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THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION
Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017

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Summary

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

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

The aim of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, organised in the framework of the Cyprus Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers (Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017), was to present to the member States of the Council of Europe the progress made in the implementation of the Convention, and address practical questions related to its implementation.

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

Documents of the Ninth Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention (Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017):

[Report](#) | Contributions : [States-Add. 1](#) - [NGOs-Add. 2](#) | [Draft agenda](#) | [Working documents](#)

The Committee is invited to:

- take note of the [Report](#) of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Appendix to this document).

Appendix

Report of the 9th Council of Europe Conference
on the European Landscape Convention

Strasbourg, 4-5 April 2017

[[Report](#): CEP-CDCPP (2017) 19E]



EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION
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Chairmanship of Cyprus
Council of Europe
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Strasbourg, 29 March 2017

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9th COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON

THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

*Conference organised under the auspices of the Cypriot Chairmanship
of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*

REPORT

Council of Europe
Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg
23-24 March 2017

*Document of the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe
Directorate of Democratic Governance*

Opening of the Conference

Opening

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, opened the Conference, welcomed the participants [*Cf. List of participants in Appendix 2 to this Report*] and delivered an opening speech [*Cf. Appendix 3.1. to this Report*].

Opening speeches

Mrs Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, delivered an opening speech [*Cf. Appendix 3.2. to this Report*].

Mrs Theodora CONSTANTINIDOU, Ambassador, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, delivered an opening speech [*Cf. Appendix 3.3. to this Report*].

Mrs Sílvia CALVÓ, Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development of Andorra, delivered an opening speech [*Cf. Appendix 3.4. to this Report*].

Mr Kimmo AULAKE, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe, delivered an opening speech [*Cf. Appendix 3.5. to this Report*].

Mr Øystein STØRKERSEN, Chair of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, delivered an opening speech [*Cf. Appendix 3.6. to this Report*].

Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, delivered an opening speech [*Cf. Appendix 3.7. to this Report*].

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 1E](#) – Draft agenda; Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 1E Add.](#) – Draft annotated agenda]

The Conference adopted the agenda as it appears in Appendix 1 to this Report.

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

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 2E](#) – PowerPoint Presentation]

The Conference:

- took note of the General Report of activities on the European Landscape Convention prepared by Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe;
- took note of the status of signatures and ratifications of the European Landscape Convention [*Cf. Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 2E rev.](#)*].

Session I – Introductory Session

3. Addresses

- States Parties to the Convention: public policies for the implementation of the Convention at national, regional and local level

- Observer States

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 3Bil.](#)]

The Conference:

- took note with great interest of the addresses presented by the representatives of the following States:
 - *States Parties to the Convention*: Andorra, Armenia (*written contribution*), Belgium (Walloon Region, Flanders Region and Brussels Capital), Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Georgia, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom,
 - *Observer States*: Estonia, Iceland, Belarus, Holy See;
- noted that the European Landscape Convention was generating major progress in landscape policies in many States, at national, regional and local level;
- welcomed the proposal of the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic to host the 19th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*The implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level: local democracy*” in Brno, Czech Republic, 5-7 September 2017;
- welcomed the proposal of Poland to declare the 20 October (day of the opening of the CoE European Landscape Convention to the signature), the International Landscape Day, deciding to implement it.

4. Statements of international governmental and non-governmental organisations

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 4Bil.](#)]

The Conference:

- took note with great interest of the addresses presented by delegations of the following non-governmental organisations: Atelier international du paysage, CIVILSCAPE, International Association Rurality-Environment-Development (RED), Europarc Federation, European Council of Town Planners (CEU), Europae Archaeologiae Consilium (EAC), International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE), International Federation for Landscape Architecture (IFLA), International Terraced Landscape Alliance (ITLA), Landscape Research Group (LRG), REC-Caucasus (*written contribution*), UNISCAPE.

Session II – Contribution of the landscape approach to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development

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

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 5E](#)]

The Conference:

- took note of the Conceptual report for reference “*Landscape and the European Landscape Convention's contribution to democracy, human rights and sustainable development*” prepared by Mr Michel PRIEUR and Mr Yves LUGINBÜHL as Experts of the Council of Europe in the framework of the work of the Working Group of the European Landscape Convention “*Landscape and Democracy*”, with a view to the preparation of the draft Recommendations on “*The contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention, to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development*” [Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 6E](#)] and “*The participation of the public in the definition and implementation of landscape policies, as defined in the European Landscape Convention*” [Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 7E](#)];
- decided to transmit it for information to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) and then to the Committee of Ministers [Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 5E rev.](#)].

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

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 6E](#)]

The Conference:

- considered together the two draft Recommendations prepared by the Working Group on “Landscape and Democracy” as mentioned at the items 6 and 7 of this report;
- asked the Secretariat, together with the Chair, to prepare a consolidated document based on the two draft recommendations referring to the conceptual report, in order to transmit one draft recommendation to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) for submission to the Committee of Ministers.

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

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 7E](#)]

The Conference considered this item with item 6.

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*Palais de l'Europe
Foyer of the Committee of Ministers*

*Exhibition on the Landscape Alliance Award of the Council of Europe
and
In the framework of the Cypriot Chairmanship
of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe,
presentation of a photographic exhibition on landscapes of Cyprus*

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Session III – National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

8. Council of Europe Observatory for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: “CoE L6 Information System”

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 8E](#)]

The Conference:

- took note of the latest developments of the Council of Europe Information System on the European Landscape Convention (CoE L6), presented on the Council of Europe Website (Landscape Observatory: <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-observatory>):
 - the Parties to the Convention were invited by the Secretariat to use the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe; several States have already completed its questionnaire;
 - the Secretariat has finalised the second phase of work to prepare the reports and data retrieval, and updated the technical user manuals;
- invited the Parties to the Convention to implement Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary, with a view of its presentation at the 6th Meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) (Strasbourg, 10-12 May 2017).

9. Results of the 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop 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)

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 9E](#)]

The Conference:

- warmly thanked the Ministry of Urban Development of Armenia, for its co-operation with the Council of Europe in the organisation of the event and its hospitality;
- took note of the speeches and presentations made at the Meeting, as they appear on the website of the European Landscape Convention, as well as the conclusions of the Meeting (<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/18th>) ;
- decided to pursue the development and implementation of national policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention (Chapter II of the Convention on

National Measures) and ask the Parties to the Convention to act in this way.

Session IV – Landscape dimension of the public policies and international programmes

10. Report on public landscape funding

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 10E](#)]

The Conference:

- took note of the Report on “*Public landscape funding*” prepared by the Secretariat of the Council of Europe at the request of the Conference, deciding to change its title: “*Experiences of Public Landscape Funds*”, in a revised version [Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 10E rev.](#)];
- took note that States also provide funding through various instruments (agriculture, protected areas, urban areas...);
- asked the Secretariat to prepare guidelines on “Public Landscape Funds” in order to assist Parties to the Convention wishing to set up such a fund.

11. Update of the Report “*Selected funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*”

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 11E](#)]

The Conference:

- took note of the Report “*Selection of Funding Opportunities to Support the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention*”, presented for information [Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 11E rev.](#)].

Session V – Elections of the next Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference

Mr Eladio FERNANDEZ-GALIANO, Head of the Department of Culture, Nature and Heritage of the Council of Europe, hold elections.

The Parties to the Convention elected:

- Mrs Sanja LJESKOVIC MITROVIC (Montenegro) as Chair of the Conference of the European Landscape Convention;
- Mrs Krisztina KINCSES (Hungary) as Vice-Chair of the Conference of the European Landscape Convention.

