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I welcome all participants, on behalf of the Ministry of Civil Affairs and myself.

I give special greetings to representatives from the Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention, and above all to Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention; Mr Dejan Radošević, Head of Section for Biological and Technical Affairs, Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Srpska, Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage and Mr Slobodan Nagradic, Executive Director of the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage, whose institutions have given support to the Symposium.

Special thanks must be given to the landscape experts from France, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro who have accepted our invitation to come and share their professional experience with our governmental experts and civilian representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a signatory to the European Landscape Convention. The Convention was signed on behalf of the country by the Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 9 April 2010, ratified on 31 January 2012 and it entered into force on 1 May 2012.

After ratification of the Convention, and bearing in mind the administrative organisation of the country, Bosnia and Herzegovina has appointed two contact persons to follow up the implementation of the European Landscape Convention. The contact persons, working in different entity institutions, are: Mrs Lamija Abdijevic, Expert Advisor for architectural heritage with the Bureau for Protection of Monuments of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Mr Dejan Radošević, from the Republic Institute for the Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage, Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Srpska.

Under the auspices of the Council of Europe from 1954 to 2005, several Conventions in the field of culture, heritage and landscapes have been adopted by Bosnia and Herzegovina. They are undoubtedly very significant and influential instruments of European cultural policy.

It is important to underline that landscape has occupied a separate place in relation to the current Council of Europe cultural and heritage policies. The need to achieve sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity and the environment has led the key European stakeholders to open this Convention for signature in Florence in 2000. It is the first international treaty covering all aspects of landscape and relates to the whole territory of the contracting parties. I am convinced that, in the field of landscapes, there is no significant document at European level at this moment other than the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe.

It is important for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and all countries, to recognise the timely significance of landscape policies, their interconnection with many other public policies and appropriate measures, as well as with well-designed policies that begin to act in the direction of protecting and preserving our regional, national and European landscapes.

In particular, this refers to linking with the policy sectors in the field of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, natural heritage, tourism and recreation, agriculture, forestry, industrial and mineral production techniques, regional planning, town planning, transport, infrastructure and much more.

As a reflection of local or regional identity in a very rich mosaic of European diversity, the landscape represents a vivid natural and cultural heritage, regardless of whether it is a common or special area, urban or rural, on land or in water. The landscape contributes to the creation of local cultures, provides a significant contribution to the quality of life and the strengthening of a common European identity, and is one of the fundamental components of our natural and cultural heritage.
Unfortunately, due to rapid economic development, enormous changes in the field of agriculture, forestry, industrial production, mining, regional planning, urban planning, transport, infrastructure, tourism, recreation and climate changes at a global level, many of our landscapes are exposed to various influences and changes, and in some cases they are in danger of being lost forever.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a country that has a very rich cultural, historical and natural heritage: it also has exceptionally beautiful, attractive, interesting and unique landscapes.

In this regard, the potential of Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially local communities, including the beautiful landscapes around the town of Trebinje, are excellent and underutilised. The situation is similar in many other regions of the country. Bearing in mind all the challenges that our landscapes currently face, we appreciate the need to re-think the values of our landscape policies in the light of the spirit, and practical recommendations, of the European Landscape Convention.

As a society that is going through a post-conflict phase, it is necessary to develop a modern and progressive attitude towards our landscapes, in order to preserve the values that the landscape summarises in its multi-century history. The diverse landscape potential (merged with the potential of such fields as culture, heritage, tourism, crafts and economy) can be usefully and smartly used in social spheres in the promotion of the universal European values of democracy, human rights, respecting diversity and rule of law, which can ultimately facilitate the process of building a free, democratic and progressive society.

Since the European Landscape Convention is relatively new, and Bosnia and Herzegovina has relatively recently ratified it, it is a great opportunity that experts from different areas of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and from different governance levels (state, entity, canton and local level), have the possibility to discuss and exchange experiences with their colleagues from other countries.

Bearing in mind that this is the first meeting at this level in our country dedicated to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, the know-how and experience of the landscape experts of the Council of Europe, Croatia, France, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia will be very valuable in helping us address the challenges of implementing the Convention.

I wish you a successful Symposium, fruitful activities – and a pleasant stay in Bosnia and Herzegovina – to Bosnia and Herzegovina’s international guests!
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Mrs Sanja Ljeskovic Mitrovic  
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Mr Slobodan Nagradic, Mrs Lamija Abdijevic, Mr Dragoslav Banjak and Mrs Sanja Ljeskovic Mitrovic delivered opening speeches welcoming the guests and wishing them a successful Symposium.
Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons  
*Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe I would like to express our great pleasure at being in Bosnia and Herzegovina at the National Symposium for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, and would particularly like to convey our appreciation that you have hosted this event in such a nice city and landscape.

We extend our thanks to:

- Mr Edin Veladžić, Senior Advisor for European integration and international cultural co-operation, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Mr Slobodan Nagradic, Executive Director of the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage, Ministry of Education and Culture, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Mrs Lamija Abdijevic, Senior Advisor for cultural heritage with the Institute for Protection of Monuments of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Federal Ministry of Culture and Sport, Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Mr Dragoslav Banjak, President of the Assembly of the City of Trebinje, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and, of course, to
- Mr Dejan Radošević, Head of Section, Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage, Ministry of Education and Culture, Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, for his greatly appreciated co-operation in the organisation of this event.

I am also most grateful that the Representatives from Croatia, France, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia have been able to join this meeting which is intended to implement the provisions of the Convention (Article 8) on “Mutual assistance and exchange of information” for the establishment of landscape policies.

Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the Convention in January 2012 and we appreciate very much the significant work in process for its implementation. To date, 38 Council of Europe member States have ratified this Convention and three States have signed it.

The Parties to the Convention indicated their wish to establish a new instrument dedicated to the protection, management and planning of all landscapes, considering that the landscape is an important part of the quality of life for people everywhere: as much in everyday areas as in areas of outstanding beauty. The Convention applies not only to the countryside but also to urban areas; not only to areas of high quality, but also to degraded ones. The Parties acknowledge that the quality and diversity of landscapes constitute a shared resource to which it is vital to contribute protection, management and planning.

Landscape has indeed an important public interest role in the cultural, ecological, environmental and social fields and constitutes a resource that can promote economic activity and contribute to job creation. It is therefore important to establish strategies and policy documents to ensure that the landscape dimension is taken into account; it is vital to adopt legal and financial instruments, and to develop new forms of co-ordination, both horizontal and vertical.

This event intends to provide the opportunity to learn more about experiences of States Parties in promoting landscape policies.

Thank you for your attention.
Introduction
The implementation of the European Landscape Convention

Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons
Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention

“The landscape ... 
... has an important public interest role in the cultural, ecological, environmental and social fields, and constitutes a resource favourable to economic activity and whose protection, management and planning can contribute to job creation; 
... contributes to the formation of local cultures and ... is a basic component of the European natural and cultural heritage, contributing to human well-being...; 
... 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; 
... is a key element of individual and social well-being and ... its protection, management and planning entail rights and responsibilities for everyone."

Preamble of the European Landscape Convention

Adopted in Strasbourg by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000, the European Landscape Convention¹ was opened for signature by the Organisation’s member States in Florence on 20 October of that year. As the first international treaty devoted exclusively to all aspects of landscape, it addresses the Council of Europe’s key challenges in the areas of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The Council of Europe member States signatory to the Convention have declared themselves “[c]oncerned to achieve sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity and the environment”. The Convention is therefore the first international treaty devoted to sustainable development, with the cultural dimension a particularly relevant factor. 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.

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, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Three States have also signed it: Estonia, Iceland and Malta.

The Convention states that it is open for signature by the Council of Europe member States and that the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers can invite the European Community and any European State that 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’s Statute and by the unanimous vote of the States Parties entitled to hold seats in the Committee of Ministers.

¹. Website of the European Landscape Convention: www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention.
The Convention provides that existing competent Committees of Experts, set up under the Council of Europe's Statute, shall be designated by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers to be responsible for monitoring its implementation. This is currently the task of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), which discusses in particular the results of the Council of Europe conferences on the European Landscape Convention. After each of its meetings, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe forwards a report on the work carried out, and on the operation of the Convention, to the Committee of Ministers.

The aim of the work programme in support of the implementation of the Convention is to ensure the monitoring of its application, promote international co-operation, gather examples of good practice, promote knowledge and research, raise awareness and foster access to information. The Meetings of the workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, which are regularly organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with a host country, aim to conduct in-depth analyses of certain matters associated with that implementation. Several issues of the Council of Europe journal Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory have been devoted to the subject of landscape. The references of the work carried out by the Council of Europe since the adoption of the Convention are mentioned below, and the documents are available at the Council's European Landscape Convention website.

The Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers has demonstrated its full support for the Convention and its implementation. First of all, it adopted it in Strasbourg on 19 July 2000 before it was opened for signature by the Organisation's member States. It then adopted four other fundamental texts on its implementation: Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention; Resolution CM/Rec(2008) on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe; 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; Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on promoting landscape awareness through education; Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on pedagogical material for landscape education at primary level; Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on Transfrontier Landscapes; and Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy, with a view to sustainable development.

The Convention, and the basic texts concerning its implementation, contribute to promoting legal recognition of the landscape, ensuring that the landscape dimension is taken into account in national and international policies, and developing international co-operation.

The legal recognition of landscapes

The Convention defines landscape as “an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors”. It also provides that each Party shall 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 landscape is recognised regardless of its outstanding beauty, since all forms of landscape have a bearing on citizens’ quality of life, and should therefore be taken into account in landscape policies. The scope of the Convention is extensive: it applies to the entire territory of the Parties and relates to natural, urban and peri-urban areas, including land, inland water and marine areas. It thus concerns not just remarkable landscapes but also ordinary everyday landscapes and degraded areas.

Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention sets out a “Suggested text” for use as guidance for public authorities when implementing the Convention. It states that a spe...
specific national ministry should be responsible for implementing landscape policy and for inter-ministerial co-ordination in the area; that it should organise consultation with civil society and the assessment of landscape policies by an ad hoc body; that, in collaboration with the other ministries and with public participation, it should regularly develop and review a national landscape strategy, laying down the guiding principles of landscape policy, describing the paths taken and the goals pursued, in order to protect, manage and plan landscapes.

It provides that this landscape strategy should be made public and that ministries whose activities influence landscapes should liaise with departments responsible for implementing landscape policy in the course of their activities, and regularly report on their landscape policy.

It also provides that regional and local authorities should have staff familiar with landscape issues in order to implement landscape policy in their spheres of competence, taking landscapes into account at their respective territorial levels. The text reiterates that landscape policy is a responsibility shared between the national authorities and regional and local authorities, in keeping with the principle of subsidiarity.

The documents entitled “Landscape in languages and laws in the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention” and “Landscape Lexicon: richness and diversity of words, texts and approaches to landscape in Europe” compile information on the meaning of the word landscape in the languages of the States Parties to the Convention, and in the legal texts adopted in connection with implementing the Convention.7

Various studies that deal with sustainable development and draw attention to the role of landscape in the lives of human beings and societies have been carried out.

See in particular on this subject:

The proceedings of the following meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- “Landscape policies: contribution to the well-being of European citizens and to sustainable development (social, economic, cultural and ecological approaches)”, Strasbourg (France), 23-24 May 2002

- “Landscapes and individual and social well-being”, Strasbourg (France), 27-28 November 2003

- “Landscape and society” Ljubljana (Slovenia), 11-12 May 2006

- “Multifunctional Landscape”, Evora (Portugal), 20-21 October 2011

- “National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities”, Yerevan (Armenia), 5-6 October 2016

- “The implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level: local democracy”, Brno (Czech Republic), 5-6 September 2017

The following publications bring together thematic reports on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- Council of Europe, Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe Publishing, 2006
  - Landscape and social, economic, cultural and ecological approaches
  - Landscape and individual and social well-being

- Council of Europe, Landscape facets, Council of Europe Publishing, 2012
  - Landscape and ethics

The Council of Europe journal Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory:

- “Landscapes: the setting for our future lives”, Naturopa, 1998, no. 86

- “European Landscape Convention”, Naturopa, 2002, no. 98

- “Landscape through literature”, Naturopa/ Culturopa, 2005, no. 103

- “Landscape and public space”, Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory, 2014, no. 3

**Taking account of the landscape dimension in national and international policies**

The Convention provides that each Party shall undertake, at national level, to establish and implement landscape policies on the one hand, and to integrate landscape into its other policies that may have a direct
or indirect impact on landscape on the other. They also undertake to co-operate on taking into account the landscape dimension in international policies and programmes and to recommend, where relevant, that landscape considerations be included in them.

The establishment and implementation of landscape policies

The Convention states that “landscape policy” means “an expression by the competent public authorities of general principles, strategies and guidelines that permit the taking of specific measures aimed at the protection, management and planning of landscape”. Among its “general measures”, it also provides that each Party shall undertake “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”. In particular, Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)8 of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention contains a set of theoretical, methodological and practical guidelines intended for Parties to the Convention who wish to draw up and implement landscape policies on the basis of the Convention.

The Convention provides a definition of the terms “protection”, “management” and “planning” of landscapes:

- “protection” means actions to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape, justified by its heritage value derived from its natural configuration and/or from human activity;
- “management” means action, from a perspective of sustainable development, to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape, so as to guide and harmonise changes which are brought about by social, economic and environmental processes;
- “planning” means strong forward-looking action to enhance, restore or create landscapes.

See in particular on this subject:

The proceedings of the following meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- “National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities”, Yerevan (Armenia), 5-6 October 2016
- “The implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level: local democracy”, Brno (Czech Republic), 5-6 September 2017

Participation, “general measures” to promote landscape policies

The Convention provides that each Party shall undertake “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”. It accordingly demands a responsible, forward-looking attitude on the part of all players whose decisions influence landscape quality, and therefore has consequences in many policy and action areas, both public and private.

See in particular on this subject:

The proceedings of the following meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- “Innovative tools for the protection, management and planning of landscape”, Strasbourg (France), 23-24 May 2002
- “Landscape and society” Ljubljana (Slovenia), 11-12 May 2006
- “Landscape identification and assessment: an exercise in democracy”, Cetinje (Montenegro), 2-3 October 2013
- “Visions for the future of Europe on territorial democracy: landscape as a new strategy for spatial planning”, Thessaloniki (Greece), 1-2 October 2012

The publication:

- Council of Europe, Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe Publishing, 2006
  - Landscape and innovative instruments
  - Landscape identification, assessment and quality objectives
  - Landscape and public participation

Awareness-raising, training, education, landscape identification and assessment, setting landscape quality objectives and implementing landscape policies, “specific measures” to promote landscape policies

The Convention provides that each Party shall undertake “to establish and implement landscape policies aimed at landscape protection, management and planning through the adoption of specific measures”. The “specific measures” to promote landscape policies are outlined below.
Education

It is of fundamental importance to promote school and university courses that, in the relevant disciplines, address the values attaching to landscapes and the issues raised by their protection, management and planning. Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on promoting landscape awareness through education focuses in particular on school teaching in primary and secondary education, considering that educational activities in the landscape field are an excellent way of giving meaning to the future of young people.

See in particular on this subject:

The proceedings of the following meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- “Awareness-raising, training and education”, Strasbourg (France), 23-24 May 2002

The publications:

- Council of Europe, Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe Publishing, 2006
  - Landscape and awareness-raising, training and education

Identification and assessment

It is necessary to enlist the help of all players concerned in order to improve knowledge of landscapes and ensure that landscape identification and assessment procedures are guided by the exchange of experience and methodology between Parties to the Convention.

Awareness-raising

This is about increasing awareness of the value of landscapes, their role and changes to them, among civil society, private organisations and public authorities.

On the occasion of the First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, held on 20 October 2017, local authorities were invited to celebrate the landscape 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” (Article 5.a of the Convention). Numerous events were held on this occasion.

See in particular on this subject:

The proceedings of the following meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- “Awareness-raising, training and education”, Strasbourg (France), 23-24 May 2002

The publications:

- Council of Europe, Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe Publishing, 2006
  - Landscape and awareness-raising, training and education

Training

It is important to promote training for specialists in landscape appraisal and operations, as well as multidisciplinary training programmes in landscape policy, protection, management and planning, for professionals in the private and public sectors, and for the associations concerned.

See in particular on this subject:

The publications:

- Council of Europe, Landscape facets, Council of Europe Publishing, 2012
  - Landscape and training of landscape architects
- Council of Europe, Report presented to the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention “Landscape and training of civil engineers” (CEP-CDCPP (2015) 15)
The implementation of landscape policies

It is necessary to introduce instruments aimed at protecting, managing and/or planning the landscape.

According to Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, in order to implement landscape policies a general planning and development process should be introduced. This should use specific instruments and provide for the landscape dimension to be included in sectoral instruments. It notes that instruments are already being employed in several countries and each can be a model for either creating new instruments or improving existing ones. The main categories are landscape planning (landscape study plans included in spatial planning); the inclusion of the landscape in sectoral policies and instruments; shared charters, contracts and strategic plans; impact and landscape studies; evaluations of the effects of operations on landscape not subject to an impact study; protected sites and landscape; the relationship between landscape and regulations concerning the cultural and historic heritage; resources and financing; landscape awards; landscape observatories, centres and institutes; reports on the state of the landscape and landscape policies; and the management of trans-frontier landscapes.

Consultation and decision-making meetings are held by the Council of Europe member States at national, regional and local level with the support or participation of the Council of Europe Secretariat, in order to foster debate and the adoption of policies for the implementation of the Convention. These policies make it possible to promote horizontal cooperation between ministries, vertical co-operation between tiers of government and/or cross-cutting co-operation between the authorities, professionals, the population and the private sector.

Defining landscape quality objectives

The aim is to define landscape quality objectives for the landscapes identified and assessed, subsequent to public consultation. The term "landscape quality objective" means, for a specific landscape, the formulation by the competent public authorities of the aspirations of the public with regard to the landscape features of their surroundings.
“Innovative tools for the protection, management and planning of landscape”, Strasbourg (France), 23-24 May 2002

“Landscape in planning policies and governance: towards integrated spatial management”, Piešťany (Slovakia), 24-25 April 2008

Two reports on the landscape dimension of the public policies and international programmes were presented at the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention: “Report on public landscape funding” and update of the Report “Selected funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention”.9

**Integrating landscape to other policies that may have a direct or indirect impact on it**

The Convention provides that each Party shall undertake “to integrate landscape to its regional and town planning policies and in its cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape”.

According to the Convention, developments in agriculture, forestry, industrial and mineral production techniques and in regional planning, town planning, transport, infrastructure, tourism and recreation and, at a more general level, changes in the world economy, have in many cases led to the degradation, standardisation or transformation of landscapes. It points out that many rural and peri-urban areas in particular have undergone and are continuing to undergo far-reaching changes and deserve great attention both on the part of the authorities and the public.

