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COUNCIL OF EUROPE LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

FINLAND

NATIONAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION



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0. General information

1. Name of the State/Region concerned

State
Finland
Region (for the Regions concerned)
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4. Does the State participate in the Council of Europe Conference for the implementation of the Convention?

Yes No

Name of participants in Conference

Name of the representative(s)
Tapio Heikkilä

5. Has the Convention been signed or ratified by the State?

Yes No

If yes, indicate:

Date of signing
20. October 2000
Date of ratification in the State, title and content of the document
16. December 2005
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Date of deposit of the ratification at the Council of Europe
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Are there different official linguistic versions of the Convention?
 Yes No
In Swedish
Is (are) there official translation(s) in the language(s) of the State/Regions?

Yes No

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Is (are) there unofficial translation(s) in the language(s) of the State/Regions?

Yes No

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Is there a specific territory (or territories) to which the Convention is not applied, according to its Article 15?

Yes No

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6. If the questionnaire is being completed by a regional authority, has that authority adopted the Convention through a specific legal act?

Yes No

7. Landscape responsibilities of the administrative entities

First administrative level (name of entity at State level)

Ministry of the Environment

National Board of Antiquities

Landscape responsibilities?

Yes

No

The Ministry of the Environment is responsible for implementation of the ELC and cooperation with other ministries and other administrative entities.

The Ministry of the Environment decides on the establishment and prospective uses of a landscape conservation area of national interest.

Second administrative level (name of the entity)

Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (regional environment authority)

Regional Council

Landscape responsibilities?

Yes

No

In cases where the landscape conservation area does not hold national interest, the matter is decided by the centre for economic development, transport and the environment on submission of the regional council.

Regional Council represent new landscape areas to the centre for economic development, transport and the environment.

Regional Councils also prepare regional plans.

Third administrative level (name of the entity)

Municipality

Landscape responsibilities?

Yes

No

Local landscape planning.

Reference to an official administrative map of the State/region:

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Commentary

(if useful, explain here other factors relevant to the organisation of the State/Region not included above)

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1. General provisions

1.1. Definitions

1.1.1. Landscape

1.1.1.1. Landscape

8. Is the term 'landscape' defined in your language?

Yes No

If yes, describe the common meaning / usage of any other words for 'landscape'; provide the specific context in which each word is used (e.g. spatial planning)

Language
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Word
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Meaning
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Reference
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Context
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9. Is the legal definition of 'landscape' in your State/Region different from that of the Convention?

Yes No

1.1.2. Landscape policy

1.1.2.1. Landscape policy

10. Is the legal definition of 'landscape policy' in the State/Region different from the Convention?

Yes No

1.1.3. Landscape quality objective

1.1.3.1. Landscape quality objective

11. Is the legal definition of 'landscape quality objective' in the State/Region different from that of the Convention?

Yes No

1.1.4. Landscape protection

1.1.4.1. Landscape protection

12. Is the legal definition of 'landscape protection' in the State/Region different from that of the Convention?

Yes No

1.1.5. Landscape management

1.1.5.1. Landscape management

13. Is the legal definition of 'landscape management' in the State/Region different from that of the Convention?

Yes No

1.1.6. Landscape planning

1.1.6.1. Landscape planning

14. Is the legal definition of 'landscape planning' in the State/Region different from that of the Convention?

Yes No

1.2. Scope

1.2.1. Scope

1.2.1.1. Scope

15. Is the scope of the Convention reproduced in a formal document of the State/Region?

Yes No

Use the free text commentary to summarise the scope of 'landscape' set out in this document and whether specific references are made to particular areas (e.g. natural, rural, urban, peri-urban etc., and to land, water - inland water and marine areas - and aerial).

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1.3. Aims

1.3.1. Aims

1.3.1.1. Aims

16. Has a landscape policy been defined?

Yes No

If yes, provide details of this policy

Does the policy integrate protection, management, and planning ?

Yes

No

Is a ministry or a national/regional authority responsible for the application of this policy?