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

Session VI – The Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

- 12. Report on the Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe: Sessions 1 (2008-2009), 2 (2010-2011), 3 (2012-2013), 4 (2014-2015) and Session 5 (2016-2017), and “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections” (Carbonia, Italy 4-5 June 2012; Wrocław, Poland, 11-12 June 2014; Budapest, Hungary, 9-10 June 2016)**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 12E](#)]

The Conference:

- warmly thanked the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary for its co-operation with the Council of Europe in the organisation of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on the “*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 4th Session 2014-2015*” and the Ceremony of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, held in Budapest, Hungary, on 8-10 June 2016, and for its hospitality;
- took note of the speeches and presentations made at the Meeting, as they appear on the website of the European Landscape Convention, as well as the conclusions of the Meeting (<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/18th>);
- decided to pursue the development of Article 11 of the European Landscape Convention on the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

- 13. Draft Resolution on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 13E](#)]

The Conference:

- considered the draft Resolution of the Committee of Ministers on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, and decided to transmit it to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) for submission to the Committee of Ministers [*Cf. Appendix 8.2. to this Report*].

Side event: Thinking about the landscapes of tomorrow

14. Report “Drawing agricultural landscapes for the sustainable and harmonious development of territories”

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 14E](#)]

The Conference:

- took note of the Report “Drawing agricultural landscapes for the sustainable and harmonious development of territories”, which was prepared by Mr Régis AMBROISE, as Expert of the Council of Europe, and congratulated its author for the great quality and usefulness of the report [Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 14E rev.](#)].

15. Report “Towards a grammar for European landscapes”

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 15E](#)]

The Conference:

- took note of the Report “Towards a grammar for European landscapes”, which was prepared by Mr Valerio DI BATTISTA, as Expert of the Council of Europe, and congratulated its author for the great quality and usefulness of the report [Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 15E rev.](#)].

Session VII – Transfrontier landscapes

16. Results of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Landscape and transfrontier co-operation” (Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015)

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 16E](#)]

The Conference:

- warmly thanked the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development of Andorra, for its co-operation with the Council of Europe in the organisation of the event and its hospitality;
- took note of the speeches and presentations made at the Meeting, as they appear on the website of the European Landscape Convention, as well as the conclusions of the Meeting (<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/16th-council-of-europe-meeting-of-the-workshops-for-the-implementation-of-the-european-landscape-convention>);
- took note of 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, deciding to refer to it.

17. Report on “Regional approaches to sustainable landscapes and green economic growth” covering activities of REC Caucasus for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia
[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 17E](#)]

The Conference:

- took note with interest of the Report “Regional approaches to sustainable landscapes and green economic growth” covering activities of REC Caucasus for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, which was prepared by Mrs Nune HARUTYUNYAN, as Expert of the Council of Europe, in the framework of the Work Programme on the European Landscape Convention, and congratulated its author for the great quality and usefulness of the report [*Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 17E rev.](#)*].

Session VIII – Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019

18. Draft Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 18E](#)]

The Conference:

- examined the Draft Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019, referring to the Articles of the Convention,
- decided to adopt it with the following additional elements or themes:
 - establishment of a network of landscapes observatories and universities;
 - contribute to the consideration of landscape as ecosystem services;
 - the new energies as a challenge for the landscape;
 - analysis and promotion of certain experiments showing the scope covered by the Convention: examples of landscapes considered to be emblematic or outstanding (and which can be protected as such), which also gave rise to management and planning actions; examples where the landscape could serve as a key input for the definition of a territory project, not only including protected areas;
- entrusted the Chair to finalise, with the Secretariat, the document “Work Programme and Action Plan of the Conference for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019”, in order to include it, as adopted by the Conference, in the report of the Conference [*Cf. Appendix 10 to this Report*].

19. Any other business

None.

Closing of the Conference

The Chair thanked the participants for their highly appreciated co-operation, offered her best wishes of success to the new Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference, and thanked the Secretariat of the Council of Europe [*Cf. Appendix 3.9 to this Report*].

On behalf of the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe, Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS warmly thanked Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN for her substantial contributions in support of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention [*Cf. Appendix 3.10 to this Report*].

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Opening speeches

- 3.2. *Mrs Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe*
- 3.3. *Mrs Theodora CONSTANTINIDOU, Ambassador, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe*
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- 3.7. *Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe*

Closing speeches

- 3.8. *Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention*
- 3.9. *Mr Kimmo AULAKE, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe*
- 3.10. *Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Head of Division, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe*

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

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 2E rev.](#)

Appendix 5 - Addresses: States Parties to the Convention: public policies for the implementation of the Convention at national, regional and local level; States not Party to the Convention

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 3Bil.](#)

Appendix 6 - Statements of international governmental and non-governmental organisations

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 4Bil.](#)

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- 7.1. Conclusions of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*” (Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015)

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 16E](#)

- 7.2. Conclusions of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on the “*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 4th Session 2014-2015*” (Budapest, Hungary, 8-10 June 2016)

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 12E](#)

- 7.2. Conclusions of the 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop 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)

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 9E](#)

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- The contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention, to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development
 - The participation of the public in the definition and implementation of landscape policies, as defined in the European Landscape Convention

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 5E rev.](#), [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 6E](#), [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 7E](#)

- 8.2. Draft Resolution of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the “Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe”

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Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 2E rev.](#)

- 9.2. Report on the “*Conceptual report for reference on Landscape and the European Landscape Convention’s contribution to democracy, human rights and sustainable development*”

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 2E rev.](#)

- 9.3. Report on “*Experiences of Public Landscape Funds*”

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 10E rev.](#)

- 9.4. Report on “*Selected funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*”

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 11E rev.](#)

- 9.5. Report on “*Drawing agricultural landscapes for the sustainable and harmonious development of territories*”
Cf. Document: [*CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 14E rev.*](#)
- 9.6. Report “*Towards a grammar for European landscapes*”
Cf. Document: [*CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 15E rev.*](#)
- 9.7. Report “*Regional approaches to sustainable landscapes and green economic growth*” covering activities of REC Caucasus for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia
Cf. [*CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 17E rev.*](#)

Appendix 10 – Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019

Appendix 11 – List of the documents of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

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APPENDIX 1

AGENDA

Presentation

The European Landscape Convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 in Strasbourg and opened for signature of the Member States of the Organisation in Florence (Italy) on 20 October 2000, with the aims to promote European landscape protection, management and planning, and to organise international co-operation. It is the first international treaty to be exclusively devoted to all aspects of 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.

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<http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention>
<http://www.coe.int/Conventioneuropennedupaysage>

THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2017

Opening of the Conference

8.30-9.00 *Welcome of the participants*

9.00-10.00

Opening

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

Opening speeches

Mrs Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

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10.00-11.00

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

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11.00-11.30 *Break*

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11.30-13.00

Session I – Introductory Session

3. Addresses from representatives of Member States of the Council of Europe and other States

States Parties to the Convention: public policies for the implementation of the Convention at national, regional and local level

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 3Bil.](#)]

Note: 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, the Parties to the Convention are invited to update the Information System on the European Landscape Convention one month before this 9th Conference.

During the Conference, the States representatives are invited to present the important actions carried out since the previous Conference (max. 3 min.).

Participants are kindly requested to send the written text of their addresses to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe for the report of the Conference.

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Delegations are invited to submit to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe their proposals for the next Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference, before 17.15 on this day.

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13.00 *Lunch*

14.30-15.00 *Continuation*

Observer States

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 3Bil](#)]

The States representatives are invited to present an address (max. 3 min.).

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4. Statements of international governmental and non-governmental organisations

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 4Bil.](#)]

Representatives of non-governmental organisations are invited to present a statement (2 min. max.).

Participants are kindly requested to send the written text of their addresses to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe for the report of the Conference.