See in particular on this subject:

The proceedings of the following meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- “Landscape and spatial planning”, Strasbourg (France), 27-28 November 2003
- “Landscapes for urban, suburban and peri-urban areas”, Cork (Ireland), 16-17 June 2005
- “Landscape and rural heritage”, Sibiu (Romania), 20-21 September 2007
- “Landscape in planning policies and governance: towards integrated spatial management”, Piešťany (Slovakia), 24-25 April 2008

- “Landscape and driving forces” (climate change and the new energy paradigm, the “Globalscape”, landscape and social transformations, production systems and consumption patterns), Malmö/Alnarp (Sweden), 8-9 October 2009
- “Landscape, infrastructures and society”, Cordoba (Spain), 15-16 April 2010
- “Multifunctional landscape”, Evora (Portugal), 20-21 October 2011
- “Visions for the future of Europe on territorial democracy: landscape as a new strategy for spatial planning”, Thessaloniki (Greece), 1-2 October 2012
- “Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape”, Urgup (Turkey), 30 September, 1-2 October 2014

The publications:

  - Landscape and spatial planning
  - Landscape, towns and peri-urban and suburban areas
  - Landscape and transport infrastructure: roads
  - Road infrastructures: tree avenues in the landscape
  - Landscape and wind turbines
  - Landscape and leisure
  - Landscape and economy
  - Landscape and advertising

The Council of Europe journal *Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory*:

- “Landscape through literature”, *Naturopa/ Culturopa*, 2005, no. 103
- “Vernacular rural habitat, a heritage in our landscape”, *Futuropa, for a new vision of landscape and territory*, 2008, no. 1

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Two reports on the integration of the landscape dimension to agriculture policies, as well as regional and town planning policies, were presented at the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention: “Drawing agricultural landscapes for the sustainable and harmonious development of territories” and “Towards a grammar for European landscapes”.

The development of international co-operation

The Contracting Parties undertake to co-operate in catering for the landscape dimension in international policies and programmes, and to recommend as appropriate the inclusion of landscape considerations in these policies and programmes. They accordingly undertake to promote technical and scientific assistance and exchange of landscape specialists for training and information, and to exchange information on all matters covered by the Convention.

The Council of Europe organises this co-operation through its conferences on the European Landscape Convention. Held since 2001 at the Palais de l’Europe, they enable progress to be made on implementing the Convention. Representatives of the Parties to the Convention and signatory States participate in them, as do representatives of the main Council of Europe bodies: the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Conference of Non-Governmental Organisations with participatory status at the Council of Europe. Also present with observer status are representatives of Council of Europe member States that are not yet Parties or signatories, as well as international governmental and non-governmental organisations with an interest in the subject.

The results of the discussions held at the meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and the meetings of the working groups responsible for drawing up draft recommendations, thematic reports produced by Council of Europe experts formulating action proposals, and proposals made by the juries of the Council of Europe Landscape Award are presented at these conferences with the aim of preparing draft decisions, which are then submitted to the steering committee responsible for the Convention.

The development of transfrontier co-operation

Transfrontier landscapes are the subject of a specific provision: “The Parties shall encourage transfrontier co-operation at local and regional level and, wherever necessary, prepare and implement joint landscape programmes”. Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention also pays particular attention to the management of transfrontier landscapes.

The Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on Transfrontier Landscapes considers 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, and recommends that the States Parties to the European Landscape 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”, and 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, of the co-operation programmes drawn up and put in place, in order to foster an exchange of experiences between the Parties”.

See in particular on this subject:

The proceedings of the following meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- “Integration of landscapes in international policies and programmes and transfrontier landscapes”, Strasbourg (France), 27-28 November 2003
- Landscape and transfrontier co-operation: the landscape knows no boundary”, Andorra la Vella (Andorra), 1-2 October 2015

The publication:

- Council of Europe, Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the
A Report on “Regional approaches to sustainable landscapes and green economic growth”, covering activities of REC Caucasus for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, was presented at the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention.  

The promotion of international co-operation, mutual assistance and the exchange of information

To ensure exchanges of information and monitoring of the implementation of the Convention in the various member States of the Council of Europe, a document setting out the landscape policies pursued in the member States has been produced on a regular basis and presented on the occasion of the Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention.  

The use of the European Landscape Convention Information System, set up pursuant to 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, will permit access online to information concerning national and regional policies that have been developed. The glossary has been produced in order to explain certain terms employed and thus provide access keys for authorities, organisations or citizens seeking useful information on landscape policies.  

The States Parties to the Convention are invited to make use of this Information System and its glossary in the context of their co-operation, to work together on developing it further and 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.

Recognition of exemplary projects: the Landscape Award and the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

The European Landscape Convention provides for a Council of Europe Landscape Award which recognises policies or measures adopted by local or regional authorities or non-governmental organisations 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.

On 20 February 2008, the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. The Award and special mentions are conferred every two years on the basis of a Committee of Ministers’ decision following a proposal by a jury and a Council of Europe steering committee tasked with monitoring the implementation of the Convention. Four criteria have been established for the conferment of the Council of Europe Landscape Award: sustainable territorial development, exemplariness, public participation and awareness-raising.

A section of the Convention website, entitled “Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance of the European Landscape Convention”, is devoted to a presentation of national award-winning projects. Depending on the case, they promote landscape protection through measures to preserve the significant and characteristic features of the landscape; landscape management through action from a sustainable development perspective to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape in order to guide and harmonise change; or landscape planning through forward-looking action to enhance, restore or create landscapes. These projects foster: landscapes for living, in urban and peri-urban areas; landscapes to discover, through the provision of roads or country paths; historical and living landscapes, between nature and culture; or landscapes that enable people to get to know the countryside and take action to support it, by establishing methodologies and other landscape promotion tools.
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 European 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.

Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe


The Awards, special mentions and acknowledgements have been conferred on the basis of decisions by the Committee of Ministers which are based on the recommendations of the Council of Europe steering committee responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention (Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape – CDCPP) and prepared by an International Jury. In accordance with the Rules, the Awards are presented by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, or his representative, at a public ceremony.17

Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections

Biennially organised by the Council of Europe, the “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forums” aim to highlight the selections made at national level within the framework of the Landscape Award, as sources of inspiration.

See in particular on this subject:

The proceedings of the following meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention:

- “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – 1st-2nd Sessions, 2008-2010 and 2010-2011”, Carbonia (Italy), 4-5 June 2012

- “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – 3rd Session 2012-2013”, Wroclaw (Poland), 11-12 June 2014
- “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – 5th Session 2016-2017”, Daugavpils (Latvia), 20-21 June 2018

Conclusion

Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention states that “[t]he concept of landscape is undergoing a period of rapid and profound change accompanied by significant advances”. It notes that the European Landscape Convention and the documents relating to its implementation “have led to developments in numerous European States, not only in their national and regional legislation but also at various administrative levels, as well as in methodological documents and experiments with active participatory landscape policies”. It further notes that “[t]his situation has come about both in States which have long been active in this area and which have tried and tested landscape policies and instruments, and in States which are not yet at that stage”. Finally, it points out that the Convention “is used as a benchmark by some countries to initiate a process of profound change in their landscape policies; for others it constitutes an opportunity to define their policy”.

Landscape has been gradually introduced into governmental political agendas; an extensive international co-operation network in support of the implementation of the Convention has developed; the concept of landscape as defined by the Convention is being increasingly recognised by the authorities and citizens; new forms of co-operation are emerging between the different tiers of government – national, regional and local – and between the ministries or departments of the same state or region; landscape-specific working structures (observatories, centres or landscape institutes) are being set up; landscape-specific laws and regulations are being adopted; states and regions are cooperating beyond their borders in the case of frontier landscapes; national landscape awards referring to the Council of Europe Landscape Award have been launched; university programmes have been developed with reference to the Convention and summer universities on landscape are being organised; biennials, landscape festivals and exhibitions based on the principles of the Convention are being

Governments wishing to implement the principles of good governance need to consider the inestimable value of landscape for human beings and include the landscape dimension in their national and international policy-making. It is also up to each individual to respect the landscape and take care of it – in its appearance and substance – for both current and future generations.

Preamble to the European Landscape Convention

October 2000

- Came into force
1 March 2004 considered as the first international convention on sustainable development.

- Adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
Strasbourg, 19 July 2000

- Opened for signature
Florence, Italy, 20 October 2000

Council of Europe

Intergovernmental organisation founded in 1949

47 Member States – Headquarters in the Palais de l’Europe, Strasbourg

Statutes
- Promotes Democracy Human rights Rule of law
- Seek common solutions to the main problems facing society

Council of Europe

European Landscape Convention

October 2000

Philosophy: Landscape as a common good

The landscape ... has an important public interest role in the cultural, ecological, environmental and social fields, and constitutes a resource favourable to economic activity and whose protection, management and planning can contribute to job creation; ... contributes to the formation of local culture and ... is a basic component of the European natural and cultural heritage, contributing to human well-being and consolidation of the European Identity;

... 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;

... is a key element of individual and social well-being and ... its protection, management and planning entail rights and responsibilities for everyone.

Preamble to the European Landscape Convention

Powerpoint presentation
http://rm.coe.int/1680787909
Why?

The developments in agriculture, forestry, industrial and mineral production techniques, together with the practices followed in town and country planning, transport, networks, tourism and recreation, and at a more general level, changes in the world economy, have in many cases accelerated the transformation of landscapes.

The Convention expresses the Member States concern to achieve sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity and the environment.

It aims to respond to the public’s wish to enjoy high quality landscapes.

Definitions

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

“Landscape policy” means an expression by the competent public authorities of general principles, strategies and guidelines that permit the taking of specific measures aimed at the protection, management and planning of landscapes.

“Landscape quality objective” means, for a specific landscape, the formulation by the competent public authorities of the aspirations of the public with regard to the landscape features of their surroundings.

“Landscape protection” means action to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape, justified by its heritage value derived from its natural configuration and/or from human activity.

“Landscape management” means action, from a perspective of sustainable development, to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape, so as to guide and harmonise changes which are brought about by social, economic and environmental processes.

“Landscape planning” means strong forward-looking action to enhance, restore or create landscapes.

Council of Europe Working Programme

The work done to implement the European Landscape Convention by the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe is aimed at:

1. Monitoring implementation of the Convention
2. Drafting guidelines/recommendations
3. Collecting examples of good practices
4. Promoting European and international co-operation
5. Fostering knowledge and research
6. Raising awareness
7. Fostering access to information

Scope

The Preamble says that States wish to provide “a new instrument devoted exclusively to the protection, management and planning of all landscapes in Europe”.

It applies to the entire territory of the Parties and covers natural, urban and peri-urban areas, whether on land, water or sea.

It pertains to remarkable landscapes… and also ordinary or everyday landscapes and degraded areas.

Landscape is recognised irrespective of its perceived value, since all forms of landscape are crucial to the quality of the citizens’ environment and deserve to be considered in landscape policies.

Aims of the Convention

National level: promote protection, management and planning of landscapes;

International level: promote international co-operation on landscape issues.

Council of Europe

1. Monitoring the implementation of the Convention

Contracting Parties and Signatories States of the European Landscape Convention and Member States of the Council of Europe and observers

- Parliamentary Assembly
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- International governmental organisations
- International non-governmental organisations

National level: Contracting Parties undertake to implement five general measures

- Legal recognition of landscape as constituting 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;

- Establishment and implementation of landscape policies aimed at landscape protection, management and planning;

- Establishment of procedures for the implementation of the general public, local and regional authorities and other parties with an interest in the definition and implementation of the landscape policies;

- Integration of landscape into regional and town planning policies and in cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies, with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape.

National level: Contracting Parties undertake to implement five specific measures

- Awareness-raising: increasing awareness among the civil society, private organisations and public authorities of the value of landscapes, their role and changes to them
- Promotion in training and education:
  - training for specialists in landscape appraisal and landscape operations
  - interdisciplinary training programmes in landscape policy, protection, management and planning, for professionals in the private and public sector and for associations concerned
  - school and university courses which, in the relevant subject areas, address the values that the landscape has and the issues raised by its protection, management and planning
- Identification and evaluation: mobilising those concerned in order to reach a better knowledge of landscape, guiding the work of landscape identification and evaluation through exchanges of experience and methodology between the Parties at a European level
- Setting landscape quality objectives: defining landscape quality objectives for the landscapes identified and assessed, after public consultation
- Implementation of landscape policies: introducing policy instruments aimed at protecting, managing and/or planning the landscape
Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 on the European Landscape Convention
Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary

Recommendations that States Parties to the Convention:
- use the Information System with its glossary, in the framework of their cooperation, and co-operate to develop it;
- continue to exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the Convention in order to promote knowledge of landscapes and landscape policies, in view of enhancing the quality of people’s lives, taking care of their surroundings.

The Information System is a “toolbox” helping 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 on mutual assistance and exchange of information.

Strategies and policy documents in favour of the landscape

Hungary: National Landscape Strategy (2017-2026) – Ministry of Agriculture
Latvia: Landscape Policy Strategy - Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development
Switzerland: The Swiss Landscape Conception; Landscape 2020 – Federal Office of the Environment
Netherlands: Agenda Landschap – ardechappelijk verantwoord onderouwen voor onderen
Portugal: The National policy on architecture and landscape
Armenia: Architectural criteria’s protection of landscape character identity of settlements; Provision of the measures for the implementation of the European Landscape Principles of landscape planning in mountain areas; Introduction of principles are defined by the European Landscape Convention relating to training and education in the field of culture; View the Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary

Introduction

I. Develop mutual assistance and exchange of information

II. Implement landscape policy at national level

A. Consider the territory as a whole
B. Recognise the fundamental role of knowledge
C. Promote landscape education
D. Define landscape strategies
E. Integrate the landscape dimension in territorial policies
F. Integrate landscape into sectoral policies
G. Make use of public participation
H. Achieve landscape quality objectives

Paras (4) Division of responsibilities and competences

a. Landscape policy is a responsibility shared between the national authorities and regional and local authorities, in keeping with the principle of subsidiarity.

b. The Ministry of:
   i. is responsible for implementing landscape policy and for interministerial co-ordination in that field;
   ii. organizes consultation with civil society and the assessment of landscape policies by an ad hoc body;
   iii. in collaboration with the other ministries and with public participation, regularly develops and reviews a national landscape strategy laying down the guiding principles of landscape policy and describing the paths taken and the goals pursued in order to protect, manage or plan landscapes. This landscape strategy should be made public.

Appendix 1 - Examples of instruments used to implement the European Landscape Convention

Instruments are already being put to use in several countries and each of them can be a model for either the creation of new instruments or the improvement of existing ones.

The main categories of instruments are:
- landscape planning; landscape study plans included in spatial planning;
- inclusion of the landscape in sectoral policies and instruments;
- shared charts, contracts, strategic plans;
- impact and landscape studies;
- evaluations of the effects of operations on landscape not subject to an impact study;
- protected sites and landscapes;
- relationship between landscape and regulations concerning the cultural and historic heritage;
- resources and financing;
- landscape awards;
- landscape observatories, centres and institutes;
- reports on the state of the landscape and landscape policies;
- transfrontier landscapes.

Appendix 2 - Suggested text for the practical implementation of the European Landscape Convention at national level

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2. Drafting guidelines/recommendations

Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States for the implementation of the Convention
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)1 on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 on promoting landscape awareness through education;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)1 on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on transfrontier landscapes;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)1 on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development.
c. The ministries whose activities influence landscapes should liaise with departments responsible for implementing landscape policy in the course of their activities, in keeping with the principles embodied in Paragraph 3, and regularly report on their landscape policy.

d. Regional and local authorities should have staff familiar with landscape issues who are capable of implementing landscape policy in their spheres of competence, taking landscapes into account at their respective territorial levels.

- 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.

- 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;

1. Belgium
2. Bulgaria
3. Croatia
4. Czech Republic
5. Finland
6. France
7. Greece
8. Hungary
9. Italy
10. Latvia
11. Serbia
12. Slovak Republic
13. Spain
14. United Kingdom

* Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)7 on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development

3. Collecting examples of good practice: “the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance”

The Landscape Award recognises a policy implemented or measures taken by local and regional authorities or non-governmental organisations to protect, manage and/or plan their landscape which have proved effective in the long-term and can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe.

The Award thus contributes to the stimulation of those working on a local level and to the encouragement and recognition of exemplary landscape management. It is conferred by the Committee of Ministers, on proposals from the Committee of Experts responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention.


Criterion 1 – Sustainable territorial development
Criterion 2 – Exemplary value
Criterion 3 – Public participation
Criterion 4 – Awareness-raising

1. Belgium
2. Belgium
3. Cyprus
4. Czech Republic
5. Finland
6. France
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8. Hungary
9. Italy
10. Latvia
11. Serbia
12. Slovak Republic
13. Spain
14. Portugal
15. Romania
16. Serbia
17. Spain
18. United Kingdom

Landscape Awards of the Council of Europe

1st Session (2009)
Park of the Deûle, Lille Métropole (France)
2nd Session (2011)
City of Carbonia, Carbonia (Italy)
3rd Session (2013)
Lower Silesian Association of Landscape Parks, Poland
4th Session (2015)
Borderless co-operation of local communities for the landscape heritage of “Fabulous” Hetes, Hungary and Slovenia
5th Session (2017)
Daugavpils City Council, Latvia
Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 of the Committee of Ministers on The Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

Resolves that:

I. The exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention in the framework of the sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and acknowledged by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe are part of the “Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe”.[1]

II. The Parties are invited to encourage media coverage of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance to raise public awareness of the importance of landscape.


65 achievements

Exchange experiences: the Council of Europe meetings of the workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

- Organised by the Council of Europe with a Member State of the Council of Europe and other partners on a regular basis since 2002
- Exchange experiences, examining both good and bad practices in the protection, management and planning of the European landscape
- Special emphasis is given to the experiences of the state hosting the meeting.

Workshops 2002
23-24 May, Strasbourg, France
- Landscape policies: the contribution to the well-being of European citizens and to sustainable development – social, economic, cultural and ecological approaches
- Landscape identification, evaluation and quality objectives, using cultural and natural resources– Awareness-raising, training and education
- Innovative tools for the protection, management and planning of landscape
- Landscape Award

Workshops 2003
16-17 June, Cork, Ireland
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- “Landscape and society”

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8-9 October, Malmo, Sweden
- Swedish National Heritage Board

Workshops 2012
4-5 June, Carbonia (Sardinia), Italy
- “Forum of national landscape selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – 1st and 2nd Sessions”

4. Promoting international co-operation

International policies and programmes

The Parties undertake to co-operate in the consideration of the landscape dimension in international policies and programmes, and to recommend, where relevant, the inclusion of landscape considerations in them.

The Parties undertake to co-operate in order to enhance the effectiveness of measures taken under other articles of the Convention, and in particular:

- to render each other technical and scientific assistance in landscape matters through the pooling and exchange of experience, and the results of research projects;
- to exchange information on the implementation of the Convention and on the landscape matters covered by the provisions of the Convention;
- to exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the Convention.

Transfrontier landscapes

Transfrontier landscapes are covered by a specific provision: the Parties shall encourage transfrontier co-operation on local and regional level and, whenever necessary, prepare and implement joint landscape programmes.

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5. Fostering knowledge and research for landscape policies

Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European Landscape Convention
- Integration of landscapes in international policies and programmes;
- Transfrontier landscapes;
- Education; Individual and social well-being;
Spatial planning and landscape
CoE Publishing, 2006

Landscape facets: reflections and proposals for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
- Landscape, town, peri-urban and sub-urban areas;
- Infrastructure and landscape: roads;
- Road infrastructure: tree avenues in the landscape;
- European Local Landscape circle studies: implementation guide;
- Education on landscape for children;
- Training of landscape architects; Landscape and ethics
6. Raising awareness

1967
Standing Committee of Experts for the conservation of nature and landscape

1997
Naturopa magazine of the Council of Europe
‘Nature and the different religions’

First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe
20 October 2017

The First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, inspired by the European Landscape Convention, invited local authorities, in Europe and beyond, to celebrate the landscape 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”, and to develop policies.