Yes

No

If so, what is the name of the ministry or authority (in the latter case, name also the related ministry)

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Website of the ministry and/or authority

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Are landscape management and planning policies integrated into other relevant policies?

Yes

No

<https://www.ymparisto.fi/download/noname/%7BC8DAA05E-FBC8-490E-A805-37BCE01A1E43%7D/138177>

National land use guidelines

The Finnish Government gave a decision on 14th December 2017 on the revised national land use guidelines. The purpose of the guidelines is to make sure that matters of national significance are taken into account in the planning and in actions taken by public authorities.

The aim is to reduce municipal and transport emissions, protect and preserve biodiversity and the values of cultural environments, and provide better opportunities for renewal to livelihoods and economic activities. The guidelines also contribute to the efforts to adapt to climate change and extreme weather events and their consequences.

The national land use guidelines are a part of the land use planning system in accordance with the Land Use and Building Act.

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2. National measures

2.4. Division of responsibilities

2.4.1. Government

2.4.1.1. Government

17. In the government structure does responsibility for the Convention belong to a single Ministry?

Yes No

If yes, provide the name of the Ministry in English translation followed by the official name in the original language in brackets

Organisation in charge/Authority

Ministry of the Environment [Ympäristöministeriö]

Ministry

Ministry of the Environment [Ympäristöministeriö]

Website

<http://www.ym.fi/en-US>

Areas of functional responsibility of this Ministry (several competences can be indicated)

- Agriculture
- Climate change
- Communities
- Cultural heritage
- Culture (general)
- Ecology (biodiversity)
- Economy
- Education
- Energy
- Environment (general)
- Foreign affairs
- Forestry
- Infrastructure
- Interior affairs
- Landscape
- Leisure and recreation
- Mineral extraction
- Natural Heritage
- Nature conservation and protection
- Public works
- Research
- Rural Development
- Spatial planning
- Sustainable development
- Tourism
- Transport
- Water management
- Other (precise in commentary)

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Landscape responsibilities in Government

Ministry of the Environment

18. Is there a specific department in this Ministry that is dedicated to landscape?

Yes No

19. Is there regular consultation and exchange between the ministry/authority responsible for landscape policy and other ministries/authorities responsible for territorial and related policies?

Yes No

20. If there is no single ministry/authority responsible for landscape policy, which ministries/authorities jointly exercise responsibility for different elements of landscape policy? (several choices possible)

- Agriculture
- Climate change
- Communities
- Cultural heritage
- Culture (general)
- Ecology - biodiversity
- Economy
- Education
- Energy
- Environment (general)

- Foreign affairs
- Forestry
- Infrastructure
- Interior
- Leisure and recreation
- Mineral extraction
- Natural Heritage
- Nature conservation and protection
- Public works
- Research
- Rural Development
- Spatial planning
- Sustainable development
- Tourism
- Transport
- Water management
- Advertising
- Other (specify)

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21. Is there regular formal consultation and exchange of views between the different ministries/authorities that may share responsibilities for landscape policy?

- Yes No

Use the free text commentary to add any additional relevant information about how responsibilities for landscape policy are exercised within the national government.

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2.4.2. Other actors (organisations and institutions)

2.4.2.1. Other actors (organisations and institutions)

22. Are there public (or equivalent) landscape organisations and institutions active and/or responsible in the field of landscape (landscape observatories, landscape councils, landscape centres and institutes, etc.)?