15.00-16.45

Session II – Contribution of the landscape approach to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development

5. **Conceptual report for reference on Landscape and the European Landscape Convention's contribution to democracy, human rights and sustainable development**
[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 5E](#)]
6. **Draft Recommendation on the contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention, to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 6E](#)]

16.45-17.15 *Break*

17.15-18.00

7. **Draft Recommendation on principles for the participation of the public in the definition and implementation of landscape policies, as defined in the European Landscape Convention**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 7E](#)]

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

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18.00-20.00

Palais de l'Europe

Foyer of the Committee of Ministers

Exhibition on the Landscape Alliance Award of the Council of Europe

and

***In the framework of the Cypriot Chairmanship
of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe,
presentation of a photographic exhibition on landscapes of Cyprus***

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Official reception

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FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2017

9.00-10.00

Session III – National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

8. **Council of Europe Observatory for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: “CoE L6 Information System”**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 8E](#)]
9. **Results of the 18th Meeting of the Workshop 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)**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 9E](#)]

10.00-10.45

Session IV – Landscape dimension of the public policies and international programmes

10. **Report on public landscape funding**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 10E](#)]
11. **Update of the Report “Selected funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention”**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 11E](#)]

10.45-11.15 Break

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11.15-11.45

Session V – Elections

Elections of the next Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference¹

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11.45-12.30

¹ Appendix 2 to Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 (Article 12.d.): “Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair shall require a two-thirds majority at the first ballot and a simple majority at the second ballot. In steering committees, the election shall be held by secret ballot, in other committees by a show of hands, unless a member of the committee requests a secret ballot”.

Session VI – The Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

12. **Report on the Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe: Sessions 1 (2008-2009), 2 (2010-2011), 3 (2012-2013), 4 (2014-2015), and Session 5 (2016-2017), and “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections” (Carbonia, Italy 4-5 June 2012; Wrocław, Poland, 11-12 June 2014; Budapest, Hungary, 9-10 June 2016)**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 12E](#)]
13. **Draft Resolution on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 13E](#)]

12.30 Lunch

14.00-14.45

Side event: Thinking about the landscapes of tomorrow

14. Report “Drawing agricultural landscapes for the sustainable and harmonious development of territories”

[Document for information : [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 14E](#) – PowerPoint Presentation]

15. Report “Towards a grammar for European landscapes”

[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 15E](#) – PowerPoint Presentation]

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Continuation of the Conference

14.45-15.30

Session VII – Transfrontier landscapes

16. **Results of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Landscape and transfrontier co-operation” (Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015)**
[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 16E](#)]
17. **Report on “Regional approaches to sustainable landscapes and green economic growth” covering activities of REC Caucasus for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia**
[Document for information: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 17E](#)]

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-17.00

Session VIII – Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019

18. Draft Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019

[Document for action: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 18E](#)]

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19. Any other business

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17.00 -17.30

Closing of the Conference

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3.1. Opening

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

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear colleagues and friends
Distinguished guests

Welcome to the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention here in Strasbourg.

The 8th Conference in March 2015 requested the Chair to prepare together with the Secretariat a Proposal for a Work Programme on the European Landscape Convention for 2016-2017 in line with the wishes expressed at the Conference. In its meeting in June 2015 the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) approved the proposed Work Programme from the Conference and also agreed to set up a Working Group to promote the activities for the implementation of the Convention. I would therefore particularly welcome the Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe Mr Kimmo Aulake. He will participate in the Conference and thus gain first-hand knowledge of the results of the Work Programme on the European Landscape Convention.

I am very pleased to report back to this 9th Conference that the Working Group of the European Landscape Convention “Landscape and democracy” has been very useful and I hope also successful. According to the decisions of the 8th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, the Working Group decided the preparation of the Conceptual report for reference “Landscape and the European Landscape Convention’s contribution to democracy, human rights and sustainable development” and of two draft recommendations that will be presented later today.

I think that the present Draft Recommendations, respectively on “The contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention, to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development” and on “Principles for the participation of the public in the definition and implementation of landscape policies, as defined in the European Landscape Convention” are very important. I am looking forward to the considerations and discussions we will have on this, based on the eminent Conceptual report prepared by Mr Michel Prieur and Mr Yves Luginbühl as Experts of the Council of Europe

I would like to warmly thank the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe Directorate of Democratic Governance for their support and that they and our Steering Committee CDCPP have also been willing these last two years to allocate the necessary resources for the work related to the European Landscape Convention. I also want to warmly thank all the State Parties which have hosted our workshops, have given contributions financially or in other ways. As you see from the agenda and will hear in the Conference this has enabled us to maintain a high level of activity. This 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention has an agenda filled with very important issues. I would further like to thank the members of the Working Group and the highly skilled experts who have also contributed to the high quality work in the different reports to be considered by the Parties.

I conclude by warmly thanking the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers for giving this occasion and supporting the work developed for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention. And I want to thank the Directorate of Democratic Governance of the Council of Europe sincerely for organising this conference here in Strasbourg, particularly the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Mr Eladio Fernandez-Galiano Head of Department, Culture, Nature and Heritage and Mrs Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons the Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, as well as all their colleagues and assistants, and all our

distinguished guests who will give their opening speeches. Finally I wish all the participants rewarding discussions and positive results.

Thank you for your attention.

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Opening speeches

3.2. Opening speech

Mrs Gabriella BATTAINI-DRAGONI, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe

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Ladies and Gentlemen, representatives of governments and international governmental and non-governmental organisations,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome you to the Palais de l'Europe. I would like to thank you for attending this 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention.

This Conference will allow us to make progress on the implementation of the Convention, at national level and in international co-operation. The outcomes of these two working days will be brought to the attention of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), which will then report to the Committee of Ministers.

The European Landscape Convention is an invaluable international treaty for three reasons.

- It plays a major part in implementing the Council of Europe's objectives because it includes the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy in its priorities.

It holds States Parties accountable for properly managing their assets and resources, by addressing the future of human beings and societies in relation to their living space.

The work carried out under the Convention represents a significant contribution to global debates concerning the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals on issues which affect our daily lives: good health and well-being, quality education, clean water, economic growth, responsible consumption and production, climate action and many others.

I welcome the fact that, since its adoption by the Committee of Ministers in 2000, 38 of our member states have now ratified the Convention and two others have signed it. I urge those that are not yet Contracting Parties to do all they can to join the group of states that are committed to implementing this important Convention.

Allow me, at the early stages of your work, to share some personal thoughts with you on the link between the Convention and the Council of Europe's fundamental texts and objectives.

Firstly, the Convention pushes international co-operation forward and, in particular, it encourages transfrontier co-operation. Landscape is often at the centre of various forms of co-operation between public authorities. It becomes:

- a factor in reconciliation;
- a place of peace; and
- a space for dialogue and harmonious co-existence.

Here are three examples:

- the relevant experiences presented at the Council of Europe Meeting under the heading of Landscape and transfrontier co-operation: landscape knows no boundary, held in co-operation with the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development of Andorra;
- the regional approaches to sustainable landscapes and green economic growth in the Caucasus covering Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, which will be presented at this conference;
- the presentation of the Council of Europe Landscape Award last June to ten Hungarian and Slovenian villages and to the Iron Curtain Trail and Greenways Methodology associations on account of their transfrontier landscape co-operation.

Secondly, the Convention pays particular attention to the democratic dimension of landscape management. Landscape is a key element of individual and social well-being which entails rights and responsibilities for everyone.

At the same time, the Convention demands a responsible and resolutely forward-looking attitude on the part of all stakeholders whose decisions affect landscape quality.

For this, public authorities must take into consideration the aspirations of the public with regard to the quality of their surroundings. The Parties to the Convention 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 landscape policies.

In this connection, we have two draft recommendations on this afternoon's agenda:

- one on “The contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention, to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development”;
- and the other on “Principles for the participation of the public in the definition and implementation of landscape policies”.

Lastly, the Convention asks Parties 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.