The Council of Europe encourages, in particular, the establishment of 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, considering that its protection, management and planning “entails rights and responsibilities for everyone”.

7. Fostering access to information

http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention
http://www.coe.int/Conventioneuropeennedupaysage

Conclusions
– the landscape is progressively included in the political agenda of governments,
– the concept of landscape, as defined by the Convention, is becoming more and more recognised in public policies at national, regional and local levels as well as by populations,
– new forms of cooperation are developed between different levels of authorities (national, regional and local) and between ministries or departments of one State or region,
– specific working structures for landscape (observatories, centers or landscape institutes) have been created,
– specific laws and regulations referring to landscape have been developed according to the provisions of the Convention,
– States or regions cooperate beyond their borders for transfrontier landscapes,
– an important network of cooperation at international level for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention has been developed,
– national landscape awards and landscape days referring to the European Landscape Convention have been launched,
– university programmes have been developed with a reference to the Convention and summer universities on landscape are organised,
– biennale landscape festivals and exhibitions are organised and films referring to the European Landscape Convention prepared.

The Council of Europe contributes to find solutions that will enable the society of tomorrow to live in an environment that gives scope for its full development.

Contemporary societies throughout the world are confronted and will be brought increasingly to grips with phenomena and events that bring in question the values of their civilization and ideals of their philosophies.

A unique setting and meeting place for populations, landscape is a key factor in the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of individuals and societies.

Any government wishing to implement the principles of good governance needs to give due emphasis to landscape in its local, regional, national and international policies.
The status of implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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General information about Bosnia and Herzegovina’s landscape

The institutional framework of environmental protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Based on the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, there is no institution at state level that manages the environment, but, within the organisational structure of government entities, some ministries deal with environmental issues and entity governments co-operate on issues of common interest, through the Environmental Co-ordination Committee established in 1998, and replaced in 2006 by the Inter-Entity Environmental Protection Agency. According to the Law on Ministries and Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Affairs is responsible (in co-operation with entity ministries) for the implementation of international environmental obligations in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The institutional framework of environmental protection in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Environmental administration in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has an extremely fragmented and complex institutional structure (three levels: federal, canton and municipality). Responsibility for environmental issues belongs mostly to the Federal Ministry of Tourism and the Environment, and some other institutions:

- Federal Ministry of Physical Planning;
- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management;
- Federal Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry;
- Environmental Protection Fund of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- Federal Authority for Inspection Activities; and
- others at the cantonal and municipality level.

In this situation, the lack of strong vertical and horizontal co-ordination has led to a difficult situation concerning environmental management.

Laws regarding landscape in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

In 2003, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina adopted several laws, including the Law on Nature Protection. However, a large number of acts have not yet been adopted, and the ones that have been adopted are not in line with the laws adopted at different levels of government. This causes certain conflicts in the implementation of these laws.
The following specific legislation is being developed for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina:

- Law on Environmental Protection: www.ekopak.ba/files/user/docs/Law_on_Environmental_Protection.pdf
- Law on Spatial Planning;
- Law on Forests;
- Law on Water Protection: www.asser.nl/upload/eel-webroot/www/documents/WaterLawBosHer.PDF; and
- others.

**Landscape definition in domestic legislation**

Landscape is defined as a land or maritime area formed by the action of nature and man with extraordinary aesthetic, ecological and/or cultural value, and often with large shifts in biological diversity.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the first two categories of protection are under the responsibility of the Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, while other categories (from the third to the sixth, which is protected landscape) are under the responsibility of the canton. If the protected areas are located within the territory of two or more cantons, these areas are proclaimed by Parliament.

In order to increase the protected areas, it is necessary to develop and implement a methodology that will allow permanent monitoring of the conditions and changes in protected areas and their environment. The highest priority should be given to the development of a comprehensive information system. This could prevent further degradation of natural resources.

It is also necessary to establish professional institutions (Federal institutes for the protection of nature) that should be directly involved in all spheres of conservation, protection, monitoring and sustainable management of protected areas. It is very important to make a special link and communication channels with the local community, which should be included in all spheres.


Since the ratification of the European Landscape Convention in 2012, principles of the Convention have been established in the policies and strategic documents.

The most important programmes and activities of 2017 were:

- adoption of strategic documents in the field of the environment with an integration policy at state level, and an effective mechanism of coordination at entity level;
- implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan adopted for the period 2008-2018 in accordance with the priorities defined by the Budget Framework of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the budget for 2017. Transfers were planned to: help the waste management and technical regulation of landfill sites; dispose of dangerous waste; establish institutions (companies) at federal and canton level for the protection of certain high-value natural areas; promote environmental protection and raise public awareness on environmental protection;
- the development of the institutional framework and legislation, including the adoption of new laws, regulations and amendments to existing ones, with the aim of harmonising the laws with the regulations of the European Union on individual components of the environment (air, water, soil, nature, noise and waste management); the establishment of the necessary environmental institutional reorganisations and rationalisation of existing federal agencies.

In addition, there are a number of ongoing projects concerning landscape in different geographical areas. All planned activities and programmes are co-ordinated with the Federal Ministry of the Environment and Tourism, based on the objectives set by the Law, the National Environmental Strategy and other relevant strategic documents, action plans and international agreements.

**Protected landscapes in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Currently, there are three protected landscapes situated in the territory of the Federation: Bijambare, Trebevic and Bentbaša.

**Bijambare**

The Bijambare area, covering 497 ha, was proclaimed by law in 2003 as a Protected Landscape (fifth category of IUCN). It is highly valued because of its natural beauty and richness, with a thick, ancient evergreen forest, a variety of pine trees and beautiful meadows crossed by two creeks that form small lakes and then sink underground into a karstified limestone rock base.
Bentbaša

The last site is Bentbaša, proclaimed as a Protected Landscape in 2017. It is located in Sarajevo.

A management plan has been adopted for the area, managed on the basis of zoning with specific regulations. Recreational use is allowed on the condition that it is not detrimental for the natural values of the protected area.

Trebević

The second Protected Landscape is the Trebević area. The Law on the proclamation of the protected landscape of the Trebević Mountain was adopted in 2014. It established the protection of the Trebević area and its natural heritage, which covers about 400 ha.

The Trebević massif is approximately 12 km long and 8 km wide. Its highest peak rises to 1,629 m. Trebević is an important tourist and recreational site, significantly damaged during the recent war.
Source: www.nap.ba

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The institutional framework of environmental protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Based on the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, there is no any institution at the state level managing the environment, but there is within the organizational structure of government entities that have ministries which deal with environmental issues.
- According to the Law on Ministries and Administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Affairs is responsible (in cooperation with entity ministries) for the implementation of international environmental obligations in the territory of B&H.

Responsibility for environmental issues mostly belongs to the Federal Ministry of Tourism and Environment, and some other institutions:
- Federal Ministry of Physical Planning,
- Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management,
- Federal Ministry of Energy, Mining and Industry,
- The Environmental Protection Fund of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- and others at the cantonal and municipality level

In this situation, lack of a strong vertical and horizontal coordination led to a very poor, inefficient and costly environment management in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Laws regarding landscape in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The following specific legislation is being developed for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina:
- Law on Nature Protection
- Law on Environmental protection
- Law on Spatio-temporal Planning
- Law on Forests
- Law on Water protection and others

Since the ratification of the European Landscape Convention in 2012, principles of the Convention have been implementing into the policies and strategic documents.

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- Implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan adopted for the period 2008-2018 in accordance with the priorities defined (help the waste management and technical regulation of landfills; disposal of dangerous waste; establishing institutions [companies] at the federal and cantonal levels for the protection of certain high-value natural areas; promoting environmental protection and raising public awareness on the environmental protection).

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These areas are managed on the basis of zoning and the Management Plan with separate regulations enacted by the internal acts of the institution managing the particular area. Recreational use of these spaces is allowed on the condition that it is not detrimental for natural values of the protected area.

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- The Trebević massif is approx 13km long and 8km wide. Its highest peak rises to 1629 m.
The last one is Bentbaša, proclaimed as a protected landscape in 2017. It is located in Sarajevo.
The total coverage of the protected landscape of "Bentbaša" is 160.9 hectares. It is divided into two zones. The first zone - nucleus has an area of 16.9 ha. Bentbaša is a unique combination of natural and cultural-historical values, for example, 169 species of plants, and about 134 species of day butterflies were recorded in this area.
Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with emphasis on the Republic of Srpska

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At its 56th session, held on 23 April 2009, the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina issued the following decision: 01-011-1138-25/09 on the accession of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the European Landscape Convention, and authorised the Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr Sredoje Nović, to sign the Convention. The Convention was therefore signed at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 9 April 2010. Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the European Landscape Convention on 31 January 2012. The contact institutions for the implementation of the Convention are the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Bureau for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, as part of the Federal Ministry of Culture and Sports and the Republic Institute for the Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage. As an operational body, the Ministry is responsible for communicating with international institutions, initiating activities under the Convention and co-ordinating with other relevant authorities and interested parties.

The aim of the Convention is to promote protection, management and planning of the landscapes and organise European co-operation on landscape issues. This is the first international treaty that refers exclusively to protection, management and strengthening of European landscapes. The Convention applies to the entire territory of the Parties and covers natural, rural, urban and semi-urban areas including land, inland waters and marine areas. A key aspect of the Convention is the active role it gives to the public in terms of perception and evaluation of landscapes. Awareness-raising is key to involving the public in decisions that reflect on its landscape.

The institutional framework for the management of biological and landscape diversity consists of:

► international regulations and legal framework of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the preservation and protection of biological and landscape diversity;
► institutions of the government sector;
► institutions for the study, inventory and conservation of biological and landscape diversity; and
► non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

The legal framework for the protection of biological and landscape diversity of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The legal framework for the protection of biological and landscape diversity consists of the Constitutions of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of the Republic of Srpska, the Statute of the Brčko District, and the sets of environmental laws at the level of entities and Brčko District.
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landscape protection implies the planning and implementation of measures to prevent unwanted changes, disturbances or degradation of significant landscape features, their diversity, uniqueness and aesthetic values, enabling the traditional landscape utilisation;

within spatial/regional planning, as well as in the planning and use of natural resources, it is necessary to ensure the preservation of significant and characteristic features of the landscape;

landscape protection, management and planning are based on the identification of landscapes and assessment of their significant and characteristic features;

the Minister shall issue a regulation with criteria for the identification of the landscape and the methods for assessment of its significant and characteristic features.

Review of legislation of the Republic of Srpska in terms of landscape

Law on Nature Protection (Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska No. 20/14)

One of the fundamental principles of nature protection, according to the Law on Nature Protection, is the protection and preservation of landscape diversity.

Article 13 of the Law on Nature Protection

The Ministry of Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology of the Republic of Srpska and the local self-government units responsible for environmental protection, in accordance with this Law relying on the Strategy for nature protection and spatial planning documents, take care of the preservation of landscape diversity in their area.

Article 14 of the Law on Nature Protection

Professional activities on the protection of nature and natural resources are executed by the Republic Institute for the Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage, among which are:

- monitoring the status of landscapes, estimation of the preservation and degree of landscape vulnerability;
- providing expert assistance to managers of protected areas, local self-government units, citizen associations, groups of citizens and individuals, in order to protect the landscape;
- inventory of individual elements of geological, biological and landscape diversity, with statistical analyses and reports on their condition.

Article 38 of the Law on Nature Protection

The Law foresees the following provisions:

- the landscapes, according to their natural and created characteristics, are classified into landscape types that express the diversity of natural and cultural heritage;

Law on Forests (Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska No. 75/08)

Article 8 of the Law on Forests

An Environmental Impact Assessment is a preventative measure of environmental protection based on the development of studies, public consultation and the analysis of alternative measures in order to collect data and predict the harmful effects of certain projects on humans, flora, fauna, land, water, air, climate and landscape, material and cultural goods, and the interaction of these factors, as well as identifying and proposing measures that can prevent, reduce or eliminate adverse effects, given the feasibility of these projects.

Law on Cultural Heritage (Official Gazette of the Republic of Srpska No. 11/95)

Treatment of cultural heritage within the territory of the Republic of Srpska is directed at unique monuments and monument sites, not treating the cultural landscape as their background. In the applicable law on cultural heritage there was no established
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**Analysis of the strategic and planning documents at local level**

In order to assess the state of implementation of the European Landscape Convention in the Republic of Srpska, in Bosnia and Herzegovina we have analysed 100 strategic and planning documents at the local level. We have analysed spatial plans, local environmental action plans, development strategies, tourism strategies and rural development strategies. The landscape issues are very limited in these documents. The landscape is generally mentioned in one sentence or paragraph, without guidelines for its identification, preservation, assessment and management.

The landscape is generally considered with reference to:

- aesthetic character;
- protected natural areas, based on the Nature Protection Act;
- urban planning and landscape planning;
- integration with higher-order strategic documents in which there are also no clear guidelines; and
- the service of tourism.

It is notable that the landscape category is often identified as a protected area, according to the Law on nature protection. This is very often a misconception. In addition, there are no defined measures and recommendations for the identification, valorisation and preservation of landscapes, or for its management. The potential of the landscape for the needs of tourism and economic development is not, to date, recognised.

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The Convention was signed at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 9 April 2010. Bosnia and Herzegovina ratified the European Landscape Convention on 31 January 2012. As an operational body, the Ministry of Civil Affairs is responsible for communicating with international institutions, initiating activities under the Convention and co-ordinating with other relevant authorities and stakeholders.

The implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage
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Legal framework for the protection of biological and landscape diversity in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The legal framework for the protection of biological and landscape diversity consists of:

A) International Regulations and Legal Framework of Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Preservation and Protection of Biological and Landscape Diversity;
B) Institutions of the government sector;
C) Institutions for the study, inventory and conservation of biological and landscape diversity;
D) NGOs.

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The Strategy for nature protection of the Republic of Srpska

The Strategy is the fundamental document which determines the long-term goals and guidelines for the preservation of nature and natural values, as well as the manner of their implementation, in accordance with the overall economic, social and cultural development of the Republic of Srpska.

In addition to the general strategic goals, the Strategy also includes:
1) guidelines for the preservation of landscape diversity;
2) guidelines for the legislative and institutional framework;
3) guidelines for education in order to preserve landscape diversity;
4) action plans for the implementation of guidelines, identifying priorities and possible sources of funding, and
5) the international commitments in nature protection.

The guidelines set up in the Strategy are applied in the preparation of spatial planning documents and natural resource management plans.

Spatial Plan of the Republic of Srpska 2015-2025

The landscape, to a great extent preserved, represents a significant potential, nowadays increasingly valued in Europe and the world.

The European Landscape Convention will serve as a basis for the regulation of the highest quality for specific areas of the Republic of Srpska.

Preserved landscape will be the subject of special attention to the administration at all levels.

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Documents – local level (landscape)

- aesthetic character
- protected natural areas based on the Nature Protection Act
- urban planning and landscaping
- integration with higher-order strategic documents in which there are also no clear guidelines
- the obligation to create special documents of physical planning (Banja Luka)
- valuable cultural landscapes (Banja Luka)
- the need to define the architectural and landscape bearer of the identity of the urban structure
- assessment of the impact on the landscape during the construction of economic and infrastructure facilities
- identified cultural and historical sites that dominate local landscapes
- EU programmes for landscape

Conclusions

- the landscape category is very often identified as a protected area, according to Law on nature protection;
- "Landscape" is not sufficiently represented;
- there are no defined measures and recommendations for the identification, valorisation and preservation of landscapes, or for the management of landscapes;
- the potential of the landscape for the needs of tourism and economic development is not recognised.
Session 1
Implementation of the European Landscape Convention: Experiences of Parties to the Convention

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Even before the adoption of the European Landscape Convention in 2000, landscape was an essential part of regional and urban planning documents in Croatia. Due to its long tradition of planning, part of the landscape was protected by spatial planning documents in the general spatial planning system. The need for identification of landscape types and regions (Landscape Map/Atlas) has been recognised in national documents before the adoption of the European Landscape Convention, and landscape was considered an important spatial development factor which was an indispensable element of planning.

The preparation of the Landscape Map of Croatia as the basis for the integral protection of the diversity and landscape identity was foreseen by the Spatial Planning Strategy of the Republic of Croatia (1997) and the Spatial Planning Programme (1999). Such a substrate will enable the identification of common area features (landscape units) and their synthetic evaluation, which will provide an insight into the benefits, sensitivity or endangering of certain areas of the landscape regarding possible uses and interventions in the space. However, only the Methodical Basis of the Landscape Map of Croatia (1999) has been produced to date.

By adopting the Act on the Ratification of the European Landscape Convention (Official Gazette – International Agreements, No. 12/02), Croatia is committed to contributing to achievements such as the promotion of protection, landscape management and planning, and participation in European co-operation on landscape issues. With the publication of the entry into force of the European Landscape Convention (Official Gazette – International Agreements, No. 11/04), it entered in force on 1st March 2004.

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning was responsible for the implementation of this Law. Following the redeployment of the ministries in the state administration system, there is no central state administration body which is clearly responsible for landscape issues and the implementation of the European Landscape Convention. The activities of spatial planning are within the competence of the Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning, whereas environmental and nature protection come under the competence of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Energy: this topic was also partially considered in the spatial planning and planning system of counties, cities and municipalities, and through the protection of registered protected landscapes, under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Culture.

Fundamental landscape protection exists in the system of protected areas under the Nature Protection Act, and the Act on the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Goods. Ordinary, living landscapes, according to the European Landscape Convention, may be previously cultivated and cultural landscapes that are now neglected and areas endangered by construction. Valuable landscape areas are very often highly appealing for construction which causes their loss by inappropriate construction. Valuable landscapes of rural areas, especially in coastal, mountainous and riverine areas, are included into particularly vulnerable areas. The introduction of new activities and functions (change in land use, tourism, recreation) implies changing the original values of traditional historical landscape elements. Apart from the ambiguous, unmatched (and/or unplanned) urbanisation, there are additional major threats to infrastructure (traffic, energy, water management), the intensification of agricultural production, etc.
**Implementation of Article 4 of the European Landscape Convention on “Division of responsibilities”**

Apart from the Act on the Ratification of the European Landscape Convention, there is no single law that regulates the matter of landscape. The questions of landscape are directly connected with the activities of several ministries and expert bodies: the Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning, the Ministry of Energy and the Environment, the Ministry of Culture; and several public institutions: the Croatian Institute for Spatial Development and the Croatian Agency for the Environment and Nature Protection. The establishment of a joint co-ordinating body, the National Landscape Committee, composed of experts from aforementioned bodies, is currently underway.

**Implementation of Article 5a. of the European Landscape Convention on “General measures”**

**Landscape recognition through legislation**

The current legal protection of the landscape is based on several laws which results in differing approaches to the landscape issue, each one in favour of different sectorial needs. The most important are: the Act on Physical Planning, Environmental Protection Act, Nature Protection Act, and Act on Protection and Preservation of Cultural Goods. There are other laws, such as the Forest Act, Water Act, Act on Regional Development, Agricultural Act, Act on Energy, Act on Roads, which do not consider the landscape at all, yet their implementation have an impact on it.