- Yes No

23. Are there private landscape organisations and institutions active and/or responsible in the field of landscape?

- Yes No

If yes, list the key organisations at the different administrative levels

Organisation Rural Women's Advisory Organisation
Administrative level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> Local
Type of organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Consortium <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Private organisation/company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Professional research institute <input type="checkbox"/> Research Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Activities
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Membership type <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted (e.g. Professional qualification/practice) <input type="checkbox"/> Selective/elective (e.g. by appointment) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open (e.g. by subscription) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Website https://www.maajakotitalousnaiset.fi/english

Organisation

The Landscape Observatory of Finland

Administrative level

- National
- Regional
- Local

Type of organisation

- Consortium
- Museum
- NGO
- Private organisation/company
- Professional organisation
- Professional research institute
- Research Institution
- Voluntary organisation
- Other

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Activities

The Landscape Observatory of Finland is a platform integrating academic, societal, economic and governmental organizations. Since 2016, the Observatory is actively promoting the implementation in Finland of the European Landscape Convention by supporting research, discussion, participation and actions and by assuming that any Finnish landscape, no matter its character, rural or urban, its quality, outstanding, ordinary or damaged, or its scale, local or regional, can become a positive asset for sustainable development & wellbeing.

Membership type

- Restricted (e.g. Professional qualification/practice)
- Selective/elective (e.g. by appointment)
- Open (e.g. by subscription)
- Other

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E-mail

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Website

<http://www.landscapeobservatoryfinland.com>

24. Is there legislation that regulates the landscape activities of professional and/or voluntary organisations?

- Yes No

Use the free text commentary to add any relevant additional information about other organisations working in the landscape context.

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2.4.3. Networks

2.4.3.1. Networks

25. Are there networks for collaborating about landscape?

- Yes No

If yes, list the relevant networks

Name of the network

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Website

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Activities

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Partners in this network

- Government
- Regional authorities
- Local authorities
- Agency
- Universities
- Museums
- NGOs
- Professional organisations
- Private companies
- Other

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Use the free text commentary to add any relevant additional information about landscape networks.

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2.4.4. Relationship between different actors

2.4.4.1. Relationship between different actors

26. Does the Ministry responsible for landscape policy interact with other actors concerned with landscape?

Yes No

If yes, what type of consultation has been established between the different actors concerned with landscape?

27. Does the Ministry responsible for landscape policy organise official conferences on landscape?

Yes No

Title

KuMaHoNe Kulttuurimaiseman hoidon neuvottelupäivät

Frequency

Once a year

Between

Ministry of the Environment and regional Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment and landscape experts and professionals on national and regional level.

Documentation

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Website

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Description

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28. Does the Ministry responsible for landscape policy organise meetings on landscape?

Yes No

Title

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Frequency

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Between

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Documentation

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Website

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Description

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29. Does the Ministry responsible for landscape policy prepare questionnaires on landscape?

Yes No

30. Does the Ministry responsible for landscape policy organise other activities on landscape?

Yes No

Title

SuPaMaHa Suomen Paras Maisemahanke (The Best Landscape Project of Finland - contest)

Frequency

Every second year

Between

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Documentation

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/finland>

Website

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Description

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31. Do other ministries/authorities interact with actors concerned with landscape?

Yes No

How?

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32. Do other actors concerned with landscape interact independently of government?

Yes No

How?

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2.5. General measures

2.5.1. Legal recognition of concepts

2.5.1.1. Recognition of landscapes in law

33. Is landscape the subject of one or more articles of the National Constitution (or equivalent text)?

Yes No

If yes, what are they?

Title and reference

Constitution of Finland 731/1999.

URLs

<https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1999/en19990731>

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Citation /quote

Unofficial translation:

Section 20 - Responsibility for the environment

Nature and its biodiversity, the environment and the national heritage are the responsibility of everyone. The public authorities shall endeavour to guarantee for everyone the right to a healthy environment and for everyone the possibility to influence the decisions that concern their own living environment.

Status

Landscape is not directly mentioned, but it is included in the meaning of the section.

34. Is landscape the subject of a specific law?

Yes No

35. Is landscape addressed by any other laws?

Yes No

If yes, what are they?

Law

Nature Conservation Act

Date

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Subject matter

Conservation of nature and to:

- 1) maintain biological diversity;
- 2) conserve the beauty and scenic values of nature;
- 3) promote the sustainable use of natural resources and the natural environment;

- 4) promote awareness and general interest in nature; and
5) promote scientific research.