It recognises that landscape has an important public interest role in the social, environmental and cultural fields, and constitutes a resource favourable to economic activity.

It is therefore important to underline that proper management of landscapes, founded on appropriate regional planning, preservation of natural and cultural values, along with restoration of habitats and degraded sites, creates jobs – trades and professions even – which promote the individual and well-being and bring regions to life.

It is for all of these reasons that the Parties to the Convention undertake to establish landscape policies and integrate landscape into other policies such as regional and town planning, and cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, etc.

By looking at various aspects of landscapes, the Convention corresponds to the Council of Europe's objectives through an approach that is dynamic and forward-looking rather than static.

I welcome the major tangible progress made in recent years in visibly integrating landscape into national policies.

Here are a few brief examples:

The 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, held on National Landscape Policies in Yerevan last October, showed that:

- national strategies and action plans concerning landscape are increasingly being adopted;
- new legislation, tools and institutional and financial instruments are being put in place; and
- innovative horizontal, vertical and cross-cutting co-operation methods are emerging.

A European Landscape Information System on the Council of Europe website is now operating. I would like to thank the Parties who have already added information to the system and I would ask that the other Parties do the same before the next Steering Committee meeting in May.

I would also like to draw your attention to the very attractive collection of 52 national project selections for the Landscape Award presented in the Landscape Award Alliance section of the Council of Europe website. They show it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the features of the landscapes that surround us in urban and rural areas. An exhibition on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe will be on display in the Committee of Ministers' ante-room at the end of the afternoon.

I also welcome the Committee of Ministers' decision on 15 June 2016 to adopt the Protocol, which will enable the promotion of European co-operation with non-European states who wish to implement provisions of the Convention from 1 August 2018.

In conclusion, I wish this Conference every success and assure you of the importance which the Council of Europe attaches to the implementation of this flagship Convention.

3.3. Opening speech

*Mrs Theodora CONSTANTINIDOU, Ambassador, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies,
Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe*

Ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Council of Europe, I am particularly pleased to open this 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention.

The Committee of Ministers adopted the European Landscape Convention in 2000 and has since adopted several recommendations and texts to promote its implementation. The Committee of Ministers continues to follow the developments related to the Convention and, in this context, periodically takes decisions on granting the Council of Europe Landscape Award.

My country has shown particular interest in this innovative Council of Europe convention since its adoption. It signed it in 2001, ratified it in 2006 and continues efforts to foster its implementation at national level. The Town Planning and Housing Department of the Ministry of the Interior is doing major work to integrate the landscape dimension in spatial development policies.

I am particularly pleased to note that the European Landscape Convention is regarded at international level as the leading convention for sustainable and harmonious spatial development. It has been signed and ratified by a large number of Council of Europe member States and we hope it will soon be extended to non-European States, after the entry into force of the Amending Protocol to the Convention which the Committee of Ministers adopted last year in June.

Dear participants,

Our societies are facing unprecedented environmental, social and economic difficulties as a result of climate change, demographic pressure, the growth of major urban centres and rural depopulation. We have to provide appropriate responses for promoting the quality of the environment we live in. This is a matter of the preservation of the health of populations, ecosystems and species; it is also a matter of the prosperity and attractiveness of individual regions, the preservation of skills and trades, job creation and the sustainability of a wide range of lifestyles and ways of life. It is eventually a matter of the proper management of territories' natural resources, the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage and use of the space concerned as a place for leisure, meetings and social interaction.

Efficient action towards full implementation of the Landscape Convention at national level involves co-operation between different levels of governance (national, regional and local) as well as inter-sectorial and inter-ministerial co-operation. This process requires procedures for public participation in devising and implementing landscape policies.

At international level, landscape is covered by many co-operation projects, including the Medscapes Initiative, involving landscape character assessment as a tool for the conservation of the natural resources of the Eastern Mediterranean, in which Cyprus has taken part. Having stood at the crossroads of major trading routes since ancient times, and having assimilated various cultures down through the centuries, Cyprus has a great wealth of natural and cultural resources. It attaches great importance to preserving its outstanding Mediterranean landscape and enhancing it for the benefit of present and future generations.

In conclusion, I hope that your discussions lead to concrete outcomes. The Committee of Ministers will give close attention to the documents produced by the conference, which will be forwarded to it by the Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP).

Thank you for your attention.

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3.4. Opening speech

Mrs Sílvia CALVÓ, Minister of the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development of Andorra

Thank you, Madam Chair,

Deputy Secretary General, Madam Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As Minister for the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development of Andorra, I am particularly pleased to open this 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, and I extend a warm welcome to all the participants.

In 2012, Andorra ratified the European Landscape Convention and we have been able to benefit from the knowledge and experiences of the countries which preceded us thanks to the large number of activity reports and workshops on the implementation of the Convention that we have had access to. I would like to highlight their quality and usefulness.

This year, we will therefore be celebrating the fifth anniversary of our ratification of the Convention, but Andorra was actually working on landscape projects long before its introduction. As a result, in 2012, we were ready to approve our National Landscape Strategy (2012-2020), which is now in its second stage (2016-2020). Carried out through a process of citizen participation and with representatives of the different economic sectors and social stakeholders, the National Landscape Strategy outlines seven landscape quality objectives for Andorra and around 50 measures for achieving them.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Landscape, as defined by the Convention, is on the government's political agenda. Our citizens are also becoming increasingly aware of the value of the landscapes surrounding them, both the everyday and the outstanding. Landscape is no longer considered as a consequence of our actions, but as a part of our identity. It is also regarded as an undeniable additional benefit by the eight million tourists who visit our country every year.

In Andorra, we are working to change our energy model by prioritising energy conservation and efficiency and also by diversifying our energy supplies through the use of renewable energies. This will allow us to efficiently contribute to the fight against climate change and it will also have consequences for our country. This is a result of energy production and transport changing our landscapes over the centuries, for example, through water supply points and canals, power stations, power lines and now wind turbines and solar panels.

This explains why we wanted to involve all energy stakeholders beforehand. Last October we held a conference day under the heading of *Landscape and renewable energies* with speakers from Andorra and its neighbouring countries, France and Spain, in order to raise awareness amongst various private and public stakeholders about the need to take landscape into account. All of the energy sector representatives have signed the charter for the National Landscape Strategy, an instrument that allows civil society and businesses to be involved in the development of the strategy.

In addition to the protection of biodiversity, our Sectoral Plan for Energy Infrastructure will take landscape into account during its implementation, because renewable energies are considered in Andorra as an excellent opportunity which must be incorporated at the planning phase.

Similarly, all of the ski resort representatives have signed the charter for the National Landscape Strategy. We are developing awareness-raising measures with them for visitors through photography competitions and landscape improvement measures at resorts. Lastly, the Architects' association has also signed the charter and together we are holding an annual series of lectures on architecture and landscape.

We are very pleased to have been able to involve civil society in our plans thanks to the charter which accompanies the National Landscape Strategy and I am sure that the list of signatories will continue to expand.

With regard to the measures planned for the second stage of the National Landscape Strategy, I would like to note the preliminary conservation bill for natural habitats, biodiversity and landscape, which will provide a legal framework for our strategy. In addition, we are continuing to develop several projects for both high mountain landscapes and urban landscapes at the bottom of valleys.

It is also interesting to note that after holding the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention on the theme of *Landscape and transfrontier co-operation* in 2015, we incorporated the outcomes presented during the workshops into a competition for ideas to improve the landscape in Pas de la Casa and its surroundings. For those who are not familiar with Andorra, Pas de la Casa is on our border with France. Therefore, this is an example of implementing the outcomes from a Convention workshop.

Later, Mr Marc Rossell, Director General of Environment and Sustainable Development, and Mrs Anna Moles, Head of the Landscape, Biodiversity and Environmental Assessment Unit, will give a detailed presentation on the workshop's outcomes and implementation.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the Council of Europe on the very high standard of work that has been carried out during the 17 years of the Convention's existence and on the high quality and usefulness of all of the discussions and work which are available to the countries that wish to develop their landscape policies.