The Physical Planning Act (Official Gazette 153/13, 65/17) defined landscape protection and its integration in Croatian spatial planning documents. The goals of spatial planning, including the creation of a high-value built space with respect to the specificity of individual units, and consideration of the natural and urban landscape and cultural heritage, were set by the Spatial Planning Act (Official Gazette No. 153/13). They are achieved by applying the principle of spatial planning in the design and implementation of spatial plans and their enforcement.

The Environmental Protection Act (Official Gazette 80/13, 153/13, 78/15) also includes landscape issues. The Act on the Protection and Preservation of Cultural Goods (Official Gazette 69/99, etc.) also includes landscape; Nature Protection Act (Official Gazette 80/13) with definition of landscape from the Convention and defined landscape diversity. Article 9 ensures protection of significant and characteristic features of landscape that are important for wild species in spatial development and management of natural goods. It is prescribed that landscape protection is based on classification of landscape into landscape types, and structuring and setting up of mutually connected, multifunctional networks of green infrastructure at local, regional and national level.

**Integration of landscape in department policies**

These sectors which have recognised the role and the significance of landscape in law have adopted their sector strategies and plans. The Spatial Development Strategy of Croatia (2016) recognised and emphasised the significance of landscape. An expert study, “The Landscape, Factor of Spatial Development”, was conducted as a basis for the Spatial Development Strategy, in which was emphasised preservation of natural, rural and urban landscapes. The priorities and strategic directions of sustainable development are recognised in the affirmation of characteristics and the values of landscape. As a priority measure, it stressed the need to create a new Croatian Landscape Atlas which will contain landscape typologies, landscape quality objectives and methodological guidelines for implementation at regional level. The Strategy also serves as a foundation for the development of the State Physical Plan.

The Draft Environmental Protection Plan of Croatia for the period of 2016 to 2023 proposes, as priority activities, the adoption of expert and legislative documentation with the objective of defining the landscape management policies at all levels; adoption of the Croatian Landscape Atlas and the Landscape Strategy; and its implementation in legislation and strategic physical planning documents, such as Environment Impact Assessment and similar.

The Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection and the Ministry of Agriculture have worked on the preparation of incentive measures in agriculture for the Fund for Rural Development, regarding the protection of landscape elements that are important for the protection of biological diversity (dry-stone walls, terraces, hedges, etc.).

The Ministry of Construction and Physical Planning and the Croatian Institute for Spatial Development carry out activities in order to integrate landscape in spatial (regional) and urban (town) planning. The Croatian Institute for Spatial Development has carried out activities as a co-ordinator regarding making and adopting physical plans for areas with special characteristics. Physical plans for these protected areas include measures for the protection of natural and cultural values, and also contain measures for the protection of landscapes. Physical plans have been implemented at: Plitvice Lakes National Park, Telašćica Nature Park, Medvednica Nature Park, Žumberačko-samoborsko Hills Nature Park, Biokovo Nature Park and Papuk Nature Park. Some
Information System (GIS) applications for landscape recognition and evaluation.

Identification and assessment

Several landscape studies have been produced for various levels of physical plan documentation:

- landscape study of City of Zagreb (2011) expert base for physical and urban planning, and management;
- landscape study of Zagrebačka County (2013) – expert base for Physical Plans;
- overview of landscapes in Istarska County (2012) – expert base for Istarska County Physical Plan;
- landscape base of Krka National Park (2015);
- landscapes of Primorsko-Goranska County – landscape base, analysis and development framework;
- study of spatial and landscape identity of Veliki Brijuni Island (2015);
- Island of Cres Landscape study, since a part of the Island of Cres Local Development Pilot Project was funded by the Council of Europe (2015);
- conservation base for Starogradsko Polje Cultural Landscape – World Heritage Site (2014-2018);
- identification and valorisation of Natural and Cultural Landscapes in the pilot area of the City of Dubrovnik (2015), part of a cross-border Croatia-Montenegro EU project: “Heritage, driver of development”;
- Landscape Characterisation of Dubrovnik-Neretva County (2016) – expert base for the Amendment of the Physical Plan of Dubrovnik-Neretva County and other documents;
- Identification and Assessment of Cultural Landscapes of Dubrovnik-Neretva County (2016) – with the aim of recognising, assessing and protecting the cultural landscapes of Dubrovnik-Neretva County. 85 areas were identified and the areas of coverage or the protection zones of the recognised cultural landscapes were defined and mapped. A Catalogue of Cultural Landscapes of Dubrovnik-Neretva County was developed in the Geographic Information System (GIS) Register of rural landscapes of littoral Croatia (2013-2014), as a part of the scientific projects “Mediterranean landscape as an identity factor of Croatia, its protection and development”, and “Protection, planning and management of Croatia’s rural landscape”.

Landscape quality objectives

Croatia has landscapes of extraordinary value, and over 80 sites in the category of significant landscapes have been registered pursuant to the Nature Protection Act. Eleven cultural landscapes have

Implementation of Article 6 of the European Landscape Convention on “Specific measures”

Awareness-raising

Between 2012 and 2015, the Institute for Physical Planning of Dubrovacko-Neretvanska County launched a project, “Heritage – Driver of Development”, as part of a European Union Instrument for pre-accession Assistance (IPA) project of cross-border co-operation between Croatia and Montenegro; this also follows the European Landscape Convention. As a part of project’s activities, a series of events were organised, as well as exhibitions and workshops about landscape, all of which were aimed at raising awareness on landscape values amongst citizens, private organisations and public authorities, and their active role in the decision-making process concerning changes in landscapes.

As a part of the “Living with the park” event (2014) that was organised by Karlovačka County, the Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection held presentations regarding approaches to implementing the Convention by means of the Nature Protection Act.

A website, www.suhozid.hr, has been launched which is a participating landscape observatory in the form of a web portal for public data collection on dry-stone walls throughout the Adriatic east coast. It is based on an interactive Web Geographic Information System (GIS) interface and Android application, which enable the collection of multimedia data (photos, descriptions, illustrations etc.). It aims to build a public database, as well as promoting the subject of dry-stone wall landscapes.

Training and education

Masters and undergraduate studies of landscape architecture are held at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb. Graduate courses on protection and landscape planning are held at the University’s Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Philosophy and Faculty of Science, and also at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zadar. A course entitled “Landscape Protection” is focused on identification of landscape values and the application of methods that enable their protection, via planning.

As a part of the “Heritage-Driver of Development” project, in 2013 the Institute for Physical Planning of Dubrovacko-Neretvanska County organised workshops to train professionals in Geographic Information System (GIS) applications for landscape recognition and evaluation.
However, after so many years the landscape issue is still not being tackled holistically, in accordance with the thinking behind the Convention’s creation.

The absence of a national body responsible for landscape issues is the main reason for insufficient fulfilment of obligations accepted by Croatia on signing the European Landscape Convention. A priority should be to adopt expert and legislative backgrounds with a view to defining landscape management policy at all levels, from administrative to professional-scientific level. The given measures relate primarily to the need of establishing the necessary national system responsible for issues of sustainable landscape management, as well as the adoption of mechanisms for its implementation.

Establishing a clear policy for the conservation of landscape features is a task that should be taken on by the National Landscape Strategy regarding sustainable development that is compatible with landscape quality. The fundamental task of the National Landscape Strategy would be to co-ordinate the activities of different sectors that have a direct or indirect impact on landscape structures, or interest in the use of landscapes as resources or values, namely: energy, industry and infrastructure, agriculture, water management, construction and tourism in the framework of the existing administrative system: environmental, natural and cultural heritage policy.

For the purpose of adopting a National Landscape Strategy, it is necessary to ensure the implementation and application of the anticipated methods of recognising and evaluating the landscape character. It is necessary to establish the Landscape Map/Atlas of Croatia and the criteria for implementing the landscape classification and landscape assessment of the territory at all levels (national, regional, local).

It is important to establish a professional body (National Landscape Commission) for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention at national and regional level. This Commission would have the task of organising research, documentation development, promotion, information and public education on landscape issues.

Implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on “International programmes and transfrontier landscapes”

Dubrovačko-Neretvanska County and the Municipalities of Tivat and Boka Kotorska Bay in Montenegro have carried out a joint implementation of the IPA project, “Heritage – Driver of Development, Dubrovnik and Boka Kotorska Region”; and joint cross-border activities in applying new methodologies in natural and cultural heritage protection and management (2012-2015). The areas of Dubrovnik and Boka Kotorska, which have similar characteristics of cultural and natural heritage and overall landscape, face the same problems when it comes to protecting and managing these valuable resources. Cultural and natural heritage, with landscape in particular, are at risk of being inadequately managed, and thus devastated.

Activities are also being carried out in the cross-border Mura-Drava-Danube Biosphere Reserve between Croatia and Hungary regarding joint area management, based on biological and landscape values which acknowledge the cultural values of the area.

Conclusions

The European Landscape Convention emphasises the need to establish a balance between landscape management, planning and conservation. Landscape is the holder of spatial identity at local, regional and national level, while its elements are also a resource for economic use. The Republic of Croatia was among the first countries to sign (2000) and ratify (2002) the European Landscape Convention.
ZAKONSKA OSNOVA
LANDSCAPE IN LAW

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**Nacionalni park** - pridmeti održavanja su prirodnja područja koji su važni za očuvanje prirode i ekoloških vrijednosti.

**Regionalni park** - pridmeti održavanja su prirodnja područja koji su važni za očuvanje stanišnih tipova i ekoloških vrijednosti.

**Park prirode** - pridmeti održavanja su prirodnja područja koji su važni za očuvanje prirode i ekoloških vrijednosti.

**Zakonska zaštita** - dopunjava regulativu, regulira jakost zaštite kultiviranih predjela.

**Strategije razvoja** - smanjuje se rizik od širenja građevnih područja i presega značajko vrijednosti.

**METODE PREPOZNAVANJA I PROCJENE KARAKTERA KRAJOLIKA**

**STUDIJA KRAJOBRAZNE OSNOVE NP KRKA, 2015.**
**STUDIJA KRAJOBRAZA OTOKA CRESA, 2015.**
**KRAJOBRAZNA STUDIJA PRIMORSKO GORANSKE ŽUPANIJE, 2013.**
**KRAJOBRAZNA STUDIJA ZAGREBAČKE ŽUPANIJE, 2013.**
**STUDIJA KARAKTERA KRAJOLIKA GRADA ZAGREBA, 2011.**

**COE - EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION, WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION - DRAWING LANDSCAPE POLICIES FOR THE FUTURE**

**LANDSCAPE POLICIES ON THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, LOCAL LEVEL**

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**INTEGRACIJA KRAJOLIKA U SEKTORSKE POLITIKE**

**IZGRADNJA DRAVE, KUPE I MANJIH RIJEKA (KRAPINE, LONJE, ČEŠME, GACKE, LIKE,..) S UŽIM DOLINAMA OBRUBLJENIM BRDSKIM I ZNAČAJKAMA, VIZUALNOJ IZLOŽENOSTI I STUPNJU OSJEGLJIVOSTI.**

**UDRUGA ZAŠTITNIH INFRASTRUKTURA, GOLF IGRAVLJISTI, UREĐENJE OBALNIH POJASA - PLAŽA I LUKA, TURIŠTENIH ZONA SVI VJEĆI KOJA POŽUŽUJU ZRAKOBRAZU STUDIJU (SPUO, PUO) KOJIM SE PROSTORI HODUNITYSTVA SMJESTAVAJU U PROSTOR**
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prepoznavanje i zaštita osobito vrijednih kulturnih i prirodnih krajobraza za ljudske i složene prostorne planove Dubrovačko – neretvanske županije - prijedlozi za zaštitu temeljem zakona ili odredbama plana

MEĐUNARODNI PROGRAMI I SURADNJA

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND COOPERATION

Projekt Baština - Pokretač razvoja, područje Dubrovnika i Boke Kotorske – zajedničke aktivnosti u primjeni novih metodologija u zaštitu i upravljanju prirodnih i kulturnih baština u okviru programa preokrajačne suradnje između Hrvatske i Crne Gore, u sklopu komponente II. Instrumenta za predpristupni pomoć EU (IPA).

Hrvatsko – mađarski preokrajačni rezervat biosfere Mura – Drava – Dunav (6 sjevernih hrvatskih županija i u Mađarskoj nacionalni park Dunav-Drava i područje Natura 2000) područja kopnenih i obalnih/morskih eko sustava ili njihova kombinacija, koja su međunarodno priznata u okviru mreže UNESCO-vog programa Čovjek i biosfera (Man and Biosphere MAB)
Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in France: legal framework

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Recognition of landscapes in law

France signed the European Landscape Convention in 2000, and ratified it in 2006, but it is worth taking a look back at how landscape was viewed prior to the adoption of this instrument. For the legislation from 1906 and 1930 on the protection of natural sites and monuments see: www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=legitext000006074251.

Landscapes have been legally recognised in France since 1906, through the protection of natural sites and monuments. With the passing of a law in 1930, the policy took on its final shape and form. Still in force today, it is now part of the French Environment Code. The legislation in question concerns natural sites and monuments “whose conservation or preservation is of general interest from an artistic, historical, scientific, folkloric or picturesque point of view”.

As in the case of historic monuments, the legislation on the protection of sites provides for two levels of protection: listing and classification. Responsibility for implementing it lies with the State and falls within the remit of the Ministry in charge of ecology. At first the legislation focused on significant but one-off features such as rocks, waterfalls, fountains or individual trees, followed by patches of greenery or viewpoints, castles and accompanying gardens. Gradually, it was extended to include much bigger areas: massifs, forests, gorges, valleys, marshes, headlands, islands, etc. covering several thousand if not tens of thousands of hectares.

Although the scope of listed and classified sites has tended to widen, the 2,700 or so classified sites (i.e. the most strictly protected) and 4,500 or so listed sites now account for 1.6% and 2.5% respectively of the country’s territory. It is important, therefore, not to confine the discussions and measures to these areas alone, which incidentally are almost always part of wider landscape complexes, also needing to be understood and considered.

For example, France’s Grands Sites (major sites), which include classified sites across large swaths of their territory, are the focus of volunteering efforts and a local consensus for adopting a management and development approach that extends beyond the bounds of the protected area. This policy was introduced back in 1976 to address the problems arising from large numbers of visitors to the most iconic sites. The idea is to restore the attributes that drew people in the first place and to develop preservation and management plans so that visitors can be accommodated in a way that respects the characteristic features of the site, the spirit of the place and the needs of the local community.
The creation of national parks, regional nature parks and the French Coastal Conservatory (Conservatoire du littoral)

Other policies have also played an indirect part in the protection and enhancement of certain landscapes. In 1975, for example, the French state decided to set up the Coastal Conservatory (Conservatoire du littoral), a public institution tasked with acquiring stretches of coastline which have been damaged or threatened by urbanisation so that they can be restored and adapted to receive visitors in a way that respects nature.

On an even larger scale, other areas protected under the Environment Code, such as the national parks or regional nature parks, are engaged in activities to do with landscape. Added together, however, all these different types of areas account for just one fifth of the national territory.

The “Landscape” Act of 1993

The law of 8 January 1993 on the protection and enhancement of landscapes was the first piece of legislation to deal exclusively with landscapes, in all their many forms, throughout the country. It also establishes the principle that responsibility is to be shared between public authorities: “France's landscapes shall constitute common heritage... The state, the municipalities and all territorial authorities shall participate in the protection and enhancement of landscapes”.

This point is important and has its roots in the process of devolution that has been under way in France since 1982: since that date, responsibility for the design and delivery of certain public policies with an impact on landscapes (town planning, spatial development and roads, etc.) has been transferred from central government to local and regional authorities.

However, even in the case of sites where central government has retained its core mission and oversight function, consulting with stakeholders and the public at large is vital these days because of the changes in society. Considering landscape complexes, rather than individual features, also requires consideration of an ever-increasing number and variety of players and human activities.

Reclaiming biodiversity, nature and landscape Act of 2016

While the 1993 act was therefore a major step forward, French legislation did not incorporate the definition of landscape laid down in the European Landscape Convention until the Reclaiming Biodiversity, Nature and Landscape Act was passed in 2016 (the 1993 legislation covered landscapes but without defining them). The 2016 Act:

► provided a legal basis for “landscape atlases” as benchmark landscape knowledge documents;
► provided a common definition to be used in the environment and town planning codes for landscape quality objectives as project tools;
► introduced a specific title of landscape designer, confirming the recognition of the profession and its added value.

Conclusion

In France, landscape is therefore mentioned in the environment and town planning codes, and this provides a good illustration of its cross-cutting nature. This recognition in law is the outcome of a lengthy process and its significance varies, depending on the circumstances.

The legal norms may come beforehand and introduce new rights or impose new obligations. This is a key feature of legislation which has prevented irreversible destruction occurring. For example, at the beginning of the 1960s, the mayor of Lyon was planning to demolish part of the city's mediaeval and Renaissance neighbourhood (Vieux Lyon), which was deemed unfit for human habitation, and build an expressway there. Public protests and the passage in 1962 of legislation establishing “protected neighbourhoods” prevented the demolition taking place. Since 1998 the neighbourhood has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

However, the various norms may also provide legal recognition after the event for practices that are already well established. This is true, for instance, of the above-mentioned landscape atlases, which have been in use in France since 1992, but did not achieve full legal recognition until the 2016 Act. It should therefore be noted that the lack of legislation does not necessarily prevent action being taken. On the contrary, it is sometimes the voluntary, consensus-based non-regulatory nature of some measures that provide their strength, as is the case of landscape plans in France.
Promotion of landscape identification and assessment

Landscape atlases

In France, the objective of landscape identification and assessment is reflected in the production of landscape atlases based on methodology developed in 1994, and subsequently updated in 2015, on the basis of 20 years' feedback.


Here are two brief findings from the French experience as a basis for discussion.

The attention paid to knowledge of the landscapes in a given area changes perceptions of that area. Working to define “landscape units” sometimes makes it possible to transcend administrative boundaries and give precedence to the factors which unite specific regions in terms of geology and land use, or of the way people see them and the value they attach to them. There has been major administrative reform at local and regional level in France in recent years, in particular with the merging of regions on 1 January 2016. The latter development led some local players to consider holding workshops along the former administrative boundaries, with a view to identifying examples of continuity of landscapes based on atlases drawn up on either side of them.

The atlases often provide valuable information for classifying the landscape structure of given regions, describing the main features and underlying aspects, but still do not place enough emphasis on the various processes and pressures relating to the relevant landscapes. A metaphorical illustration of this point would be to say that the atlases have had the merit of getting knowledge of landscapes away from a “postcard” view and also focusing attention on less widely represented landscapes (which are accordingly often regarded as less iconic) by showing that they were also worthy of note and have particular histories and identities, but this was all too often based on a static approach.
Photographic landscape observatories

Alongside the landscape atlases, France has also encouraged the establishment of “photographic landscape observatories”: the idea here is to choose viewpoints within a given area which will be photographed periodically. Once again, here are two brief findings from the French experience, as a basis for discussion.

