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*(in English only)*

## **EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

*Council of Europe  
Paris, 9 January 2009*

### **EXPERT MEETING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNCIL OF EUROPE DATABASE FOR THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

## **REPORT**

*Document by the General Secretariat  
Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Spatial Planning Division*

1. The representative of the Secretariat of the Council of Europe explained that the objective of the meeting was to organise a very preliminary expert meeting in order to establish a Council of Europe Database on the European Landscape Convention taking the opportunity offered by the new technologies for interactive systems. This activity would be articulated with HEREIN and a draft recommendation should be prepared to be presented at the 5th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention on 30-31 March 2009 for adoption by the member States of the Council of Europe.
2. Mr Jean-François SEGUIN, Chair of the Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention welcomed the participants (see List of participants in the appendix).
3. Presentations were made on the following internet database systems: Council of Europe's HEREIN (Council of Europe), Le NOTRE (ECLAS) and Landscape Observatory of Catalonia. The experiences of France, Italy and Slovenia were also presented.
4. The participants discussed the proposal and Mr Jean-François SEGUIN summarised the discussions as follows:

Name: to be defined

#### **Goals**

- **Monitoring ELC (CDPATEP tool)**
- **Exchange of experiences (Data and a forum)**
- **Public awareness (effectiveness of the ELC)**
- **A database for research**

#### **Three levels**

- **information from public authorities (CoE questionnaire)**
- **Case study module**
- **Internal discussion forum**

**A database useful for: public, researchers, administrations, NGOs, populations, education systems, professional bodies**

**How to reach the goals (Strategies, tools) Web site and/or data base and/or portal?**

**Who manage the system (scientific committee, general committee...?) Main system must be simple and cheap. Long time to build the system >>> long term finance**

**What data? Concrete actions, laws and rules, publications...**

**How to take count of the contributions of populations, NGOs?**

Deadline: 30 March (Conference)

#### **“Connections” to**

- European Heritage Network (HEREIN)
- National, federal, regional and local levels (Landscape Observatory of Catalonia, SINP France....). Different situations in countries
- EU
- Landscape networks (LE:NOTRE)
- Other databases (agriculture...?)
- Landscape indicators

**Data < > good (best?) practices (Landscape awards?) / study cases**

**Contribution of the public?**

Many languages ... a common **Thesaurus**, glossary, translation tool ... connection to other observatories / key words ... CEMAT

Different **concepts** on landscape

Different landscape information systems

Outstanding everyday landscapes

Some questions:

- Monitor or assess?
- **Who validates information? Data from public authorities, from NGOs, LAS, professional bodies, public?**
- **One official responsible for validation in each country (Main criteria for contributors/authors?)**
- **Free access?**
- Spatialisation and subsidiarity

**How to work until the conference in March?**

*Experts:*

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**Yves Luginbühl**

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**Richard Stiles**

**Present the strategic Guidelines and develop technical aspects for a draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers**

**Appendix**

**Website addresses**

5. Mr Bruno FAVEL, Chair of the CDPATEP, and Mrs Orane PROISY from the French Ministry of Culture attended the meeting for a presentation of the Archireseau Europe Project.

6. It was decided that a second meeting would be organised in Paris on 6 March 2009 with the participation of some European Landscape Convention delegates, in order to prepare the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to be presented to all delegates of the Parties to the European Landscape Convention at the 5<sup>th</sup> Conference on the European Landscape Convention (30-31 March 2009) and then to the CDPATEP.

## APPENDIX

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