Thank you.

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3.5. Opening speech

Mr Kimmo AULAKE, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe

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3.6. Opening speech

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Madame Ambassador of Cyprus to the Council of Europe,

Your Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure to address the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, organised under the auspices of the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

Nearly 40 years ago, the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats started as an innovative and flexible tool for promoting co-operation and harmonisation of biodiversity policies in Europe. A lot has been achieved in these last decades in terms of setting new European standards in nature conservation, developing specific and targeted species Action Plans, supporting trans-border partnerships and establishing international co-operation initiatives, including with the non-governmental sector.

Unfortunately, in spite of all our efforts, it is clear today that the loss of biodiversity is still a major challenge for our Planet and therefore also our Societies. Biodiversity loss undermines all efforts to improve economic, social, health, and environmental well-being, worldwide as well as in Europe. This is due to the close link between the value of the environment for biodiversity and the many vital ecosystem services it provides for humans.

Today, the 51 Parties to the Bern Convention continue to collaborate in joining efforts to ensure nature conservation and sustainable use at the level of our continent. Today we work to contribute to the achievement of both the 2020 UN Biodiversity Targets and the recent Sustainable Development Goals at the regional level in Europe. The Bern Convention thus contributes to improve democracy and the quality of life in our continent.

Allow me to very quickly present three main current initiatives of the Bern Convention:

1. The first one is the establishment of the Emerald Network of areas of special conservation interest – a tool for the Convention Contracting Parties to implement their obligations through specific site conservation for both species and habitats of European importance in the territories of Parties beyond the 28 EU member states. The area covered by the Network today reaches nearly 700 000 km² (the size of France) and increases quickly every year. Due to the important habitat fragmentation levels in Europe, establishing an integrated and strategic ecosystem and landscape approach to the conservation of the Emerald areas appears to be one of the most effective and efficient methods to sustainable resource management and restoration of degraded habitats.
2. The second one is the European Diploma for Protected Areas. It was created 52 years ago as a prestigious international award by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and is today placed under the supervision and management of the Bern Convention. The European Diploma is granted, after careful examination by experts, to areas of extraordinary ecological value and of exemplary management. Priority is given to those areas in which flora, fauna and landscape are protected, but also where people can enjoy their natural environment. The contribution of the

currently 74 areas in 29 countries to both biodiversity and landscape conservation is exceptional and cherished. Many of these areas show fantastic examples of well-planned and implemented landscape scale ecosystem-based management.

3. The third one concerns the ambitious Programme of Work of the Bern Convention in the field of climate change and biodiversity. We, at the Bern Convention, do not need to be convinced of the importance of our environment in climate change adaptation and mitigation, but we also recognise the need for a hand in convincing policy and decision makers of the need for more nature- and ecosystem-based solutions and adaptation strategies and policies in both Europe and the rest of the world.

Beyond these three fields of work, the Bern Convention equally has its own reporting and monitoring mechanism, as created by its Standing Committee some 35 years ago, which is based on a complaints system for breaches of the Convention. We deal with a very large number of complaints received each year, from both citizens and NGOs. This is a sign of the good democratic and transparent functioning of the Convention, but I can also testify that this system is still very much alive and important.

During the coming days of your meeting I will follow your deliberations closely and report back on the main outcomes to the next 37th Standing Committee to the Bern Convention meeting in Strasbourg on 5-8 December 2017. I hope there will be lessons for more synergies and possibly enhanced co-operation between our two sister Conventions at the Council of Europe, as a joint contribution to democracy, human rights and quality of life in our Continent.

I thank you for your attention and wish you a successful meeting.

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3.7. Opening speech

Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe

Deputy Secretary General,
Your Excellency Ambassador Constantinidou, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies,
Minister Calvó, Minister for the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development of Andorra
Your Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

Once again it is a great honour for me to speak to you on behalf of civil society in the Council of Europe.

This is the last time before my term of office ends. And I welcome the fact that this address, on behalf of a committee called the "Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges" is being given under the auspices of the Republic of Cyprus.

Ambassador Constantinidou, the island of Cyprus, by virtue of its geographical location close to the shores of Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, its rich and complex history and culture, its political foundations and the specific issues it faces today... finds itself at the centre of the major challenges confronting Europe and the Mediterranean at the present time.

And may I say to Mrs Mortensen, Chair of our Conference, that I take especial pleasure in the fact that this ninth meeting is dealing with territorial democracy. And by extension, with participatory democracy. The latter has been a regular theme in the work of the two INGO Conference committees on which I have been privileged to serve in recent years.

For us, participation is an ongoing battle, waged by my colleagues here with us today.

What is this democracy we are talking about?

In many countries today, representative democracy is having a rough time, rendered fragile – paradoxically – by impending elections which ought logically to strengthen it. Day after day, democracy seems to be losing its status and its value as a benchmark, its stabilising power, that “power for peace” to which the Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) alluded.

Most citizens feel impotent in the face of government decisions affecting their daily lives. But increasingly directly, and increasingly often, they are urged to get involved, notably through the social media. The examples that have just been cited illustrate this most vividly.

The work of the Council of Europe

In tandem with the holding of the annual World Forum for Democracy, intended to promote the search for and spread of exemplary practices, the Council of Europe has produced a number of texts and conventions which encourage participation:

- a *Code of good practice for civil participation in the decision-making process*, launched by the Conference of INGOs in 2009 with the backing of the Committee of Ministers, the Parliamentary Assembly and the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe. This Code had been called for by the Warsaw summit of heads of state and government held in 2005;
- the Additional Protocol to the European Charter of Local Self-Government, intended to encourage citizens’ involvement at local level, promoted by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and opened for signature by Member States in 2009, plus a Congress recommendation consequent to it in 2011;
- the Declaration adopted by the CEMAT ministerial conference at Nafplion (Greece) in 2014, on promoting territorial democracy in spatial planning;
- the recent mandate given by the Committee of Ministers to the European Committee on Democracy and Governance (CDDG), to draw up Guidelines for civil participation in political decision-making.

This latter work is ongoing, and, as I did in a joint drafting committee made up of representatives of governments and NGOs which it was my privilege to chair, I wish to emphasise a principle and four recommendations which I believe to be essential:

Principle and recommendations for democracy

The fundamental principle, clearly, is that participatory democracy and representative democracy are complementary.

The recommendations combine the following imperatives:

1. the absolute need for a legal and regulatory framework to encourage and support broad and meaningful participation in all phases of decision-making, from the drafting of public policies to their implementation and monitoring. This point is especially crucial since public space and spatial planning policies affect every member of society, as the text of the declaration to be brought before you today makes clear;

2. the vital need to create a visible and permanent structure and space to accommodate the public, the political and administrative authorities and all other actors involved in framing and implementing landscape policies;
3. provision of adequate, appropriate and full information, both online and off-line, within a timeframe allowing decisions to be reversed (cf. Aarhus Convention);
4. a guarantee that all participants, regardless of their social, occupational or cultural background, will have the same rights, and the same obligations, throughout the proceedings.

The quest for social cohesion

Public space is an unparalleled tool. Every human being, throughout his life, is shaped by his physical and human environment, by “territory” which, in the words of the draft declaration, is regarded in its material and immaterial dimension as a “vital public good”, a shared commodity that allows people unknown to one another and sometimes even hostile to one another to come together. Mrs Battaini-Dragoni cited a few shining examples of early winners of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. I thank her for that; for us NGOs these are precious references.

All of us here are aware that action on landscape – and even more so, *prompted by* landscape – is an unequalled means of getting the public involved and securing action on a wider scale. That holds true for biodiversity, and the Chair of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention said as much. And it holds true for climate change and for democracy as well.