This process makes it possible to see clearly what changes and what stays the same in landscapes over time. Everyone can have their say regarding photos or series of photos showing how a place has developed, so this tool can be harnessed to help involve the public and achieve an interplay of views between experts and non-experts, elected representatives and citizens. Public involvement can take place at various stages: when the first photographs are taken, when the repeat photographs are taken or during analysis of the series of photos produced over time. The method is also useful for raising awareness among young people in order to move away from a static, conservative approach towards landscapes, by showing how they evolve over time.

However, viewing dynamic landscape processes on the basis of a series of photographs does not necessarily enable us to understand and analyse the factors driving the relevant changes. It is also possible that the more significant changes in a given area take place “off frame” and that the changes seen on the photographs are not representative on a broader scale. It is therefore important not to confine ourselves to describing the changes but to seek to understand the underlying factors and identify any levers available according to the “principle of reality” (principe de réalité), with a view to attempting to influence the factors through a “landscape project”.

Shaping the landscape actually means building a blueprint for society based on analysis of what already exists, in order to agree goals for the future and implement them. In 2013, the Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea therefore launched a call for projects for “landscape plans” to support areas or regions seeking to undertake landscape activities. The aim of landscape plans is not to duplicate spatial development policies defined at national level. On the contrary, they are invitations to local decision-makers to agree development strategies that are relevant because they are integrated into the local context. Landscape plans are divided into three phases, namely initial analysis, the development of landscape quality objectives and the actual action plans, which are carried out on the basis of local consultation and dialogue. The winners of the calls for projects each receive technical support from central government departments and the Landscape Plan Club, which is made up of the winners of the previous calls for projects.

Landscape plans: operational project tools

A blueprint for society

Because of its geographical location, France is at the crossroads of complex cultural and climatic influences which provide the basis for landscape diversity of a kind unrivalled in Europe. This stems from the way in which human communities have joined forces and constantly sought to adapt to their environments in order to live there and develop. Landscape is therefore a portrait of our society. It reflects the changes in it and is therefore not a fixed image. That is why it must be addressed as a blueprint for society in which all individuals must feel they play a part under a balanced, solidarity-based approach. The message of the landscape plans is that this change can be the expression of people’s will, rather than the result of a process imposed on them, the aim being to live together more harmoniously in attractive regions with their identities preserved.

A dynamic approach to landscape

Landscape policy in France is based on a dynamic approach. Landscape is seen as an inheritance received from previous generations that is not a sacred object but a valuable asset to be capitalised. This therefore involves striking a balance between conservation and innovation. However, population movements and the ever-widening divide between the vast majority of citizens and the countryside are bringing about a very substantial loss of landscape culture. Landscape analysis plays an educational role and helps explain to the public the fundamental aspects of given regions (climatology, topography, etc.) and their impact on ways of life with a view to identifying and explaining the processes which change landscapes. This is therefore a forward-looking approach which nevertheless takes account of the past, where identity is regarded as an asset.

Building a comprehensive approach to landscape

Building a comprehensive approach to landscape does not just involve describing landscape. The analyses underpinning landscape plans are based on the principle of 360-degree assessment of the relevant regions, with landscapes being tools that forge positive links which increase the regions’ attractiveness and vitality. This also involves recognising the differences in points of view expressed by individuals depending on their cultures, occupations or interests. In this connection, it is not possible
to carry out landscape projects without individuals opening up or renewing the ways in which they see regions. Support of people for projects from outside the regions concerned, and exchanges between residents at public meetings and during discovery walks at local level, provide a basis for broader mutual understanding and pinpoint areas of disagreement, before gradual identification of points of convergence. Landscapes are therefore seen as unifying factors which generate positive interaction between the challenges and stakeholders in the regions concerned, fostering local development, the fundamental precondition for accepting change.

Setting up a joint project

In order to set up a joint project, general interests must take precedence over individual interests in order not to favour the interests of one group over another. The degradation and standardisation of landscapes in France is most frequently the result of the weakness of the corresponding political project, which does not allow for regulation of economic and financial problems. A landscape plan constitutes a political tool which enables elected representatives to strengthen local political projects when dealing with economic actors (property developers, regional planners, etc.). The aim is not to prevent the latter from taking action but to impose a quality requirement, which should generate sustainable returns in terms of the landscape assets of each region, enhancing its attractiveness and, as a result, its economic vitality. A landscape plan is a tool that helps make decisions, for it enables local policy-makers to take account of all local data, so that the decisions taken express the general interest and make it possible to build a shared vision of the landscape and its future. A landscape plan sets out the main thrusts of the project and its landscape quality objectives. These must be widely disseminated so that everyone who wishes to intervene in the area concerned is aware of them.

Implementation of the project: between pragmatism and ambition

Once the project has been clearly defined, the preparation of the action plan is a very important stage in the landscape plan, for it is necessary to strike the right balance between ambition and pragmatism. A project which is not put into practice in the short term is a project without a future, for it is impossible to maintain the protagonists’ motivation. It is therefore dangerous to immediately undertake far-reaching action. On the contrary, deciding on a measure which is carefully targeted but achievable in the short term, even if it appears modest, demonstrates the ability to act and creates a snowball effect. The exemplary value of a concrete achievement is the best argument to convince and find new partners, be it in the public sphere or in civil society (associations, regional planners, business enterprises, etc.) in a context in which governmental financial resources are limited.

Landscape plans: operational project tools

The Landscape Plan Club

The Landscape Plan Club encompasses 80 regions which responded to calls for projects. It is responsible for monitoring projects that are underway, for making further use of the experience, and disseminating the results. This is achieved by running the network in such a way as to promote the exchange of practices between members of the Club. It also entails the publication of methods and techniques via the extranet website and the organisation of thematic days, which are open to non-member regions with a view to promoting such projects. The Landscape Plan Club is a body in progress. It was launched in 2013 and, after five years, has already demonstrated its ability to provide the regions with long-term assistance. The Club’s work is focused first and foremost on the following aims:

► to develop the landscape approach on the basis of club members’ experience in order to increase the attractiveness and vitality of the areas concerned;
► to develop co-construction methods; co-construction is a tool which helps to make changes and to mobilise all stakeholders; it is essential for overcoming obstacles to transition;
► to draw on the lessons learned from actions, and on the outcome of projects, via the Club’s channels of communication and networks.

Regional landscape networks

Regional landscape networks bring together representatives of government departments, the regions and the departments. They are run by the persons in charge of landscape at the Ministry for Ecological and Solidary Transition, whose roles are to co-ordinate the resources and tools available to the government, and for local authorities to carry out each landscape plan. The French administrative authorities deal with different issues (town planning, culture and environment and so on) in a very compartmentalised manner. As a result, those responsible for landscape plans do not, at internal level, have all the skills required for carrying out their projects and have real difficulty in identifying appropriate tools and partners. The resulting general approach helps to resolve apparent contradictions between the different rules and regulations in force. It is therefore a powerful tool for co-ordinating sectoral policies.
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Le Club a pour ambition d’accompagner les territoires dans l’élaboration et la mise en œuvre des plans de paysage et de promouvoir la démarche sur l’ensemble du territoire.

Objectifs du Club

- Rythmes et rythmes diversifiés de la démarche en lien avec la nature territoriale
- Valorisation des ressources naturelles et paysagères en lien avec la nature territoriale
- Soutien aux territoires afin de favoriser la transition vers un modèle paysager durable

Réalisation du Club depuis 2013

- De premiers événements organisés au niveau national
- De premières publications et productions méthodologiques
- De premiers événements organisés au niveau régional
- De premières publications et productions méthodologiques

La pérennité du Club est assurée par la mobilisation de ressources institutionnelles et territoriales à différentes échelles.


Pour 2018, les objectifs sont d’ouvrir le Club, valoriser les réalisations opérationnelles des membres du Club et renforcer la communication vers les élus.

Le Club est ouvert à tous les territoires souhaitant participer à la démarche de planification paysagère.

Communication

- Stratégie de communication pour montrer le Club : importance, rôle des élus, outils pour les mettre en avant.
- Exemple de communiqués de presse représentatifs.

Ensemble des productions relatives à la démarche de planification paysagère, disponible sur le site du Club.
Coast of the Meuse (Côtes de Meuse)
Powerpoint presentation: http://rm.coe.int/16807890e

Contexte
- L’objectif d’action d’établissement du programme d’actions autour de la problématique de la relance de l’activité arboricole dans le respect des paysages de vergers, structure paysagère emblématique du territoire. L’objectif est d’implanter des vergers côtiers sur les côtes de Meuse.
- 4 actions : vergers, prioritaires en COPN, ont été choisies par les élus en 2017, impliquant plus de la création d’une plateforme (paysages de vergers), la mise en place de partenariats avec la SARL et la Chambre d’agriculture et la formation d’une équipe de terrain.

Premiers résultats
- La mise en œuvre du PP dès l’année d’établissement du programme d’actions autour de la problématique de la relance de l’activité arboricole dans le respect des paysages de vergers, structure paysagère emblématique du territoire. L’objectif est d’implanter des vergers côtiers sur les côtes de Meuse.

Zoom sur la démarche
- Mise en place de partenariats pour mutualiser les actions autour d’une même problématique
- Avec la SARL : signature d’une convention dotant accès au logiciel de suivi des vergers, etc.
- Avec la Chambre d’agriculture : mise en place de conseil auprès des producteurs, réunions collectives, accompagnement technique individuel, informations aux communes, renforcement du Point Info Transmissions…

Le recrutement d’un animateur
- Les actions ont été réalisées avec l’aide d’un animateur. Un poste dédié au suivi et à la mise en œuvre du plan de paysage est créé dans le cadre de la structure porteuse du PP.

Pour aller plus loin
Site internet de la structure porteuse : http://www.cote-de-meuse-web.com
Contact à la communauté de communes : Julien FLECKSTEIN (Animateur du PP des Côtes de Meuse)

Facteurs de succès
- Attraction et portage de réseaux
- Mise en place de partenariats
- Mise en place de paysages de vergers, structure paysagère emblématique du paysage des Côtes de Meuse
- Le PP a fédéré les acteurs et favorisé la création de réseaux
- L’orientation des acteurs économiques, associations, propriétaires, éleveurs, chambre d’agriculture, arboriculteurs autour du développement des vergers et plus largement des paysages de côtes de Meuse
- Mise en place d’actions relevant du PP à la fois au niveau local, le territoire et la biodiversité

Landscape Atlas (Atlas de paysage)
Film: http://rm.coe.int/16807890f
Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Montenegro

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Powerpoint presentation
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U zakonsku regulativu koja se tiče prostornog i urbanističkog planiranja uključiti obavezu:

- identificirati i procijeniti tako identifikovane predjele, vodeći računa o vrijednostima koje im pridaju,
- analizirati njihove karakteristike, kao i snage i pritiske uslijed kojih se predjeli mijenjaju, kao i
- identifikovati vlastite tipove predjela na teritoriji države.

Svaka strana, potpisnica Konvencije, sa ciljem unaprjeđivanja znanja o vlastitim predjelima, 

- uspostaviti predione politike i integrisati predjele u strategički i politički i
- usmjeravanju i usklađivanju promjena izazvanih društvenim i ekonomskim procesima, kao i
- u sve druge politike koje bi 

CRNA GORA - EKOLOŠKA DRŽAVA

U Deklaraciji o Eko-loškoj Državi Crnoj Gori od 20. septembra 1991. godine usvojenoj u Skupštini Crne Gore među ostalim piše:

"Prihvatamo da nijedna razlika među nama nije toliko velika koliko su velike promjene kojima je izloženo naše prirodno okruženje."

ODRŽIVI RAZVOJ - STRATEGIJA JUGOISTOK


ISTORIJA PLANIRANJA PREDJELA


Ovi su predstavljali dio materijala za stvaranje strateške vizije razvoja za Crnu Gori, 1958. godine, integralni pristup zaštite prirodnih i kulturnih baština.

- Stari planovi naročito se karakterišu obrađenom problematikom rekreativnih zona predjela, ali način na koji su bili realizovani.
ZAKONSKI OKVIR
- Zakon o planiranju i uređenju prostora (Sl. list RCG 51/08): Predstavlja se uključuju u prostorno uređenje i to kao sastavni dio državnog i lokalnog planskih dokumenata kao i obavezan dio projektnih dokumentacija.
- Zakon o zaštiti kulturnih dobara (Sl. list CG 51/08) i Zakon o procjeni uticaja na životnu sredinu (Sl. list RCG 80/05) definiše predjela i donose mjere za zaštitu kulturnih dobara.
- Zakon o vodama (Sl. list RCG 27/07) i Zakon o zaštiti prirode (Sl. list CG 51/08) definiraju zaštitne zonе u prostorno uređenje.
- Zakon o poljoprivrednom zemljištu (Sl. list RCG 55/00) zaštitu zraka i zaštitu zemljišta uvažava.
- Zakon o planiranju i uređenju prostora (Sl. list RCG 27/07), Zakon o poljoprivrednom zemljištu (Sl. list RCG 27/94), Zakon o sumama (Sl. list RCG br. 55/00) ne prepoznaju predjela.

PROCJENA KARAKTERA PREDJELE OBUHVAĆA JE:
- Geologiju, hidrologiju, zemljišta, ekologiju, žamu naselja, sliku predjela i naselja i namjenu prostora
- Identifikaciju prirodnih i kulturnih karakteristika područja
- Razumijevanje senzibiliteta lokaliteta na razvoj i promjene
- Informiranje o stanju zemljišta za potrebe planiranja razvoja i promjena

Zakon o zaštiti kulturnih dobara
- Način uključivanja zaštitnih jezgra u proces planiranja
- Uključivanje zaštitnih jezgra u proces planiranja

KULUTRNIO PREDJEL BOKA KOTORSKA
STUDIJA PROCJENE KULUTRNOG PREDJELE KOTORSKO–RISANSKOG ZALIVA
- Pilot projekt mapiiranja karaktera predjela u Crnoj Gori i primjene Evropske konvencije (2007)
- Akumulirani radionice bio je usmjeren na razvoj aplikiranih orijentacijskih metoda, tehnika i senzibiliteta prema prostornim aspektima predjelja.
- Objekt bi bil je izveden na kritičkom, podignutoj i visokom zemljištu.
- Urednici: Vladan Đokić, Jasminka Cvijević, Sanja Ljakočić Mitrović

VIZUAL IMPACT STUDY
GTZ & Institute of Urban Design and Regional Planning, Aachen University, 2007

MAPIRANJE I TIPOLOGIJA PREDJELE CNE GORE
- Urednjenjem geografske podatkovne baze u prostornom planiranju
- Klasifikacija i kategorizacija karaktera
- Klasifikacija karaktera i tipova karaktera
- Karakteristike karaktera
- Tipovi karaktera

PROCJENA KARAKTERA
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- Identifikaciju prirodnih i kulturnih karakteristika područja
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SPOJ PRIRODNIH KARAKTERISTA I KULUTRNOG NAJUŽIO POSTAVIO JE OVAJ PREDIO NA UNESCO-VU Listu svjetske kulturne baštine.
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” has been organized by Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism of Montenegro in co-operation with the Council of Europe – Spatial Planning, Landscape and Cultural Heritage Division, Democratic Governance, Culture and Diversity Directorate.

Participants from more than 40 countries presented methods, methodologies and tools used in the process of recognition, assessment and planning the landscape using the recommendations of the European Landscape Convention. The conference workshop was presented about 60 presentation, more than 120 participants, representatives of the states, experts, NGOs, representatives of local communities, students ....

Most important benefit is that the Montenegrin landscape architects, planners, local planners, students and experts have gained new knowledge of the landscape and the use of landscape identification and analysis.

A study visit was organized on 1st October 2013. We visited Old Royal Capital Cetinje, village Njeguši, Kotor – Old town, Boka Bay, Tivat – Porto Montenegro, by boat from Kotor.

Predjeli Crne Gore

Raznolikost predjela u Crnoj Gori nastala je kombinacijom izuzetnih prirodnih i kulturnih vrijednosti sa različitim lokalnim tradicijama korijenjenima u svakom društvu i području, koje su se razvile kao odraz kulturno-istorijskih, socijalnih i ekonomskih prilika.

Instrumenti planiranja predjela

- STUDIJA PREDJELA I PLAN PREDJELA
- Studije predjela se bavi identifikacijom i napravanjem predjela. Odnosi se na identifikovanje tipova karaktera predjela i područja karaktera predjela
- Plan predjela ima šire ciljeve i predstavlja stručnu planu dokumentaciju, koja obezbeđuje princip, potencijale, resurse i propise zaštite i odživljavanja, kako karaktera predjela, tako i predlaža rješenje konfliktova u prostoru.
- Studije predjela i plan predjela mogu se razdijeliti na regionalnom i lokalnom nivou, kao i na područiju i lokalitetu sa specifičnim režimima izrade plana.
**Plan predjela**

- urednjevanje predjela
- analiza ranjivosti, pogodnosti i atraktivnosti predjela za različite djelatnosti (turan i rekreaciju, potporom rata, industriju i sl.)
- koncept razvoja predjela
- zaštita predjela – principi i mjere zaštite i razvoja prirudnog i kulturnog predjela
- planiranje i upravljanje predjelom
- integralna zaštita prirodnog i kulturnog naselja i razvoja predjela za postojeće i namjeravano korijenje površina

**Metoda preklapanje karata**

**IDENTIKAING AND MAPPING OF MONTENEGRO LANDSCAPE**

**IDENTIFIKACIJA I MAPIRANJE PREDJELA CRNE GORE**

**COASTAL AREA SPATIAL PLAN - PPPN OVALNO PODRUCJE**

**Open space concept**

**Coastal area of Montenegro**

Landscape character assessment – Landscape character areas

**Coastal area of Montenegro**

Landscape character assessment – Landscape character types

**Ljustica, Primjer**

Procjena ranjivosti predjela

Drugi dio

**Područja karaktera predjela**

- Regionalni nivo
  - 1.1 Predjeli hercegnovskog područja
  - 1.2 Predjeli Bokokotorskog zaliva
  - 1.3 Predjeli područja Luštice
  - 1.4 Predjeli budvanskog područja
  - 1.5 Predjeli barskog područja
  - 1.6 Brdoviti predjeli ulcinjskog područja
  - 1.7 Ravničarski predjeli ulcinjskog područja

- Lokalni nivo
  - 1.1.1 Brdoviti predjeli Košare i Žvinja
  - 1.1.2 Priobalni predjeli Herceg-Novog
  - 1.1.3 Niži planinski predjeli hercegnovskog područja
  - 1.2.1 Brdoviti predjeli Vrmca
  - 1.2.2 Predjeli Bokokotorskog zaliva
  - 1.2.3 Brdoviti predjeli Morinjskog područja
  - 1.2.4 Priobalni predjeli Kumbora i Đenovića
  - 1.2.5 Ravničarski predjeli tivatskog područja
  - 1.3.1 Brdoviti predjeli zalivskog područja Luštice
  - 1.3.2 Ravničarski agrikulturni predjeli Luštice
  - 1.3.3 Brdoviti predjeli otvorene obale Luštice
  - 1.3.4 Priobalni predjeli Krtola
  - 1.4.1 Brdoviti predjeli Donjeg Grblja
  - 1.4.2 Ravničarski predjeli grbaljskog područja
  - 1.4.3 Brdoviti tereni Gornjeg Grblja
  - 1.4.4 Niži planinski predjeli lovćenskih primorskih strana
  - 1.4.5 Brdoviti predjeli Maine
  - 1.4.6 Priobalni predjeli budvanskog područja
  - 1.4.7 Brdoviti predjeli Paštrovića
  - 1.5.1 Priobalni predjeli barskog područja
  - 1.5.2 Niži planinski predjeli Rumije
  - 1.6.1 Planinski predjeli Rumije
  - 1.6.2 Brdoviti predjeli Anamala
  - 1.6.3 Ravničarski predjeli Mrkovskog i Goranskog polja
  - 1.6.4 Brdoviti predjeli Briske Gore i Možure
  - 1.6.5 Brdoviti predjeli obalnog područja Ulcinja
  - 1.7.1 Močvarni predjeli Ulcinjske solane i Delte Bojane
  - 1.7.2 Ravničarski predjeli Anamalskog i Šaskog polja
  - 1.7.3 Ravničarski predjeli Ulcinjskog i Zoganjskog polja
  - 1.7.4 Aluvijalni predjeli Velike plaže

**Ljustica, Primjer**

Procjena ranjivosti predjela

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  - 1.6 Brdoviti predjeli ulcinjskog područja
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**Ljustica, Primjer**

Procjena ranjivosti predjela

Drugi dio

**Tipovi karaktera predjela**

- Izgradjeno – neizgradjeno
- Procjena ranjivosti predjela

**Ljustica, Primjer**

Procjena ranjivosti predjela

Drugi dio

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Landscape character assessment – Landscape Character areas

Landscape Character areas are individual and unique geographic areas - landscape units

Landscape character areas have their own individual character and identity
Šta se desilo sa našim pejzažima, šta se dešava sa našim pejzažima, i šta će im se desiti u narednim godinama?