Description

In addition to above, Chapter 5 of the act concerns wholly of the conservation of landscape. It allows for the establishment of landscape protection areas in order to preserve and manage a natural or cultural landscape of outstanding beauty, historical interest or other special value.

URL

<https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1996/en19961096.pdf>

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Law

Land Use and Building Act

Date

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Subject matter

The planning, building development and use of land and water areas.

Description

The law requires that when creating a regional land use plan, special attention must be paid to, inter alia, the protection of landscape, natural values, and cultural heritage. In addition, in the drafting of a local master plan of land usage, attention must be paid to the protection of the built environment, landscape and natural values.

URL

<https://finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1999/en19990132.pdf>

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Law

Antiquities Act

Date

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Subject matter

Protection of antiquities.

Description

The act allows for the creation of protective zones in order to preserve antiquities, such as burial mounds and ancient holy sites.

URL

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36. Is there a legal code that consolidates all the applicable texts relating to landscape?

Yes No

37. Are there jurisprudential decisions regarding the implementation of the Convention?

Yes No

2.5.2. Landscape policies

2.5.2.1. Landscape policies

38. Have landscape policies been established that are aimed at landscape protection, management and planning, based on the Convention definition?

Yes No

2.5.3. Procedures for participation

2.5.3.1. Procedures for participation

39. Are there specific procedures for the regional authorities to participate in public decisions about landscape?

Yes No

If yes, provide information about each procedure

Name

Regional and local land use plans

Description

In Finland, land use is governed on three levels: national, regional and local. The regional plans transfer national land use goals to the local level.

Each of Finland's 18 regions is covered by a regional land use plan. These general plans set out medium-term and long-term objectives for regional land use strategies that guide regional development and steer decisions on issues that are of

a trans-municipal or regional nature.

Local master plans are the general land use plans of municipalities. The plans give general directions on land use, for example the location of residential areas, places of employment and traffic routes. They outline general development in municipalities and direct the preparation of local detailed plans.

Local master plans are drafted by municipalities. Plans are approved by city councils or municipal councils. If several municipalities have drafted the plan jointly, it must be approved by a joint municipal organ.

Local master plans must, in accordance with section 39 of the Land Use and Building Act, take into account protection of the built environment, landscape and natural values.

Responsible institution

Regional councils and municipalities

Partner(s)

Representatives from the municipalities with individual citizens and non-governmental organizations having freedom to participate in the process.

Reference

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Website

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In addition to what is stated above, regional councils can propose the creation of landscape protection areas. Such projects are often started at grassroots level, and the plans shaped by the opinions presented by the citizenry and the organizations of the area.

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Responsible institution

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Partner(s)

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Reference

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40. Are there specific procedures for the local authorities to participate in public decisions about landscape?

Yes No

If yes, provide information about each procedure

Name

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Description

See 39.

Responsible institution

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Partner(s)

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Reference

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41. Are there specific procedures for the general public to participate in public decisions about landscape?

Yes No

If yes, provide information about each procedure

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Description

See 39.

Responsible institution

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Partner(s)

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Reference

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42. Are there specific procedures for other parties to participate in public decisions about landscape?

Yes No

If yes, provide information about each procedure

Name

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Description

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Responsible institution

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Partner(s)

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2.5.4. Integration into policies

2.5.4.1. Integration into policies

43. Are landscape issues included in other policy areas at a national, regional or local level?

Yes No

If yes, what are the policies and how is landscape included in them?

44. Are landscape issues included in policies on agriculture?

Yes No

Date

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Title

Land Use and Building Act

Description

Governing the planning, building development and use of land and water areas on a general level.

Provision

The act requires landscape values to be taken into account when drafting regional land use plans. This also has an effect on agricultural land use.

Regulations

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Instruments

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Reference

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Website

<https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1999/en19990132.pdf>

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National

Date

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Title

Government decree on environmental payments

Description

Environment payments are paid to farmers to compensate the cost of actions aimed at protecting the nature, environment and landscape.