Conclusion

In conclusion I will use the image of the French historian Fernand Braudel, for whom “*the Mediterranean is honeycombed with sea and land routes, linked together, along which the towns, small, medium and large, all hold each other by the hand*”, and I will add into this Euro-Mediterranean mix the landscapes made known to us by the Council of Europe’s Landscape Award, the landscapes promoted by the policies you all support in your respective countries.

Landscapes, ladies and gentlemen, from the black basalt of Limassol’s beaches to the snowy peaks of Andorra’s Coma Pedrosa and the icy wastes of the North Cape and the Arctic, whether they are natural or built environments, whether they are home to a small hamlet or a big city, landscapes offer a direct means of entry into democratic processes to address issues of sustainable development, solidarity, poverty alleviation, and peace.

I would like to take this last opportunity to thank you personally, Madam Deputy Secretary General, for the support you give to this Convention which is relevant to all our peoples and all our countries. And I would like to thank and pay tribute to Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons for all the work she does so tirelessly and productively.

I wish this Conference every success in its consideration of the draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to the Member States on the principles for public participation in the definition and implementation of landscape policies, hoping that its content will provide a new point of attachment for democracy and for territorial and human cohesion.

Thank you.

Exhibition

3.8. Exhibition on the Landscape Alliance Award of the Council of Europe

Mrs Claudia LUCIANI, Director of Democratic Governance of the Council of Europe

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention is the first international treaty aimed at promoting sustainable development, based on a harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity, the environment and culture. Its purpose is to promote the protection, management and planning of landscapes at national level, as well as international co-operation.

The scope of the Convention is wide: it applies to the Parties' entire territory and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, including land, inland water and the sea.

All landscapes, not just those of exceptional beauty, are recognised as having a crucial bearing on quality of life of people and deserving attention.

The Convention thus concerns not only the remarkable landscapes, but also the "ordinary" landscapes of everyday life, and degraded areas. Many rural and peri-urban areas, in particular, are undergoing profound transformations and require more attention.

In order to heighten awareness of the value of landscapes, the Convention provides for a "Landscape Award of the Council of Europe".

The Committee of Ministers considered that this Award "is in keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development" and that its "purpose is to reward exemplary practical initiatives for the achievement of landscape quality objectives on the territories of parties to the Convention".

In this Exhibition today, we are pleased to present you the achievements of winners of national selections in the first four sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

The Committee of Ministers have given four awards to projects achieved in France, Italy, Poland and at the border of Hungary and Slovenia, as well as special mentions.

I remind you the title of these winning projects, which I congratulate once again:

- *The Park de la Deûle* (Lille Métropole);
- *Carbonia: the landscape machine* (Joint Committee of the Municipality of Carbonia);
- *Preserving ecological value in the landscape of the Szprotawa river valley* (Lower Silesian Association of Landscape Parks); and
- *The borderless co-operation of local communities for the landscape heritage of the "Fabulous" Hetés* (Villages of Bödeháza, Gáborjánháza, Szijártóháza and Zalasombatfa in Hungary, Villages of Genterovci, Kamovci, Radmožanci, Žitkovci, Mostje, Banuta in Slovenia, Greenways Methodology Association and the Iron Curtain Trail Association).

The Committee of Ministers also recognised the great value of the 52 national selections, deciding to make them known to the general public as a source of inspiration.

All demonstrate a visionary approach and reflect a real will to act in a positive way. They make it possible to take care of the landscape as a living space and demonstrate that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscape characteristics of the living environment.

They also make a useful contribution to the debates on the implementation of the sustainable development goals defined by the United Nations for 2030, showing that the landscape is being built in a democratic way through dialogue between the actors of the territory.

The 5th Session of the Award, currently under way, will complement this collection of remarkable experiences contributing to the good governance of the territories.

I now have the pleasure to give the floor to Mrs Theodora Constantinidou, Ambassador, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, for the presentation of a very beautiful exhibition of photographs of Cyprus landscapes.

I also thank you for your participation in the Conference and the presentation of this Exhibition and wish you a very good evening.

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*3.9. In the framework of the Cypriot Chairmanship
of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe,
presentation of a photographic exhibition on landscapes of Cyprus*

*Mrs Theodora CONSTANTINIDOU, Ambassador, Chair of the Ministers' Deputies,
Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe*

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Closing speeches

3.10. Closing speech

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

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Dear colleagues and friends,

Thank you for participating in this 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention. I would also thank the Secretariat and the experts for their contributions. I think this Conference has given us the possibility to make new steps ahead in ensuring that the European Landscape Convention stays alive and well, and makes a significant contribution to the individual and social wellbeing of Europeans.

I will not use time on summarising all the decisions made in this Conference. We will have them in the report that will be sent to the 6th session of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) 10-12 May 2017.

I think that the report will reveal that the Convention provides an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives, namely to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing European society today.

I want to congratulate the Conference with the election of Sanja Ljeskovic Mitrovic as new Chair and Krisztina Kincses as Vice-Chair. I am convinced that they will do an excellent job for the Convention.

I will conclude by thanking you for having given me the honour of being Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention for the last four years. It has given me several pleasant experiences. It has been a pleasure to get to know you all. Fortunately I will still be the national contact for the Convention and thus have the pleasure of meeting you also in the future.

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3.11. Closing speech

Mr Kimmo AULAKE, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe

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3.12. Closing speech

Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Head of Division, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe

This 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention has marked a further step forward in the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

It has brought together leading authorities on landscape issues, representing 40 European countries and eleven international non-governmental organisations.

Of these 40 countries, 38 have so far ratified the Convention and the two others have signed it.

We hope that this circle will be widened when the amending Protocol, allowing non-European states to accede to the Convention, enters into force in August 2018.

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From the presentations made at the Conference (CEP-CDCPP (2017) 3Bil.E) it is clear that good progress is being made on the development of **public policies to promote implementation of the European Landscape Convention at national, regional and local level**. Many valuable lessons can be learned from the results of the 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “National policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention: challenges and opportunities”, held recently in Yerevan, Armenia, from 5-6 October 2016.

In line with Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States, the States Parties to the Convention are now asked to update the information system on the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention. The Council of Europe’s Observatory on implementation of the Convention (<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-observatory>) will increase understanding and awareness of these public policies.

We welcome the forthcoming submission of a draft recommendation of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention’s contribution to democracy, human rights and sustainable development. This will be brought before the next meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), to be held on 10-12 May 2017 in Strasbourg, and then before the Committee of Ministers.

The Conference noted with great interest two reports on rural and urban landscapes, which were presented at a side event. These were entitled: “***Drawing agricultural landscapes for the sustainable and harmonious development of territories***” [CEP-CDCPP (2017) 14E rev.] and “***Towards a grammar for European landscapes***” [CEP-CDCPP (2017) 15E rev.].

Two other reports entitled “***Experiences of Public Landscape Funds***” [CEP-CDCPP (2017) 10E rev.] and “***Selected funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention***” [CEP-CDCPP (2017) 11E rev.], identified sources and methods of funding for landscape projects.

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Transfrontier landscapes were a focus of special attention, with the presentation of the results of the 16th **Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*”** (Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September – 2 October 2015) [CEP-CDCPP (2017) 16E] and of the report dealing with “***Regional approaches to sustainable landscapes and green economic growth***” covering activities of REC Caucasus for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia [CEP-CDCPP (2017) 17E rev.].