- Novim rješenjima Zakona o planiranju i izgradnji, Hrvatska, Crna Gora, Slovenija, značajno se degradiraju do sada postignuti rezultati na primjeni ELC, pejzažne arhitekture kao struke ali i budući održivi razvoj predjela.
- Unaprijedimo kvalitet planiranja i projektovanja uzimajući u obzir da je predio ekonomski resurs.
- Svaki nekvalitetan projekat trajno narušava identitet predjela i utiče na kvalitet života stanovništva koje u njemu boravi.
- Potrebna je zajednička inicijativa svih učesnika na implementaciji ELC u regionu.

Hvala na pažnji! Thank you for your attention!
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Muzej Marka Miljanova
Museum of Marko Miljanov

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New audio guide

Nova
Pješačka staza
New hiking trail
ZăƓŽǀŝđŝ | Spomenik u Fundini 1876

Viewpoint at the monument of the Battle of Fundina in 1876
Managing economic and social development in the protection of landscape in the Republic of Serbia: creating sustainable development of cultural landscapes, a challenge for local communities

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Our modern notions of cultural landscape indicate a great variety of physical and associative relationships, of which the most important is the relation of the population of Serbia to the territory’s natural elements. The use of the word “landscape” was for a long time limited to a certain attitude towards the environment, but, more recently, and with the use of the term “cultural”, it has gained a new complexity, including its capacity for economic and social development.

The European Landscape Convention has identified a cultural dimension of the landscape as one of the main elements of natural and cultural heritage, contributing to the development of local cultures and the strengthening of continental, national, regional and local identities.

Adopting the Convention by virtue of the Law on Ratification of the Convention in 2011, the Republic of Serbia joined the States which have expressed concern for sustainable economic development and understanding of the value of the European cultural and natural heritage as the foundation of European identity, to which it belongs. After signing the Convention, the Action Plan for its implementation for the period 2015-2020 was prepared, and the Rulebook on identifying the landscape was adopted.

Although cultural heritage resources in the regions can be classified by type or historical function, each individual landscape in Serbia will continue to be assessed on the basis of its specificity and uniqueness, its genius loci – the spirit of the site. An example of this is the project “Centuries of Bać”, which encompasses cultural heritage of three different faiths (Catholic, Orthodox and Islamic) in a small urban centre in Vojvodina. The goal was to connect culture and science, ecology and green economy, by valuing and conserving cultural monuments (a Catholic monastery in Bać, an Orthodox monastery Bojani and a Turkish bath). This is how we identified a unique site once known as wetland, now connected by the European waterway along the Danube. This is an example of cultural heritage that must be considered within the cultural context to which it belongs, but also as a place of economic and social development.

In order to conserve the integrity of cultural sites, especially those open to a large number of visitors, Serbia, like the other Parties to the Convention, is striving to provide instruments for an adequate administrative solution which would include management of goods, their protection and public access.

On the other hand, cultural landscape can be neither a unilateral reflection of the economy nor the policy of one area, but a result of everyday social activities that make up the identity of a site. This imposes a new focus to local leaders in creating strategies for development.
An example of good practice of historical heritage in the function of socio-economic development in Serbia is the Senj Mine, founded in 1853, the year which marked the beginning of industrialisation in Serbia and thereafter it provided citizens continuously with charcoal. The project “Senjski Rudnik, Regional Centre of Cultural Heritage”, financed by the European Union, was the first project in the Western Balkans region which dealt with the rehabilitation of industrial heritage, and had several phases. The goal of the project was to create new jobs and exploit industrial and natural heritage for the development of tourist potentials of the region, and to stop young people leaving the town.

City structures, an exceptional cultural landscape and an authentic local museum, represent an inspirational context of original restoration and comprehensive reconstruction of the landscape, as well as their industrial value and popular culture, with facilities ranging from industrial units to social and commercial ones. Sustainable development of the Senj Mine has an overriding purpose: the desire to create a better world by balancing social, economic and environmental factors. The essence of the concept of sustainable development is based on the principle of synergetic justice (intergenerational equity), but is mainly influenced by people's ethical attitudes and activities.

This example confirms that Serbia needs mechanisms and tools for the effective participation of communities in the management and development of cultural and protected areas. In general mapping (Geographic Information System – GIS methodology) in Serbia, it is necessary to recognise and apply autochthonous planning in the local environment. Management approaches must be based on principles (e.g. public benefit, understanding, integrity and respect) and values, as well as a code of ethics which can motivate the community to participate actively.

The importance of involving local communities in cultural-related decision-making processes, from identifying and describing their values to designating them for protection, and then implementing these decisions, educational roles and long-term outcomes, all of which are crucial for the overall sustainability. In Canada, the involvement of native tribal leaders in the early stages of the designation for protection has become a standard at federal level, with the inclusion of land that is linked to the history of the indigenous population.

Issues that can arise most often include questions of higher competence and multiculturalism, but also the need for processes that will help stakeholders to deal with conflicting, ambivalent interests and, often, inaccurately defined goals.

Operational management of the cultural areas in Serbia in the future implies the following activities:

- analysis and recognition of the value and significance that some landscapes may have for the local community and sustainable development;
- definition of the essential advantages and disadvantages of a landscape, as well as the character of the site and the meaning of future development;
- preservation of the visual and functional integrity of a cultural landscape in the context of global change. In order to make this concept of cultural area more comprehensive in practice, it is necessary to set strategic guidelines for sustainability, continuous operation, permanent care, and the efficient work of competent and dedicated people.

In practice, through actions, especially in local communities in times of unsuccessful economic systems in Serbia, it happens that local leaders define cultural policy ad hoc, as well as the goals of socio-economic action. The principles of successful design, or the creation and management of a cultural area in the dominant context of human rights, include the following stages of strategic planning:

- determining and adopting the concept of cultural policy;
- analysing the situation of the existing socio-economic and cultural practices;
- determining development opportunities;
- selecting priority areas;
- defining key operating strategies; and
- evaluation and monitoring.

The most frequent challenges in Serbia in managing cultural areas in the future will primarily be to promote gender equality and human rights, conditioned by the lack of awareness about the importance of managing the cultural area. There is an emphasised need for specific and adequately tailored education. A special challenge will be the lack of financial resources and their continued provision. These problems can be overcome by the development and improvement of specific knowledge and technical skills in relation to the organisational skills in communities.

Finally, I would like to recall Virginia Woolf's observation that "the landscape is a connection between what we were and what we have become". This standpoint can be significant for economic and social development for the future of Serbia. In this context, landscape is sustainable if it provides people with material goods and services and authentic cultural identity, without diminishing the capacity of a system which ensures social well-being and economic stability, and sustainability for future generations.
The Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje in Serbia in the process of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention at regional and local level

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The Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje (REDASP) was founded in 2002 to provide a partnership between public, civil and private sectors, with the purpose of planning and management of equal territorial development.

The Law on Regional Development (adopted in July 2009, Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia-RS, Nos. 51/2009, 30/2010 and 89/2015), defined the competence and area of intervention of regional development agencies for planning of development processes at regional level, applying the principles of broad stakeholder participation, inter-municipal and a cross-sector approach to identifying problems and the measures to address them.

The Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje consistently applies these principles in its work on the one hand and has in mind the ratification of the European Landscape Convention on the other. Thus the Republic of Serbia has recognised the landscape as an essential component of the human environment and agreed to: establish and implement a set of policies aimed at the protection, management and planning of the area; and establish procedures for involvement of the wider public, local and regional authorities, as well as other landscape policy stakeholders. This has led to the nomination of the Agency as the regional partner for the implementation of adopted methodologies that integrate landscape into policies of strategic, spatial and urban planning, and thereafter in the cultural, agricultural, social, economic and environmental policies, as well as in all other policies that may have a direct or indirect impact on landscapes.

The Memorandum of co-operation was signed in February 2014 between the Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection and the Ministry of Culture and Information, with Regional Development Agencies of the territory of Sumadija and Western Serbia. This represents the official beginning in Serbia of cooperation and practical implementation of the Convention at regional and local level.

Following ratification of the European Landscape Convention in 2011, the Republic of Serbia committed to recognising landscapes in law, and joined the 37 other States that are implementing it. With reference to the main objective of the European Landscape Convention – protection, management and planning of landscapes and organisation of European co-operation in this field – relevant legal and strategic frameworks of the Republic of Serbia can be identified in the following documents: Law on Spatial Planning 2011-2010 (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 88/10); Law on Nature Protection (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 36/2009, 88/2010 and 91/2010); Law on Environmental Protection (Official Gazette of the RS, No. 135/2004, 36/2009, 36/2009 and 72/2009), Article 34; Draft Law on Spatial Planning and Construction, Article 2.
The Pomoravlje district includes the city of Jagodina and five municipalities: Despotovac, Paračin, Rekovac, Svilajnac and Ćuprija. With the total of 2,617 sq.km of the whole area and the population of 214,536, the Pomoravlje district has an average density of 82 inhabitants per sq.km.

The city of Kragujevac is the largest city in the territory of Šumadija and Pomoravlje, and also represents an administrative, economic, cultural, educational and health centre for the entire region of Šumadija and Pomoravlje and central Serbia. It is located in the central part of the Republic of Serbia and the region of Šumadija and Pomoravlje, 140 km southeast of Belgrade.

The Project, “Improvement of the capacity of Šumadija and Pomoravlje region for implementation of the European Landscape Convention”

The overall objective of the Project is to contribute to the conservation and protection of the landscapes of the territory of Šumadija and Pomoravlje.

Specific objectives of the project were also defined: identification and assessment of landscapes in the territory of Šumadija and Pomoravlje; creation of the mechanism for strategic management; and preservation of the quality of landscapes, in accordance with the European Landscape Convention.

The activities implemented within the project are:

- establishment of the project team and the expert team for implementation;
- identification of data sources;
- preparation of bases and thematic maps: determination of characteristic features/attributes, preparation of thematic maps; extraction of the landscape description units (LDU); overlaying of LDU physical characteristics with cultural characteristics, preparation of maps of preliminary LDU; and landscape character types (LCT), and description of selected LDUs;
- data processing;
- preliminary identification of the LDUs and defining the LDU and LCT map;
- data collection in the field and field visits;
- final valorisation of collected data and valorisation of the state and sensitivity of the LCTs;
- selection of LCTs for entry into the database;
- data entry into the spatial database and formation of the database;
- creation of the web portal;
- promotional video “Horizons of Šumadija and Pomoravlje” with over 300 photographs; and
- organisation of workshops and a final project conference.
The Project will serve as a model for the improvement of the capacities of other districts in the Republic of Serbia for implementation of the European Landscape Convention, in order to carry out activities for identification of the landscapes, by applying the same principles and methodology.

The Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje is using the results of the Project in regular work for:

► sustainable development strategies;
► economic strategies and economic assessments;
► renewable energy use strategies;
► exploitation of raw materials and waste disposal strategies;
► tourism development and recreation strategies;
► green infrastructure strategies;
► environmental impact assessments;
► strategic impact assessments;
► assessments of impact on landscapes and visual impact;
► mitigation and adaptation measures for climate change; and
► local-level planning and place-making.

**Celebration of the First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe**

On the initiative of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, the Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje took the role of the organiser of the celebration of the First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe in Serbia, on 20 October 2017. On 13 October, the presentation of the European Landscape Convention and the Project “Capacity Building of Sumadija and Pomoravlje region for Implementation of the European Landscape Convention” took place in Kragujevac. The target group was primary schools, the pupils and teachers of biology, geography, history, the Serbian language and fine arts. About 50 teachers attended the presentation, and discussed the opportunities arising from using the European Landscape Convention, and the results of the project in the teaching process in relevant subjects.

The photo gallery from the portal “Horizons of Sumadija and Pomoravlje” was used during the week after the presentation as a starting point for students in thematic art classes where they drew and painted on the topic “The landscape I love and dream about”. The exhibitions were officially opened in 11 schools on 20 October and were displayed until the end of October 2017. The exhibitions were further enriched with the display of products of old crafts, traditional national costumes and models of traditional households and landscapes. Many participating teachers created added value by applying the European Landscape Convention theme through integrative teaching methodology. The event was broadcast by Radio Television Kragujevac and the non-governmental organisation “Stakleno zvono” (Glass Bell) which addresses topics of environmental protection.
Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Slovenia

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Nowadays, landscape is being recognised as one of the key elements of European culture and heritage, since it has been shaped by many past generations. Natural diversity, combined with diverse social and political systems, has resulted in the mosaic of landscapes, which are today becoming more and more uniform. Defining landscape character and identity is the first step towards protection of the regional and local characteristics. In spite of the fact that landscape is an important spatial resource, as well as the common denominator of numerous sectors, it is rarely explicitly considered in either spatial plans or sectoral development policies.

Over decades and centuries, the interaction of natural processes and human activities has created the diverse and wonderful landscapes that are so important for Slovenian people, its economy and its international reputation. They are a shared resource for everyone. They provide a living history of Slovenia’s past, and an inspiration for Slovenian nature and culture. Many Slovenian landscapes are valued for their natural beauty and attractiveness, providing a strong sense of place at the local and regional level, and they are part of our national identity. Some of them are considered national icons. They provide a wide range of social and health benefits and underpin Slovenia’s economy. Stunning Slovenian landscapes and wildlife attract tourists from near and far, and are consistently given as the top reasons for visiting Slovenia. In the competitive global market, our landscapes are a key part in promoting Slovenia as a desirable location, attractive to businesses and staff.

The European Landscape Convention entered into force in Slovenia in 2003. The ratification brought new demands, potentials and challenges in the field of spatial planning in Slovenia, especially in terms of the integral approach to spatial planning. There is no specific Slovenian landscape policy or landscape law or landscape agency, but there are a number of sector policies and laws for wider aspects of the landscape. Since the ratification of the European Landscape Convention, Slovenia has integrated the ideas, issues and principles of the Convention and the landscape dimension into spatial development and other sectoral and intersectoral policies and plans, and these include a network of protected landscapes and various landscape elements. There are three ministries involved in the protection, management and planning of landscapes: the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning; the Ministry of Culture; and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food. “Landscape” is defined in the Spatial Planning Act (2017) in terms of spatial planning and in the Nature Conservation Act (2014) in terms of the importance of landscapes for biodiversity conservation. Cultural aspects of landscapes, important for preserving the cultural heritage, are defined in the Cultural Heritage Protection Act. In Slovenia, the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning is a carrier of the national activities concerning the implementation of the Convention in co-operation and inter-ministerial co-ordination.
Some general information about implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Slovenia:

- A landscape analysis and character assessment project was launched before the ratification of the Convention, and it was completed in 1998. Slovenia is an extraordinarily varied and rich country in terms of its landscapes. The pressure on these landscapes is strong, and the landscape is changing quickly, so we need to re-evaluate both the pressures and the landscapes and renew the atlas. This will be an important step forward.

- The recently-adopted new spatial and building Act better integrates the landscape dimension and landscape documents, compared to the previous one.

- A new Strategy of Spatial Development and a new Spatial Order of Slovenia are being prepared in order to better integrate the landscape dimension to the protection, management and planning of landscapes. The methodology of designating landscape character features and areas has become out-dated, not only because of spatial, socio-economic and political changes but also due to advances in knowledge and methods in the field of landscape analysis and evaluation.

- The aim in Slovenia is: to verify and upgrade the existing methodology of identification and assessment of landscapes, and designation of landscape character areas, both important for national identity; and to link state of the art knowledge to policy development processes and action required for the protection and increase of valuable landscapes. It is also to: develop general rules for landscape management in landscape character areas of national importance, including spatial management guidelines; designate the landscape character areas and spatial management guidelines; and initiate several actions for increasing awareness of the landscape in general, both with professionals and the institutions dealing with landscape.

Contact is made with the representatives of landscape-related institutions, in order to collect their opinions in structured interviews. The proposed method will be tested in pilot areas such as Triglav National Park. The work will be based on a conceptual framework, analysis of experience, empirical research in general, discussions with professionals and stakeholders, and verification through pilot cases. The results will be directly applicable in the process of the renovation of the Strategy of spatial development (SPRS2050) with Action Plan 2030, and the Spatial Order of Slovenia, and in the preparation of landscape concepts for a regional and local land use plan (in accordance with the new spatial planning legislation).

The results will also be integrated in the development of strategic documents of different sectors, such as management plans for nature protection and cultural heritage areas, water and forest management plans, and agricultural payments. The methodology for determining landscape character areas and elements should be followed by measures for implementing these contents into spatial and/or sectoral development acts. This project addresses one of the key issues, emphasised in the European Landscape Convention: the identification and assessment of landscapes.

This issue is a starting point for action in other fields mentioned in the Convention, namely landscape conservation, management and planning. At this point it should be emphasised that the term “protection” does not indicate the skanzen (outdoor museum) type of protection or the conservation of the current conditions. The term “protection” is understood not to be a static form: it takes into consideration the processes which have shaped the landscape, as well as their functions. These processes are reflected in regionally and locally characteristic management practices, as well as in the importance of landscape for individuals and social communities.

Recent policies of the European Union on agriculture and nature conservation explicitly target cultural landscape preservation. In the absence of a national policy on cultural landscapes, the measures of these policies are transposed to national legislation without much consideration of their impacts in local territories. As a result, guidelines, which are important for biodiversity conservation in Slovenia, are also being prepared for landscape features. This process requires certain actions, to: determine the relationship between landscape heterogeneity and biodiversity and the relevance of agro-technology for the former; identify landscape features that are important for biodiversity; and prepare the guidelines for their management. A theoretic model for the assessment of structural landscape heterogeneity and a list of landscape features, important for biodiversity, were prepared and tested on three different landscape regions of Slovenia.