Provision

Farmers can seek compensation for, inter alia, costs incurred in the protection of cultural habitats, traditional biotopes and agricultural heritage habitats on their land.

Regulations

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Instruments

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Reference

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Website

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45. Are landscape issues included in policies on climate change?

Yes No

46. Are landscape issues included in policies on communities?

Yes No

47. Are landscape issues included in policies on cultural heritage?

Yes No

Date
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Title
Cultural Environment Strategy 2014–2020
Description
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Provision
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Regulations
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Instruments
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Website
http://www.landscapeobservatoryfinland.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/1.7-Cultural-Environment-Strategy_2014.pdf
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48. Are landscape issues included in policies on culture?

Yes No

49. Are landscape issues included in policies on ecology and biodiversity?

Yes No

Date
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Title
Nature Conservation Act
Description
The aims of the act are to
1) maintain biological diversity;
2) conserve the beauty and scenic values of nature;
3) promote the sustainable use of natural resources and the natural environment;
4) promote awareness and general interest in nature; and
5) promote scientific research.

In addition, the Act is used to apply to landscape conservation and management. As such, it plays a role in both the conservation of biodiversity and landscape.

The Act also features, in Section 29, so-called "protected habitat types". These include:

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1) wild woods rich in broad-leaved deciduous species;
2) hazel woods;
3) common alder woods;

- 4) sandy shores in their natural state;
- 5) coastal meadows;
- 6) treeless or sparsely wooded sand dunes;
- 7) juniper meadows;
- 8) wooded meadows; and
- 9) prominent single trees or groups of trees in an open landscape.

The protection of these habitat types preserves both the landscape and biodiversity.

Provision

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Regulations

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Instruments

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Website

<https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1996/en19961096>

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50. Are landscape issues included in policies on economy?

Yes No

51. Are landscape issues included in policies on education?

Yes No

52. Are landscape issues included in policies on energy?

Yes No

53. Are landscape issues included in policies on the environment?

Yes No

Date

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Title

Act on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure

Description

The aim of the Act is to further the assessment of environmental impact and consistent consideration of this impact in planning and decision-making, and, at the same time, to increase the information available to citizens and their opportunities to participate.

The environmental impact assessment procedure is applied to such projects and alterations to them for which an assessment is required to enforce an international agreement binding on Finland or which may have significant adverse environmental impact due to the special features of Finland's nature and environment.

Provision

The effects on the urban structure, buildings, landscape, townscape and cultural heritage are, inter alia, considered environmental impacts that for which the law applies. Therefore, in projects where an environmental permit is necessary, impacts on the landscape must be taken into account.

Regulations

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Instruments

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Reference

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Website

<https://finlex.fi/fi/laki/kaannokset/1994/en19940468>

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54. Are landscape issues included in policies of foreign affairs?

Yes No

55. Are landscape issues included in policies on forestry?

Yes No

56. Are landscape issues included in policies on infrastructure?

Yes No

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Description
See section 53. Infrastructure projects that require an environmental impact assessment must take landscape values into consideration during the planning phase. Such indirect effect applies to many project types, such as mining.
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57. Are landscape issues included in policies on leisure and recreation?

Yes No

58. Are landscape issues included in policies on geology and mineral extraction?

Yes No

59. Are landscape issues included in policies on advertising?

Yes No

60. Are landscape issues included in policies on nature conservation and protection?

Yes No

Date
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Title
Nature Conservation Act
Description
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Provision
See Chapter 5: Landscape conservation.
A landscape conservation area can be established in order to preserve and manage a natural or cultural landscape of outstanding beauty, historical interest or other special value.
Regulations
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Instruments
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Reference
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Website
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61. Are landscape issues included in policies on public works?

Yes No

62. Are landscape issues included in policies on rural development?

Yes No

63. Are landscape issues included in policies on spatial/regional planning?

Yes No

Date

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Title

Land Use and Building Act

Description

Land Use and Building Act is the main provision affecting land use in Finland, and also the main piece of legislation concerning landscape issues.

