024.

*Documentation:*

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

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