The general recommendations for conservation and management of landscape heterogeneity include protection of the identified features and the extensive use of their surroundings, especially on the intensively-used agricultural land. The specific guidelines are described for each of the identified features and they can be implemented through a nature conservation policy, in the frame of the agricultural policy. The model for heterogeneity assessment, as well as management guidelines, was
discussed in a seminar for relevant stakeholders, and their suggestions were incorporated in the final proposal.

The Association of Landscape Architects of Slovenia plays an important role in popularisation of landscapes. For a number of years in April, the month dedicated to landscape architecture, the Slovenian Association of Landscape Architects has organised – and will continue to – many different events and consultations about the landscape and its instruments.

Slovenia also supports the Landscape Award of the European Landscape Convention and has so far participated in the selection of the European Landscape Award three times. Calls for candidate selection were organised: these submissions have not won the Award itself but are now part of the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe.

To promote knowledge of the landscape, all the local authorities were informed about the First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, on 20 October 2017.

Finally, a working group to implement the European Landscape Convention at ministerial level was set up in Slovenia, in order to prepare a national landscape policy.

We, in Slovenian landscape planning, are now facing a real dilemma: how to proceed? Should Slovenia swim with the stream and develop its own “landscape department” with similar mechanisms of control over events in physical space as do other departments, or should it return to the point from which landscape planning in Slovenia started? It is certainly necessary to establish a framework for co-ordination of different interests and needs. We believe that a spatial planning system would be the appropriate framework for this purpose. It is desirable that the landscape dimension should be taken fully into account in Slovenian debates that might be conducted on the theme of sustainable development.

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Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Slovenia

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Abstract

I. part - Legal recognition of landscape
II. part - Slovenian landscape projects
III. part - Where are we and how to proceed

Legal recognition of landscape – by national legislation

SPATIAL PLANNING

Landscape as:
- Identity
- Heritage
- Resourea

Legal recognition of landscape – by national legislation

The legal regulation have been adopted in several other fields:

- nature conservation – Biodiversity Conservation Strategy of Slovenia, Management plans of protected areas
- cultural conservation - cultural heritage,
- forestry and water management - management plans
- agriculture – conservation of extensive agricultural landscape by agro-environmental programs, direct payments,

Implementation of the ELC – the first step:

landscape analysis and character assessment – project: Regional Distribution of Landscape Types in Slovenia

made by: University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Department of Landscape Architecture
leaders: Professor Janez Marušič and Professor Dušan Ogrin

The aims of the project were:
- to categorize Slovenian landscapes according to visual appearance
- to prepare the basis for establishing direct protection of outstanding Slovenian landscapes
- to prepare guidelines for landscape development and conservation.

Evaluation of Slovene Landscapes

Four basic criteria:
a) Natural Preservation
b) Diversity
c) Spatial order
d) Harmony

Two additional criteria:
e) Symbolic meaning of natural elements
f) Symbolic meaning of cultural elements

Landscape units were ranked on the score from 1 to 5:
- score 1 = the most, the largest, or to the highest degree
- score 5 = the least, the smallest, or to the lowest degree

The most valuable and typical landscapes in Slovenia

- areas of landscape identity are a selection of areas with harmonic proportions between cultivated land, settlement and nature.
- outstanding landscapes are a selection of rare and unique landscapes.

Areas of Landscape Identity: Slovenian Outstanding Landscapes:
Implementation of the ELC – the second step: public awareness-raising

Project: We are Making our Landscape
made by: Slovenian Association of Landscape Architects
time frame: October 2004 – May 2005

The aims of the project were educational and public awareness-raising among the teachers and children’s
In April, which is the month dedicated to Landscape Architecture, we invite them to cooperate with as.

Activities and events in the framework of the project

• Publication of a series posters Slovenian Landscapes
• A seminar with a workshop to inform teachers about the project
• Competition for art and photographic works
• Exhibition of the best works and ceremony of awards
• Publishing of a brochure about the project

Implementation of the ELC – the third step: public awareness-raising

1. We have new spatial and building act (2017), which integrate more landscape dimension
2. We are now in the middle of preparation of new Strategy of Spatial Development, and new Spatial Order of Slovenia
3. We are now on the beginning of the upgrade the existing methodology of identification and assessment of landscapes and designating landscape character areas
4. We have identify landscape features, important for biodiversity and prepare guidelines for their management

CONCLUSIONS

Now we are in front of the real dilemma: how to proceed in the field of landscape planing, conservation, management??

Should we develop:
1. „landscape sector“ with landscape policy
2. spatial planning system as framework for landscape planing and strengthen coordination between sectors

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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Session 2

Landscape protection, management and planning

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The following text gives a brief overview of the general steps for the establishment and implementation of landscape policy. The experiences of the Republic of Serbia will be presented.

Action steps for the establishment of a landscape policy

The focus of the European Landscape Convention is to promote the protection, management and planning of Europe’s landscape, and to organise European co-operation on landscape issues. The Convention relates to all landscapes: urban, peri-urban and rural; the ordinary and even the despoiled, as well as the exceptional. Landscapes are perceived as the setting for people’s lives and crucial to the quality of those lives: so, the general public should be encouraged to take an active interest in caring for them. Moreover, landscapes are of value to all, being cherished outside the locality and beyond national borders: therefore, public authorities at all levels should take action to protect, manage and plan landscapes in order to maintain and improve landscape quality, as part of the process of sustainable development. Each member State is expected to implement the Convention according to its own legal system and division of powers, respecting the principle of subsidiarity. Thus, much of the action may lie with regional or local authorities, who are the prime guardians of the planning system.18

According to the Convention: “Landscape policy” means an expression by the competent public authorities of general principles, strategies and guidelines that permit the taking of specific measures aimed at the protection, management and planning of landscapes. The implementation of the landscape policy is conditioned by the realisation of several steps, which are to:

- recognise landscapes in law;
- integrate landscape into all relevant policies;
- identify landscapes, that is to describe their character and the key elements in that character;
- assess the landscapes, that is to analyse what contributes to, and what detracts from, their quality and distinctiveness;
- define objectives for landscape quality, after public consultation. These objectives should form the frame for the main process of physical action, embodied in the next three steps: protection, management and planning;
- protect what should be protected;
- manage what needs management, in order for it to be sustained;
- plan, namely to take strong forward-looking action to enhance, restore and create landscapes;
- monitor what is happening to the landscapes, in terms of change and the impact of that change upon the character of the landscapes, and upon the achievement or not of the stated objectives;
- promote education and training;
- raise public awareness and participation; and
- co-operate through exchange of experience, information and specialists.

According to the Council of Europe publication “Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European Landscape Convention” (2006), the steps which are clearly essential for framing and implementing landscape policies are, firstly, institutional instruments closely bound up with the exercise of power and, secondly, participation and information arrangements which meet the requirements of the Aarhus Convention.

It is for governments to integrate landscape into all relevant policies. The challenge is to get landscapes into the policies for such fields as transport, water supply, energy, and, crucially, spatial planning.

The next challenging step is the identification and assessment of the landscape. The first task to be addressed thus consists in defining the contours and specifying the internal features of the different types of landscapes, and characterising them both in the present state of their identification and in their dynamics. That is, by specifying the evolutionary processes affecting them. Landscape identification and assessment methods take ecological processes into account, as well as the social, cultural and economic processes which are part and parcel of their production and development, and are part of the way they are perceived.\(^{19}\)

Once it has been identified and assessed for a specific landscape, the landscape quality objective consists in precisely listing the features which the local people wish to see recognised for their living environment. It specifies, furthermore, that the parties are required to set quality objectives for the landscapes which have been identified and evaluated, and, in doing so, to consult the population concerned. Before any measure is taken for the protection, management and planning of a landscape, it is essential to make clear to the public what objectives are being pursued.\(^{20}\)

The realisation of these steps requires the engagement of governments, institutions, universities, non-governmental organisations, associations, individuals etc.

**Experiences of the Republic of Serbia**

The Republic of Serbia has ratified the European Landscape Convention in 2011 (Law on Ratification of the European Landscape Convention, RS Official Gazette, No. 4/2011). The Ministry of Environmental Protection has the leading role for the implementation of the landscape policy. Following this ratification, the first activities were numerous promotions of the Convention in urban municipalities, national parks, local communities, regional economic development agencies and others.

The following documents created in the period from 2010 to 2015 in the Republic of Serbia, are relevant for the establishment of the landscape policy. The first is the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Serbia from 2010 to 2020. Its chapter 1.3.4 is dedicated to landscape protection and management, and provides the establishment of Landscape Study (Landscape characterisation). There are three groups for which the development of Landscape Study is foreseen: areas designated from the point of view of natural values; areas whose landscape quality or present physical structures are significant for future development; and areas under special pressure of development.

Further activities during 2014 included the creation of three documents the drafting of which was supported by the Project Fund for Institutional Development (PROFID), financed by the Swedish Agency for International Development.

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\(^{19}\) Council of Europe publication: Landscape and sustainable development: challenges of the European Landscape Convention, 2006. [http://rm.coe.int/16804895e6](http://rm.coe.int/16804895e6).

\(^{20}\) Ibid.
The first document is a baseline study and review of compliance of the existing regulations with the European Landscape Convention. It represents the first result of the project "Development of the draft Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and the draft Rulebook on categorisation of Serbia’s landscape".

The baseline study includes:

► introductory remarks;
► the basic framework of the European Landscape Convention;
► harmonisation of the legal and planning basis with the Convention (within the European countries and Serbia);
► European experiences in formulating, and the content of, action plans for the implementation of the Convention;
► experience in landscape identification and characterisation (within the European States and Serbia);
► reasons for, and benefits of, the implementation of the Convention in Serbia;
► proposal for the preliminary content of the Action Plan and the rulebook; and
► glossary.

The baseline study emphasised that the benefits of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Serbia are: the raising and development of awareness regarding the importance of landscapes; and establishing the conditions for the integration of landscape into all relevant policy areas (cultural, economic, and social). The implementation of the Convention will initiate certain activities with an aim to improve the current legal base, it will create conditions for landscape identification, for understanding its dynamics, and the conditions will be established for monitoring changes and trends, for active involvement of the public, the continuous exchange of experiences and results of good practice. The achieved results of this study in relation to the harmonisation of the legal and planning base in the European countries and Serbia represent the first result of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, according to the provisions of the Convention and the fundamental framework for the establishment of landscape policy in Serbia.

The Draft Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Serbia represented the second result of the project. It includes:

► a summary;
► introductory remarks;
► a basic framework of the Convention;
► an overview of the implementation of the Convention within European Union countries;
► an evaluation of the implementation of the Convention in Serbia;
► a presentation of the vision, aims and priorities for the implementation of the Convention;
► a plan of activities for implementation of the Convention for the period 2015-2020; and
► provisions for the monitoring and reporting on realisation of the Action Plan.

Integral parts of the document are Appendix I (Definitions) and Appendix II (Baseline Study) and objectives and initial actions for the implementation of the Convention are formulated for six subject areas, taking into consideration the actual situation and problems in the Republic of Serbia, and the established frameworks of the Convention, suggested vision and time scope. Those are:

► recognition of landscapes in law;
► identification and assessment of landscapes in the territory of Serbia;
► promotion of a comprehensive landscape policy and integration in the planning;
► management (control) measures within landscape policy;
► participation and awareness-raising;
► education and research; and
► international co-operation.

Taking into account the fact there is no method in Serbia for identification and analysis of landscapes which adequately suits the needs stated in the Convention, it is concluded that a combination of different methods and approaches should be identified which provide the right conditions for the development and practical application of knowledge in the field of landscape. The goal of establishing an appropriate system for the provision of knowledge, data, and information for protection, management and planning of landscapes at national, regional and local level is a long-term goal (by 2025). Appropriate actions will be formulated as a result, ensuring the provision of knowledge and information, developing discussion about the format, focus and content analysis of landscapes, design, development and maintenance of spatial databases of Serbian landscapes, etc. It is stressed that the establishment of landscape monitoring should be combined with studies of socio-economic conditions which act as drivers of change in the region. Unfortunately, the Action Plan has not yet been adopted.

The Draft Rulebook on the categorisation of Serbia’s landscape represents the third result of the above Project. The legal grounds for drafting and adoption of the Rulebook draw on: the Law on Nature Protection (Article 26, paragraph 5), stating that the criteria for landscape identification and the conditions for evaluation of their significant and
characteristic features is stipulated by the Minister; the Law on Ratification of the European Landscape Convention; and the Law on the Spatial Plan of the Republic of Serbia (SPRS), specifying that the strategic priority is characterisation of Serbia’s landscape. The Rulebook was adopted in 2017. Its title is “Rulebook on the criteria for identifying the landscapes and the method of assessing their significant and characteristic features” (Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia, No. 119/17 of 29.12.2017).

The next prominent project, which was realised at the end of 2015, is a Pilot Project “Increasing capacities of Šumadija and Pomoravlje districts for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention”. The first phase has led to the classification and description of the character of Šumadija and Pomoravlje Regions, supported by the Ministry of Environmental Protection. The project holder was the Regional Economic Development Agency for Šumadija and Pomoravlje.

This Project strongly supported efficient implementation of the European Landscape Convention. Its objectives were:

► identification, classification and description of landscape character types of Šumadija and Pomoravlje Regions, and creating a mechanism for strategic management and preservation of landscape quality, in accordance with the European Landscape Convention;

► recognition of Šumadija and Pomoravlje landscapes as development resources which contribute to the establishment of local and regional identity;

► recognition the value and attractiveness of Šumadija and Pomoravlje landscapes for investments in tourism, agriculture and rural development, as well as for preservation of nature and biodiversity, environmental protection, cultural landscape protection;

► creating the landscape spatial database;

► creating the website;

► contributing to the proper understanding of the European Landscape Convention by local authorities, institutions, organisations, the public and private sectors, and civil society organisations, in order to identify natural and created cultural resources and their sustainable development.

In 2018, the Ministry of Environmental Protection continued to give financial support to the landscape character assessment on the territory of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina in two regions: South Backa and Srem. The project is foreseen for realisation within three years. The current data base for Šumadija and Pomoravlje regions will be expanded with new spatial data for the territory of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina.

The First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe in Serbia, on 20 October 2017, was celebrated in the main town and suburban schools of Kragujevac, with the support of the Regional Agency for Economic Development of Šumadija and Pomoravlje.

The project of the NGO from Sremska Mitrovica “The protection and management of the Special Nature Reserve Zasavica as a model for sustainable rural development”, was submitted for the 2016/2017 cycle of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and was one of the projects that received the recognition of the Council of Ministers.
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**Powerpoint presentation** (in Serbian)

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Закон о заштити животне средине издваја појам предела и то у члану 3 где заштићено природно добро јесте „очувани део природе посебних вредности и одлика“ Појам предела појављује се и у Закону о стратешкој процени утицаја (135/04) у члану 4 где се под начелом одрживог развоја подразумева „разматрање и укључивање битних аспеката животне средине у пропрему и усвајање одређених планова и програма и утврђивање услова за очување вредности природних ресурса и добара, предела, биолошке разноврсности.....“

У оквиру Закона о процени утицаја на животну средину (135/04) појављује се термин „предел“ у оквиру члана 2, где процена утицаја на животну средину јесте „превентивна мера заштите животне средине заснована на изради студији...са циљем да се прикупе подаци и предвиђе штетни утицај одређених пројеката на живот и здравље људи и појава...“. Термин укључује и приликом израде Стратешке стратегије развоја Србије, што је важан корак у процесу имплементације Европске конвенције о пределу. ППРС, у односу на „развојни карактер, односно степен модификације природног предела“ издваја природне и културне пределе, а у оквиру културних урбане и урбане.

Према Просторном плану Републике Србије, основни циљ „заштите, уређења и развоја предела су разноврсни, високо квалитетни и адекватно коришћени предели и физички уређена, за живот и боравак пријатна рурална и урбана насеља и градови, развијеног идентитета заснованог на поштовању и афирмацији природних и културних вредности“.

Промоција Конвенције

Након ратификације Конвенције, формирана је радна група за промоцију ЕКП у Републици Србији, ради представљања њеног циља и значаја у јавности, као и подизања свести грађана о вредностима предела. Промоције су одржаване у општинама, локалним срединама и заштићеним природним подручјима. Промоција сарадње на европском нивоу је приоритет, посебно сарадња са земљама у окружену које имају сличну политику планирања и управљања предела.
"Predeona politika" označava izraz:
- opštih principa,
- strategija, i
- smernica,
definisanih od strane nadležnih organa vlasti,
koje omogućavaju preduzimanje određenih mera u cilju:
- zaštite,
- upravljanja, i
- planiranja predeona;

METHODOLOGIES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LANDSCAPE POLICIES

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METHODOLOGIES ZA USPOSTAVLJANJE I SPROVOĐENJE POLITIKE PREDELA

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DEFINICIJA POLITIKE PREDELA

LANDSCAPE POLICY DEFINITION

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INSTITUCIONALNI ISTRUMENTI

INSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS

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ZAKONSKI OSNOV U SRBIJI

REPUBLIC OF SERBIA LEGISLATION

PRSTORNI PLAN REPUBLIKE SRBIJE 2011-2021

SPATIAL PLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA 2011-2021

STUDIJE PREDELA (KARAKTERIZACIJE PREDELA)

LANDSCAPE STUDY (LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISATION)
ZNAČAJNA DOKUMENTA

- Osnovna studija/Pregled usklađenosti postojećih propisa sa EKP
- Nacrt akcioni plana za implementaciju EKP u Srbiji
- Nacrt pravilnika o kategorizaciji predela u Srbiji

PRORITETI IMPLEMENTACIJE EKP

- Identifikacija i procena predela
- Formiranje, razvoj i izdruživanje Baze prostornih podataka o predelu Srbije (BPP PS) do 2025.

INTEGRISANJE ASPEKTA PREDELA U SISTEM PLANIRANJA

- A. Usklađivanje zakonskog osnova sa EKP (12 PA, 12 P),
- B. Identifikacija karaktera i ocena predela za teritoriju Srbije (4 PA, 23 P),
- C. Sveobuhvatna politika predela i integriranje u planski osnov (4 PA, 7 P),
- D. Participacija i jačanje svesti (1 PA, 2 P), i
- E. Edukacija i istraživanje (3 PA, 4 P).


- PRIORITETI IMPLEMENTACIJE EKP
- ZNAČAJNA DOKUMENTA
- INTEGRISANJE ASPEKTA PREDELA U SISTEM PLANIRANJA
Landscape description units are mapped and described.

www.predelisrcasrbije.rs

HVALA NA PAŽNJI
Destruction of landscape: examples in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mrs Azra Tunovic
Institute for Protection of Monuments of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Powerpoint presentation
http://rm.coe.int/16807879b7
The Devastation of the Landscape, B&H

Azra Tunović, architect
The Institute of Protection of Monuments in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Trebinje, 26 January 2018

Bosnia and Herzegovina is very big and its natural and cultural landscapes are very diverse and complex. The destruction of landscapes in BiH is very serious and it has significant direct and indirect effects on the preservation and magnitudes of natural, cultural and biological diversity. They have catastrophic consequences both for the landscape and for nature and for the quality of human life. The ZAŠTIĆENA PODRUČJA PRIRODE U BOSNI I HERCEGOVINI (Protected Natural Areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina) consist of 28 areas, of which 18 in RS and 10 in FBiH.