Provision

Land Use and Building Act requires regional land use plans to include landscape values in their considerations. Regional land use plans are the most significant documents governing land use in Finland.

Regulations

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Instruments

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Reference

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Website

<https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1999/en19990132.pdf>

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64. Are landscape issues included in policies on sustainable development?

Yes No

65. Are landscape issues included in policies on tourism?

Yes No

66. Are landscape issues included in policies on water management?

Yes No

67. Are landscape issues included in other policies?

Yes No

Use the free text commentary to add any additional information about ways in which landscape issues are included in other relevant policy areas at National, Regional and Local levels.

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2.6. Specific measures

2.6.1. Awareness raising

2.6.1.1. Awareness raising

68. Have steps been taken to raise awareness of the value of landscapes, their role, and changes to them?

Yes No

If yes, please provide details of the relevant awareness raising initiatives for each sector

Initiative

The year of celebration for European landscapes and International Landscape Day

Target group

Civil society

Private organisations

Public authorities

Responsible institution

Ministry of the Environment, Finnish Environment Institute

Description

During the year, landscapes are celebrated in various ways, such as a landscape photography competition open to all, a photography campaign, and scenic walks.

In 2020 the International Landscape Day is celebrated for the fourth time. Landscape Day is organised by the Ministry of the Environment and the Finnish Environment Institute. The Finnish Local Heritage Federation, the Rural Women's Advisory Organisation, the Finnish Heritage Agency and the Finnish Association of Landscape Industries are also involved in Landscape Day.

Reference (publications, documentation...)

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URL

[https://www.syke.fi/en-US/Current/The_year_of_celebration_for_European_lan\(58527.\)](https://www.syke.fi/en-US/Current/The_year_of_celebration_for_European_lan(58527.))

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Examples

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Initiative

#arkimaisema-campaign (A tribute to everyday landscapes)

Target group

Civil society

Private organisations

Public authorities

Responsible institution

Ministry of the Environment

Description

The campaign encourages citizens to post pictures of their everyday landscapes on social media.

Reference (publications, documentation...)

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URL

<https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/arkimaisema/>

<https://www.instagram.com/arkimaisema/>

[https://www.ymparisto.fi/en-US/Nature/Landscapes/A_Tribute_to_Everyday_Landscapes\(47545.\)](https://www.ymparisto.fi/en-US/Nature/Landscapes/A_Tribute_to_Everyday_Landscapes(47545.))

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Examples

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Initiative

Landscape day photography competition

Target group

Civil society

Private organisations

Public authorities

Responsible institution

Ministry of the Environment and Finnish Environment Institute SYKE

Description

Citizens are invited to participate in a landscape photography competition that starts on the International Landscape Day 20.10.

Reference (publications, documentation...)

<https://www.ymparisto.fi/download/noname/%7BC3B60A3C-6FC3-4E70-A83F-DD9A0AF5B978%7D/161401>

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Examples

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Initiative

Inventory of nationally valuable landscapes

Target group

- Civil society
- Private organisations
- Public authorities

Responsible institution

Ministry of the Environment

Description

Ministry of the Environment conducted an update on the landscape area network and information. In addition to nationally valuable landscapes, regionally valuable areas were also included in the inventory project. The updating took place in cooperation with the National Board of Antiquities, the Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment, the state enterprise Metsähallitus and the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

The inventories have been done 2010-2014, and a public hearing was arranged in 2016.

Reference (publications, documentation...)

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URL

<http://www.maaseutumaisemat.fi/> (Only available in Finnish).

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Examples

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69. Have key documents of the Convention (e.g. guidelines, reports etc) been translated into your language(s)?