It can be pointed out that the achievements presented at sessions of the **Council of Europe Landscape Award** (Sessions 1 (2008-2009), 2 (2010-2011), 3 (2012-2013), 4 (2014-2015) and 5 (2016-2017)), and at the “***Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections***” (Carbonia, Italy, 4-5 June 2012, Wroclaw, Poland, 11-12 June 2014, Budapest, Hungary, 9-10 June 2016) are fully consistent with the thrust of the Council of Europe’s work on promoting human rights, democracy and sustainable development. The exhibition on the Landscape Alliance Award of the Council of Europe, organised on the occasion of this Conference, has highlighted the potential importance of measures designed to improve the landscape characteristics of people’s living environments. The aim of the Draft Resolution on the ***Landscape Alliance Award of the Council of Europe*** is to heighten awareness of the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention at these Award sessions.

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The Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019 will seek to promote recognition of the landscape in law and to ensure that account is taken of the landscape dimension in national and international policies, and that international co-operation is enhanced. The aim is to ensure that compliance with the Convention is monitored, promote international co-operation, gather examples of good practice, promote knowledge and research, raise awareness, and facilitate access to information.

Forthcoming meetings of the **Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention** will consider in greater depth the questions of how to apply the Convention at local level and how to educate the public on landscape issues; they will then look at water resources and citizenship in the light of global changes. There is also important work to be done on the matter of “**Landscape, rights and responsibilities for everyone**”.

The Council of Europe contributes to the global debate on sustainable development, conducted as part of the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to the conferences on habitat. The landscape dimension is now an integral part of many governments’ policy agendas.

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I should like to end with a warm word of thanks to Mrs Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, for having done us the great honour of attending our Conference.

We are likewise grateful to Mrs Theodora Constantinidou, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the Council of Europe, who was kind enough to place this Conference on the agenda for the Cypriot chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

Warm thanks are due to Mrs Sílvia Calvó, Andorra's Minister for the Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Development, whose presence amongst us has been greatly appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks too to Mrs Liv Kirstine Mortensen, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, for the four years in which she has presided over the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention so impeccably.

A warm word of thanks to Mr Kimmo Aulake, Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe, for the important and much appreciated contribution he has made to our work.

We are also grateful to Mr Øystein Størkersen, Chair of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, for his equally important and much appreciated contribution.

We are happy to see culture and nature fully recognised as elements to be included in the consideration of landscape.

I am most grateful to Mrs Anne-Marie Chavanon, Chair of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, for the outstanding work she does.

Thanks are due to all the countries that have helped to implement the European Landscape Convention that have hosted events over the past two years and given their support to our work.

I must also thank the non-governmental organisations and civil society actors who work to ensure that due attention is given to the quality of human environments and the habitats of other species.

I will conclude by offering sincere congratulations to Mrs Sanja Ljeskovic Mitrovic on her election as Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, and to Mrs Krisztina Kincses on her election as the Conference's Vice-Chair.

APPENDIX 4

GENERAL ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION AND STATUS OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 2E rev.](#)

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APPENDIX 5

ADDRESSES: STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION: PUBLIC POLICIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL; OBSERVER STATES

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 3Bil.](#)

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APPENDIX 6

STATEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 4Bil.](#)

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APPENDIX 7

COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETINGS OF THE WORKSHOPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

- 7.1. Conclusions of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*” (Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 30 September-2 October 2015);
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 16E](#)
- 7.2. Conclusions of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on the “*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 4th Session 2014-2015*” (Budapest, Hungary, 8-10 June 2016)
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 12E](#)
- 7.2. Conclusions of the 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop 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)
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 9E](#)

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APPENDIX 8

TEXTS EXAMINED BY THE 8TH COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

8.1. Draft Recommendations on:

- The contribution of the landscape approach, as defined in the European Landscape Convention, to the exercise of democracy and human rights, within a perspective of sustainable development
- The participation of the public in the definition and implementation of landscape policies, as defined in the European Landscape Convention

Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 5E rev.](#), [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 6E](#), [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 7E](#)

The 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017) asked the Secretariat, together with the Chair, to prepare a consolidated document based on the two draft recommendations referring to the conceptual report, to be transmitted one draft recommendation to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), for submission to the Committee of Ministers.

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8.2. Draft Resolution of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

The 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017) considered the draft Resolution of the Committee of Ministers on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, and decided to transmit it to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) for submission to the Committee of Ministers.

Draft Resolution CM/Res(2017)... on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2017,
at the ...th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Bearing in mind that Article 11 of the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176) (hereinafter "the Convention"), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 and opened for signature in Florence on 20 October 2000, institutes the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (hereinafter "the award");

Bearing in mind the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe;

Underlining that the award's purpose is to reward exemplary practical initiatives for the achievement of landscape quality objectives on the territories of Parties to the Convention (hereinafter "the Parties");

Bearing in mind that the award is in keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development and that it promotes the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by acknowledging the importance of measures taken to improve the landscape features of people's living conditions;

Bearing in mind that the award is intended to heighten civil society's awareness of the value of landscapes, of their role and of changes to them;

Considering the importance of gathering the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention in the framework of the sessions of this Landscape Award,

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";²
- 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.

². www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

APPENDIX 9**REPORTS PRESENTED TO THE 9TH COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON
THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

- 9.1. General Report of activities on the European Landscape Convention and status of signatures and ratifications
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 2E rev.](#)
- 9.2. Report on the “*Conceptual report for reference on Landscape and the European Landscape Convention’s contribution to democracy, human rights and sustainable development*”
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 5E rev.](#)
- 9.3. Report on “*Experiences of Public Landscape Funds*”
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 10E rev.](#)
- 9.4. Report on “*Selected funding opportunities to support the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*”
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 11E rev.](#)
- 9.5. Report on “*Drawing agricultural landscapes for the sustainable and harmonious development of territories*”
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 14E rev.](#)
- 9.6. Report “*Towards a grammar for European landscapes*”
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 15E rev.](#)
- 9.7. Report “*Regional approaches to sustainable landscapes and green economic growth*” covering activities of REC Caucasus for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia
Cf. Document: [CEP-CDCPP \(2017\) 17E rev.](#)

APPENDIX 10

WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION PLAN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION 2017-2019³

*adopted by the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention
on 24 March 2017*

The main objectives of the Work Programme are to maintain and deepen dialogue and co-operation between public authorities and civil society for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention by:

1. Organising biennial **Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention** (a mention should be made in the terms of reference of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape - CDCPP);
2. Organising annually one or several **Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention**;
3. Maintaining the **Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention (ELC L6)**, and launching its 3rd Phase of activity, with the preparation of national and regional reports on public policies of Parties to the Convention;
4. Continuing the organisation of the **Sessions of the Council of Europe's Landscape Award** in the framework of the **Council of Europe Landscape Alliance Award** and of the **Forums on the national selections of the Landscape Award**;
5. Continuing the preparation of **thematic Reports and draft recommendations of the Committee of Ministers** on natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, considered as outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes (inland water and marine areas will be taken into consideration);
6. Establishing a **Working Group, supported by expertise, on "Landscape, rights and responsibilities for everyone"**, in order to prepare a draft recommendation for the attention of the CDCPP and Committee of Ministers;
7. Promote **synergies** on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law;
8. Contribute to the **global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat**

³ The Work programme is proposed to cover the period between the 9th and 10th Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention.

Draft Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019

The Action Plan refers to the Articles of the Convention.

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

- Organisation of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017;
- Contribution to the preparation of the 6th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 10-12 May 2017, and of the meetings of its Bureau, Strasbourg, 7-8 March 2017 and (other dates to be confirmed);
- Establishment of a Working Group, supported by expertise, on “*Landscape, rights and responsibilities for everyone*” (draft conceptual report and draft recommendations for the attention of the CDCPP and the Committee of Ministers);
- Development of Phase 3 of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention Information System on the website (according to the Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to member States CM/Rec(2013)4);
- Establishment of a network of landscapes observatories and universities;
- [Contribution to the preparation of the 7th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2018 and of the meetings of its Bureau];
- [Contribution to the preparation of the 10th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 2019].