- Regional park: Una / national level / local initiative
- Nature park: Prokoško Jezero, Skakavac, Tajan, Vrelo Bosne / cantonal level
- Park protected area: Blijenje, Hutovo Blato, Konjuh, Bijambare, Trebević / cantonal level

The NERETVA RIVER is a natural monument of international significance in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Its corridor extends over 230 km (208 km in BiH and 22 km in Croatia). It is located in the north-western part of the country and is an important source of water for the local population. The river is a valuable natural resource and its future development is being carefully studied. The Federal Ministry of Regional Development and Spatial Planning has issued a decision to expand Igman, Bjelašnica, Treskavica and the Rakitnica Canyon (Visočica) as special areas of significance for the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The plan for the protection of this area is being developed in close cooperation with the local authorities and the Government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Kanjon Neretve

Rafting Neretva

Kanjon Nedavić, između Uloga i Ljutnje

Boračko jezero

Kanjon Rakitnice

Korčić
ARK - Alternativa ratna komanda / Titov bunker
Konjač – črnozeleno

Jablanicko jezero

Jablanica

Grabovičko jezero

Rijeka Rama

Šćit
IZ TEKŠA PRIJEHTEDNE ŽMERE (JANUAR 2017) S KOROM HIDROLOŠKOG VODENOG PERIODA, SLIJEDJENJ DOLINA VODE TE Maksimalnog koristjenja zaliha vode radi proizvodnje električne energije Jablaničko i Ramsko jezero su u potpunosti presušili. Ispuštanjem vode iz jezera, u mjestu Lisičići (Jablaničko jezero) izronili su i nišani/nadgrobni spomenici potopljeni 1953. godine i džamija (Ramsko jezero). Čitav riblji fond, koji nije autohtoni ali i dalje vrijedan se povukao na dio jezera u području općine Jablanica gdje je vodostaj veći.

Također, suprotno prijehtednom navedenom situaciji kada se ne može kontrolirati nivo akumulacije za vrijeme većih padavina, akumulacijski bazeni se popunjuju i ispuštaju plimni valovi izuzetno opasni za ljude, životinje, a i okoliš, svijetlosti svih objekata dovodnog.
OBAZNOST ZA NEPOVRATNU DEVASTACIJU NERETVE

NOVE HIDROELEKTRANE
-Plan „Gornji horizonti“ (FBiH, RS)
-Planovi Gracac, Neretva, Glina, Brijuni, Ljuta i druge
-Postojeće hidroelektrane

-Nekontroliran rad i prevelika eksploatacija dovodi do ekstremno velikog smanjenja nivoa akumulacije, devastacije pejzaža i eko sistema, smrtonosnih uzoraka života ljudi rezidiranih u prisilnom području. Posljedice koje se obzirom u trajećem poslužiti i iznenađuju međusobne nepooblašćenog.

Sjevero istočno akumulacije, u periodu velikih količina padavina dolazi do poplava i ispuštanja plimnih valova koje su izrazito opasne za ljudski život i opstojnost svih navedenih objekata kulturno historijskog naslijeđa.

-eksploatacija šume, kamena i drugih prirodnih resursa
-opasnost od požara
-razvoj novih industrijskih i stambenih zona
-nelegalna izgradnja
-odlagališta otpada
-NEPOSTOJANJE SVIJESTI O VRJEDNOSTI NERETVE!!!

NIJEDAN SEGMENT PEJZAŽA RJEKE NERETVE I NJENIH PRITOKA, NIJEDAN KULTURNI KRAJOLIK NIJE ZAŠTITEN NI U FEDERACIJI BIH NI U REPUBLICI SRPSKOJ???!!!

KULTURNI KRAJOLIK NE POSTOJI U ZAKONSKOJ REGULATIVI FBiH???

CILJ PREZENTACIJE

- Istražiti izuzetnu vrijednost i opasnosti koje će nepovratno devastirati prirodni i kulturni pejzaž cjele Neretve
- Inicijativu za pokretanje mehanizma za podiću na izvedenu analizu i procjenu karaktere pejzaža sa preciznim akcioni planom
- Potaknuti izradu i dokumentaciju koja bi se dokumentacijom i analizama pejzaža u obliku analize i procjene njegovog karaktere (landscape character assessment) kojim bi se održavao na osovoj i prepoznajljivom multidisciplinarnom tijelu
- Sugerirati formiranje radne grupe / komiteta koji bi na nivou Države BBN i Hrvatske (FBiH i RS) i saradnjom države BiH i Hrvatske (FBiH i RS), zajedničkim radom multidisciplinarnog tima, formirat će i izraditi dokument
- Uz uređenje kulturnog pejzaža kao jedne od kategorija za zaštitu u Zakonom osnovu ali i na lokalnom nivo

Veću hvala Muhamedu Gafiću na izupljenim fotografijama!

Hvala na pažnji!!!

Veliko hvala Muhamedu Gafiću na izupljenim fotografijama!
New possibilities for utilising abandoned railway infrastructure

Mr Mirko Radovanac
Dornier Consulting International GmbH, Germany

Powerpoint presentation
http://rm.coe.int/16807879b8
New Possibilities for Utilising Abandoned Railway Infrastructure

Mr. Mirko RADOVANAC, “Dernier Consulting International”
Arch. Aleksandar Stanisljović, “YUGO CYCLING CAMPAIGN”

From the European Landscape Convention:
1. “Landscape” means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors;
2. “Landscape protection” means actions to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape, justified by its heritage value derived from its natural configuration and/or from human activity:
   • The created landscape can be an industrial heritage that was created after certain human activities, for example, after the construction of the railway infrastructure. This could be put in the category of: “historical communication landscape”.
   • The aim of this paper (and the related project) is how to evaluate and protect industrial and architectural heritage.

Abandoned rails as a new touristic source (world’s examp.)

• In the province of Ontario (Canada), from the total of 15,000 km of railways, about 2,800 km are abandoned and 300 km are transformed into green ways.
• In England, in 1990, about 600 km of railways were abolished and turned into green ways.
• In the USA, 240 railways (22,827 km) were abandoned and around 2,400 km was converted into “rail trails”.
• In Northern Ireland, about 960 km of railways have been turned into green ways.
• In Portugal, 733 km of railways have been abandoned and turned into trails.
• In Germany there are 5020 km of green trails on abandoned rails.


Example from the world and the region

Example from B&H and Croatia – Cycling through history – “ĆIRO”

Cycle tourism

• There are about 2.8 billion cycle trips in Europe per year (for tourism and recreation purposes),
• There are about 900 million people in Europe per year who go on vacation by bicycle,
• Of the total annual income from tourism in EU (55 billion Euro), about 9 billion Euro are realised in cycle tourism, or about 16%
• More than 30% of all cycle tourism trips are international (about 270 millions per year)

Source: European Cyclists Federation, www.ecf.com

Abandoned railways as a new resource (best practice

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Concept of Green Ways

According to the definition:

• Greenways are communication routes reserved exclusively for non-motorised journeys, developed in an integrated manner which enhances both the environment and quality of life of the surrounding area.
• These routes should meet satisfactory standards of width, gradient, and surface condition to ensure that they are both user-friendly and low-risk for users of all abilities.
• In this respect, canal towpaths and disused railway lines are a highly suitable resource for the development of greenways.


Examples from the world and the region

Example from B&H and Croatia – Cycling through history – “ĆIRO”

Example from Italy, Slovenia and Croatia — „Parenzana“

It is particularly popular in France and South Korea (there are several hundred thousands tourists per year on some sections)

Railways where the rails are held — “rail bike” or “velo – rail”

Examples of transferred railway stations from the world

HaTachana – old station in Tel Aviv (Israel)

Examples of transformed railway stations in B&H and the region

Bobija Luke, Požega, Užice

Project: “Transforming abandoned railways into green ways in Serbia”

• The project was financed by the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Serbia (2015/2016)
• Several hundred kilometers of railways were analyzed in more than 30 municipalities
• The physical state of the infrastructure, objects, and railway stations has been determined
• The property status of infrastructure and facilities was analysed
• About 20 sections for detailed elaboration - development of projects have been proposed
• 1S abandoned railway stations were proposed for reconstruction
• 4 conceptual design projects of the routes have been started (Lajkovac, Arandjelovac, Priboj, Užice)
• An initiative to continue the green ways with neighboring countries has been launched

Abandoned railways in Serbia

Serbia has about 1300 km of abandoned railway tracks, mostly narrow gauge. Unfortunately, another 1000 km is proposed for the abolition:

• Railways where public transport of passengers and goods was suspended: 421.5 km
• Railways on which the suspension of public transport of passengers and goods is proposed after subsequent analyzes: 451,8 km
• Lines for which an agreement has been reached to transfer the management right to the province of Vojvodina, or the municipalities: 116,3 km
• Total proposed for the abolition of 990 km


Network of Greenways in Serbia

First greenway in Serbia – Užice, awarded by EGWA
Possibilities for reconstruction of railway stations

2 types:
- In cities: centers for civil sector associations with possibilities for "coworking", museums, etc.
- Out of cities: tourists' or catering objects (restaurants, ethno centers, gastronomy, local folklore)

Abandoned stations in Serbia that are worth rebuilding

Sukovo  Metovnica  Vrdnik

Lazarevac  Ljubčić  Obrenovac

Possibilities for rebuilding stations in B&H: Hum, before and now

Stations of the railway line Hum – Trebinje, that are worth rebuilding

Jesenica  Poljica  Ljubovd – Duži

Proposal for a bicycle path in Trebinje – “Trebinje 8”
Possibilities for cross border cooperation – Proposal for establishing: “Western Balkans Green Ways Network”

- The proposal was already promoted and accepted in the Region
- Interest for connecting bordering municipalities between Serbia and B&H and B&H and Montenegro already exists
- Cross border cooperation already exists between Croatia and B&H and Slovenia and Croatia
- Connecting countries in the Region gives better chances for applying to several funds (Cross Border IPA funds, South East Europe – Transnational Co-operation Programme, etc.)

CONCLUSIONS

- Abandoned railway infrastructure, as a part of the industrial heritage deserves more detailed valorisation and defining its position within the protected landscape context
- Forming bicycle / pedestrian paths on abandoned tracks and turning it into green ways contributes to the preservation of the cultural and industrial heritage and creates the conditions for sustainable tourism
- Corridors are protected and kept for the future for some new, technologically more perfect rail systems, which can be returned one day
- Inaccessible landscapes, natural beauties, become available
- Abandoned railway stations, in and out of settlements, provide great potential for multiple purposes and new activities and land uses
- New content, features and services create the conditions for strengthening the local economy and new jobs creation

The new Euro Velo Route

Proposal is to use the whole railway line from Belgrade over Sarajevo to Dubrovnik as the new EVR

Criteria for getting Euro Velo label from the European Cyclists’ Federation are:
- Route must be longer than 1000 km
- Route must pass through at least 2 countries

Thank you for your attention!
Closing Session
General conclusions on landscape policies in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Mr Dejan Radošević
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In order to conclude this National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is possible to present the following elements on landscape policies in Bosnia and Herzegovina:

► the category of landscape is very often identified as a “protected area”, according to the Law on nature protection. In practice it turned out that that term is not being interpreted in the right way and leads to misunderstanding with users of documents;
► the term “landscape” is not sufficiently represented in spatial and planning documents;
► there are no defined measures and recommendations for the identification, valorisation and preservation of landscapes, or for the management of landscapes;
► the potential of the landscape for the needs of tourism and economic development has not been recognised.

It will be important in the future to develop the following actions and initiatives:

► identify landscape in laws (law on cultural heritage, law on nature conservation, law on forestry and in others);
► integrate the category of landscape into policies;
► achieving wider co-operation (intersectoral and trans-boundary);
► respect and enable the application of the principles of subsidiarity (to determine the governmental institution that will be responsible for these issues). It is recommended to select the institutions where the national co-ordinators for the implementation of the European Landscapes Convention are employed;
► develop and adopt a methodology and guidelines for identification, assessment and landscape management;
► carry out identification of landscapes;
► make an assessment of landscapes (landscape valuation);
► determine the objectives of the quality of the landscapes;
► monitor the changes within the landscapes;
► continually work on education and training of staff to deal with landscape issues;
► work on raising public awareness;
► fostering an integrated approach (culture and nature); and
► use the experiences and knowledge of other countries to achieve all of the above.
Closing speech

Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons
Head of the Landscape Division, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wish to thank the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina for their warm hospitality. It was an immense pleasure to co-organise this event and to discover the deeply compelling landscapes of Bosnia of Herzegovina.

I would like to say a very special thank you to: Mr Edin Veladžić, Senior Advisor; Mr Slobodan Nagradic, Executive Director; Mrs Lamija Abdijevic, Expert Advisor; Mr Dragoslav Banjak, President of the Assembly of the City; and to Mr Dejan Radošević, Head of Section, for your greatly appreciated co-operation.

I thank the Chair of the Conference and the speakers for their excellent presentations and the participants for their interventions and contributions to the debates.

We really hope that these presentations and discussions have shown us that the development of landscape policies, at national, regional and local level are making progress in many States: national strategies, landscape action plans and charters are being adopted, new legislation, tools and financial instruments are being set up, and new ways of horizontal and vertical co-operation are appearing. These advances are extremely relevant for the effective implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

The holistic approach and long-term perspective inherent in these measures are instrumental in promoting sustainable and harmonious territorial development. Human rights and democracy are key values of the Council of Europe, and this Convention contributes to promoting their implementation in a sustainable development perspective.
Exhibition
The photographic exhibition, *Zemljom Hercegovom*, was the result of work by Mr Aleksa Vučković and Mr Radomir Vučković, Professor of Geography. While they were recording a television documentary, they took photographs of Herzegovinian villages, people, landscapes and animals. Herzegovina is the south-eastern area of the Republic of Srpska with very varied, rich and rare natural heritage. These were the observations represented in the exhibition.

Curators of the Museum Herzegovina: Mrs Ivana Grujić, Archaeologist and Director of the Museum; Mr Zoran Mijanović, Historian; Mrs Božana Đuzelović, Ethnologist; Mrs Jelena Pujić, Archaeologist; Mr Mićo Milošević, Biologist; and Mrs Sladana Delić, Photographer.
„Остајте на шефс!... Сунце љубезне неба
Неће вас гријат ни што ова грије;
Грни су толико залозај хлеба
Где свога нека и гдје брата није.”

Алекса Шоштић

**TEXT**

**Title:** National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Introduction:**

The title page of the document features a photograph of a rural landscape, possibly related to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The text is in both English and Bosnian, highlighting the importance of landscape conservation and the need for local communities to be involved in the process.

**Main Text:**

The main text continues with a quote from Aleksa Šoštijić, expressing the importance of preserving the natural beauty and identity of the region. The text discusses the challenges faced in implementing the convention and the need for collaboration between local communities and authorities.

**Visual Elements:**

The page includes several photographs of rural landscapes, showcasing the diversity of the region and the importance of preserving such areas. The images complement the text, providing a visual representation of the topics discussed.

**Conclusion:**

The conclusion reiterates the need for continued effort in implementing the European Landscape Convention and encourages further collaboration to ensure the sustainability and cultural richness of the region.

**Author:**

The text is attributed to the late Aleksa Šoštijić, a prominent figure in the literary and cultural heritage of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Participants at the Exhibition of photography: Zemljom Hercegovom, on the occasion of the National Workshop on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention for Bosnia and Herzegovina, 26 January 2018
Programme
The National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Trebinje on 25-26 January 2018, was organised by the Council of Europe – Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention –, in co-operation with the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, within the context of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe.

Introduction

As an international intergovernmental organisation created in 1949, and whose headquarters are located in Strasbourg (France), the Council of Europe has 47 member States: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. Its main objectives are to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law, and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing European society today.

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 the member States of the Organisation in Florence (Italy) on 20 October 2000, with the aim of promoting European landscape protection, management and planning and to organise international co-operation. It is the first international treaty to be exclusively devoted to all dimensions of the 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 (26 January 2018), 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. Three states have signed the Convention: Estonia, Iceland and Malta.

Acknowledgments

The Secretariat of the Council of Europe would like to thank the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina for its hospitality and co-operation, the Ministry of Ecological and Solidary Transition of France for its support, and the Parties to the Convention attending the Symposium for their co-operation, implementing the provisions of the Convention on “Mutual assistance and exchange of information”.

Objectives

The Symposium aimed to present the European Landscape Convention and to discuss its implementation at national level.

For the purposes of the Convention:

“Landscape policy means an expression by the competent public authorities of general principles, strategies and guidelines that permit the taking of specific measures aimed at the protection, management and planning of landscapes”.

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Landscape means “an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors”; Landscape protection means “actions to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape, justified by its heritage value derived from its natural configuration and/or from human activity”; Landscape management means “action, from a perspective of sustainable development, to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape, in order to guide and harmonise changes which are brought about by social, economic and environmental processes”; and Landscape planning means “strong forward-looking action to enhance, restore or create landscapes”.

The National Symposium aimed to promote the implementation of the Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Convention states notably, in Chapter II:

**Article 5 – General measures**

Each Party undertakes:

a. 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;

b. to establish and implement landscape policies aimed at landscape protection, management and planning through the adoption of the specific measures set out in Article 6;

c. 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 mentioned in paragraph b above;

d. to integrate landscape into its regional and town planning policies and in its cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape.

**Article 6 – Specific measures**

**A. Awareness-raising**

Each Party undertakes to increase awareness among the civil society, private organisations, and public authorities of the value of landscapes, their role and changes to them.

**B. Training and education**

Each Party undertakes to promote:

a. training for specialists in landscape appraisal and operations;

b. multidisciplinary training programmes in landscape policy, protection, management and planning, for professionals in the private and public sectors and for associations concerned;

c. school and university courses which, in the relevant subject areas, address the values attaching to landscapes and the issues raised by their protection, management and planning.

**C. Identification and assessment**

1. With the active participation of the interested parties, as stipulated in Article 5.c, and with a view to improving knowledge of its landscapes, each Party undertakes:

a. i) to identify its own landscapes throughout its territory;

ii) to analyse their characteristics and the forces and pressures transforming them;

iii) to take note of changes;

b. to assess the landscapes thus identified, taking into account the particular values assigned to them by the interested parties and the population concerned.

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

**D. Landscape quality objectives**

Each Party undertakes to define landscape quality objectives for the landscapes identified and assessed, after public consultation in accordance with Article 5.c.

**E. Implementation**

To put landscape policies into effect, each Party undertakes to introduce instruments aimed at protecting, managing and/or planning the landscape.
Moreover, the Convention states:

**Article 8 – Mutual assistance and exchange of information**

The Parties undertake to co-operate in order to enhance the effectiveness of measures taken under other articles of this Convention, and in particular:

- **a.** to render each other technical and scientific assistance in landscape matters through the pooling and exchange of experience, and the results of research projects;
- **b.** to promote the exchange of landscape specialists in particular for training and information purposes;
- **c.** to exchange information on all matters covered by the provisions of the Convention.

**Programme**

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