- Yes No

70. Are there any major regular landscape events?

- Yes No

If yes: provide information about main events

Event

Landscape symposium

Responsible institution

Ministry of the Environment

Subject matter

Discussion of the actualization of the Landscape Convention in Finland

Description

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Scale

National

Web site

[https://www.kulttuuriymparistomme.fi/fi-FI/Ajankohtaista/Tapahtumat/Euroopan_kulttuuriymparistopaivien_tapahtumat/Maisemasymposium\(56759\)](https://www.kulttuuriymparistomme.fi/fi-FI/Ajankohtaista/Tapahtumat/Euroopan_kulttuuriymparistopaivien_tapahtumat/Maisemasymposium(56759))

Frequency

Annual

Date

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Location

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Target group

- Public
- Professional
- Educational
- Administration
- Scientific
- Other

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Organiser

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Audience

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Funding

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Event

Best Landscape Project in Finland-competition

Responsible institution

Ministry of the Environment

Subject matter

The competition seeks to find the best project in Finland. The criteria for selection is successful results in the protection, preservation, maintenance or rejuvenation of landscapes.

The landscapes in the competition can be recognized high-value landscapes, everyday landscapes, cultural environments or landscapes/environments that have been refurbished from dilapidated state.

The victor of the project is presented as Finland's entrant in the European Landscape Award competition.

Description

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Scale

National

Web site

<https://www.ymparisto.fi/suomenparasmaisemahanke>

Frequency

Biannual

Date

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Location

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Target group

Public

Professional

Educational

Administration

Scientific

Other

...

Organiser

Ministry of the Environment

Audience

...

Funding

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71. Are there specific publications devoted to landscape (e.g. books, journals, newsletters, articles etc.)?

Yes No

If yes, provide details

Title

There is no specific publication entirely devoted to landscape, but the Department of Landscape Studies at University of Turku has several ongoing research projects focused on landscape

Language(s)

Finnish

Format

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Type

Other

Audience

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Description

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Frequency

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Editor

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Website

<https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-humanities/degree-programme-in-cultural-production-and-landscape->

[studies/landscape-studies/research](#)

More information

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72. Have one or more landscape awards been instituted at international/national/regional/local level, apart from the Convention award?

Yes No

73. Are there any forums for discussion about landscape?

Yes No

If yes, list main examples

Forum

Annual meeting of cultural landscape management

Responsible institution

Ministry of the Environment

Subject

Discussion on the current themes in cultural landscape preservation and management

Description

The meetings are held annually. The participants are professionals and officials operating in the field of landscape conservation & management and cultural heritage.

Membership

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Website

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Discussion forums

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Forum

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Responsible institution

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Subject

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Description

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Membership

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Website

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Discussion forums

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74. Are there any social networks that specifically discuss landscape issues?

Yes No

If yes, list examples

Name of the social network

Kylään maisemaan (Visit Landscape)

Responsible institution

Rural Women's Advisory Organisation

Subject

Bringing together the residents and entrepreneurs around valuable landscapes in order to Foster collective action around preserving the landscape and making it more attractive for visitors and tourists.

Description

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Membership

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Website

<https://www.facebook.com/kylaanmaisemaan/>

<https://www.maajakotitalousnaiset.fi/hankkeet/kylaan-maisemaan-maisema-kylien-identiteetin-ja-matkailun-veturina-2018-2021-10347>

(In Finnish)

Additional information on social networks

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Name of the social network

Mainiot maisemat (Wonderful Landscapes)

Responsible institution

Rural Women's Advisory Organization

Subject

Facilitating networking of different actors to further the productization of nationally valuable landscapes and to develop new methods and processes of landscape conservation.

Description

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Membership

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Website

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/883902011714828/>

<https://www.maajakotitalousnaiset.fi/hankkeet/mainiot-maisemat-6932>

(Only in Finnish and Swedish)

Additional information on social networks

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75. Is official landscape information publicly accessible on internet sites?

Yes No

If yes, provide details

Website

Environment.fi

Type

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Subject

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Description

Environment.fi is a service website for Finnish companies, municipalities, authorities and citizens. The website provides information on issues related to Finland's environmental administration and the administration's tasks, the objectives of its operations, and current issues.