Documentation:

- Dissemination and translation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers to member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

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

- Organisation of the 19th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*The implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level: local democracy*”, Brno, Czech Republic, 5-7 September 2017;
- Organisation of the 22nd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Implementation of the European Landscape Convention: water, landscape and citizenship in the face of global change*”, Seville, Spain, 2019;
- Organisation of the 23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Implementation of the European Landscape Convention*”, Switzerland, 2020 (theme to be confirmed);
- Analysis and promotion of certain experiments showing the scope covered by the Convention: examples of landscapes considered to be emblematic or outstanding (and which can be protected as such), which also gave rise to management and planning actions; examples where the landscape could serve as a key input for the definition of a territory project, not only including protected areas;
- Preparation of ELC Reports on “*The law applicable to landscapes in comparative and international law*” (on the basis of the Information System ELC L6);
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on “*Landscape of rural areas: general (agriculture, rural development, forestry), and specific thematic (drystone walls and terraces, hedges...)*”;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals “*Peri-urban landscape and quality of life*”;

- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals “*New energies as a challenge for the landscape*”;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on “*Integration of landscape into policies and thematics: urbanism, architecture, urban green spaces, health and leisure (eg., walking)...*”.

Documentation:

- Publication of “*Landscape dimensions*”, Council of Europe Publishing;
- Publication of the proceedings of the 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop 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;
- Dissemination of the proceedings of the 15th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshop for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Sustainable landscapes and economy: on the inestimable natural and human value of the landscape*”, Urgup, Nevşehir, Turkey, 1-2 October 2014.

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

- Update of the Exhibition on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe;
- Preparation of leaflets on the Convention and recommendations adopted by the Committee of Ministers;
- Preparation of a new issue of the magazine *Futuropa* on *The landscape character, result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors* (No. 4, 2017/2018);
- Promotion of events on the landscape (CoE International Landscape Day on 20 October, other days, weekends, months, years, landscape festivals...).

Documentation:

Dissemination of the magazine *Futuropa*, for a new vision of landscape and territory on “*Landscape and public space: the human scale*” (No. 3, 2012).

4. Implementation of Article 6 B “Specific Measures - Training and Education”⁴

- Organisation of the 21st Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*The implementation of the European Landscape Convention: education*”, Calabria, Italia, 3-5 October 2018;
- Promotion of meetings on education and summer universities;
- Preparation of ELC Reports and proposals on training.

Documentation:

- Dissemination (and possible translation into other languages) of the Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member States: CM/Rec(2014)8 on promoting landscape awareness through education, and CM/Rec(2015)7 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on pedagogical material for landscape education in primary schools;
- Publication of the Report on “*Landscape and education*” (CEP-CDCPP (2013) 9).

⁴ The Working Group of the ELC considered the follow up to be given to the decisions below of the 8th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention on the development of pedagogical material for secondary school and decided that the necessity and form of the work to be developed will be based on the data collected in the framework of the Information System of the Council of Europe (CEP-CDCPP-WG (2015) 37E).

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

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

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

- Update of the European Landscape Convention website
<http://www.coe.int/europeanlandscapeconvention>;
- Promotion of meetings on mutual exchange and information;
- Legal and institutional assistance (establishment of landscape centres or observatories).

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

- Implementation of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on transfrontier landscapes;
- Promotion of transfrontier co-operation: meetings and projects.

Documentation:

- Dissemination of the Proceedings of the 16th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*”, Andorra la Vella, Principality of Andorra, 1-2 October 2015;
- Dissemination of the magazine *Futuropana, for a new vision of landscape and territory* on “*Landscape and transfrontier co-operation*” (No. 2, 2010).

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

- Organisation of an Exhibition on the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, on the occasion of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017, and on the occasion of other events;
- Preparation of ELC Draft Resolution on “*The Council of Europe Landscape Alliance of the European Landscape Convention*”;
- Organisation of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2016-2017), according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers – preparation of the files and meeting of the international Jury;
- Publication on the Council of Europe Landscape Award (Projects of the 5th Session of the Award);
- Organisation of the 20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2016-2017*”, June 2018;
- Development of the Council of Europe Landscape Alliance of the European Landscape Convention <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance>;
- Organisation of the 6th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, 2018-2019.

Documentation:

- Dissemination of the proceedings of the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Forum of the national selections for the Council of Europe Landscape Award – Session 2014-2015*”, Budapest, Hungary, 8-10 June 2016;
- Dissemination and translations of the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

APPENDIX 11

LIST OF THE DOCUMENTS OF THE 9TH COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/conferences>

English

| Reference | Document |
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| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 1E | Draft Agenda |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 1E Add. | Draft annotated agenda |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 2E CEP-CDCPP (2017) 2E rev. | General Report on the activities Convention |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 3Bil. | Interventions States Parties to the Convention and other States |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 4Bil. | Statements OI and OINGs |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 5E CEP-CDCPP (2017) 5E rev. | Conceptual report on contribution landscape approach |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 6E | Draft Recommendation on the contribution of the landscape |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 7E | Draft Recommendation on principles for participation of public |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 8E | Council of Europe Observatory L6 Information System |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 9E | Results of the 18 th Meeting of the Workshop (Armenia) |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 10E CEP-CDCPP (2017) 10E rev. | Report on public landscape funding Report Experiences of Public Landscape Funds |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 11E CEP-CDCPP (2017) 11E rev. | Update of Report Selected funding opportunities |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 12E | Report on Sessions of Landscape Award (Hungary) |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 13E | Draft Recommendation on the Landscape Award Alliance |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 14E CEP-CDCPP (2017) 14E rev. | Drawing agricultural landscapes |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 15E CEP-CDCPP (2017) 15E rev. | Towards a grammar for European landscapes |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 16E | Results of the 16 th CoE Meeting of Workshops (Andorra) |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 17E CEP-CDCPP (2017) 17E rev. | Report Regional approaches to sustainable landscapes (Caucasus) |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 18E | Draft Work Programme and Action Plan CoE Landscape Conv. |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 19E | Report of the 9 th CoE Conference ELC |

French

| Référence | Document |
|---|---|
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 1F | Projet d'ordre du jour |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 1F Add. | Projet d'ordre du jour annoté |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 2F CEP-CDCPP (2017) 2F rév. | Rapport général des activités de la Convention |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 3Bil. | Interventions Etats Parties à la Convention et autres Etats |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 4Bil. | Interventions OI et OINGs |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 5F CEP-CDCPP (2017) 5F rév. | Rapport conceptuel de référence approche du paysage |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 6F | Projet de recommandation sur la contribution approche du paysage |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 7F | Projet de recommandation sur les principes de la participation |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 8F | Observatoire du Conseil de l'Europe : Système d'information L6 |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 9F | Résultats de la 18 ^e CoE Réunion des Atelier (Arménie) |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 10F CEP-CDCPP (2017) 10F rév. | Rapport financement public du paysage Expériences de fonds publics pour le paysage |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 11F | Mise à jour du Rapport Sélection de possibilités de financement |

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| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 11F rév. | |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 12F | Rapport sur les Sessions du Prix du paysage (Hongrie) |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 13F | Projet de recommandation sur l'Alliance du Prix du paysage |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 14F CEP-CDCPP (2017) 14F rév. | Dessiner les paysages agricoles |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 15F CEP-CDCPP (2017) 15F rév. | Vers une grammaire du paysage européen |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 16F | Résultats de la 16 ^e CoE Réunion des Ateliers (Andorre) |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 17F CEP-CDCPP (2017) 17F rév. | Rapport Approches régionales paysages durables (Caucase) |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 18F | Projet de Programme de travail et Plan d'action CoE Conv. paysage |
| CEP-CDCPP (2017) 19F | Rapport de la 9 ^e Conférence CoE Convention paysage |