Environment.fi consists of an extensive website shared by the various agencies of Finland's environmental administration. The information which involves the whole of Finland is primarily produced by the Ministry of the Environment and SYKE, with some contributions from ELY Centres, and Regional State Administrative Agencies. Some sections of the website also include regional information provided by Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment. In such cases, complementary regional information can be accessed using the menu titled "Regional information, choose ELY Centre

URL

<https://www.ymparisto.fi/en-US/Nature/Landscapes>

Other websites

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2.6.2. Training and Education

2.6.2.1. Landscape appraisal and operations

76. Have measures been taken to promote specialist training in landscape in public or private bodies?

Yes No

77. Has financial or other support for training been set up?

Yes No

78. Are there special Bachelor/Master degree programmes on landscape?

Yes No

Description

Landscape Studies provides expertise in the interfaces between culture, nature and heritage conservation, land use planning and urban and rural development. The graduates find employment in the fields of research, environmental administration, urban planning, museum sector, environmental education and tourism.

The tuition is focused on building of interdisciplinary theoretic and methodological competences and the organising of project courses in co-operation with external partners. The main goal is a holistic understanding of the landscape as a cultural phenomenon and its connection to everyday life and environmental or societal change. The training enhances the capacity for teamwork, intergroup and cross-sectoral communication and engagement.

URL

<https://www.utu.fi/en/university/faculty-of-humanities/degree-programme-in-cultural-production-and-landscape-studies/landscape-studies/studying>

Description

Master's Programme in Urban Studies and Planning, MSc in Landscape Architecture

Landscape architecture is a multidisciplinary field for design and planning of outdoor spaces, their construction and management in a full range of scales. Landscape architecture combines expertise in the arts, natural sciences and technology. Ethics, ecology and functionality are the fundamental values of Landscape Architecture. The aim is to create sustainable, well-planned environments and communities.

URL

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-options/masters-programme-in-urban-studies-and-planning-msc-in-landscape-architecture>

79. Are landscape diplomas recognised?

Yes No

Description

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URL

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80. Are PhD scholarships for projects focusing on landscape available?

Yes No

Description

Arts Promotion Centre of Finland offers grants and stipends for artists and researchers in the field of landscape architecture.

URL

<https://www.taike.fi/fi/web/arkkitehtuuri/arkkitehtuuri>

81. Other

Yes No

Add any additional information about measures to promote specialist training.

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2.6.2.2. Multidisciplinary training programmes in landscape

82. Are there specialist multidisciplinary training programmes in landscape policy, protection, management and planning, for other professionals from the private or public sectors?

Yes No

83. Describe/list examples of the key multidisciplinary training programmes available to each sector

Programme

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Description

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Website

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Target group
 Public sector
 Private sector
 Scientific
 Associations
 Other
...

84. Training for other professions

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2.6.2.3. School and University Education

85. Have measures been taken by the ministry/authority responsible for education to promote school and university courses which address the values of landscapes and the issues raised by their protection, management and planning?

Yes No

If yes, what form do these measures take?

Name

Cultural Environment Strategy 2014-2020

Description of measure

Cultivating knowledge of the cultural heritage in preschool and basic education and in upper secondary education comes under the curriculum, and is a basic part of vocational upper secondary qualifications. However, there is no clear understanding of how much the cultural environment is discussed at the different levels of the education system. The emphasis varies in the curricula of different schools and other parties providing education, and the teacher's own initiative and interest have the final say on the lesson contents.

For 2020, the goal is that universities and universities of applied sciences, along with upper secondary schools, have sufficient basic education in cultural environment issues. The latest research data on the cultural environment is disseminated to the public administration for its use and to support decision-making. The teaching in the field of renovation and repair is at a high level, is also focused on the young building stock, and is offered at a sufficient extent. There are enough places of study in the conservation field. Continuing education tailored to their needs is available for different groups of professionals working with the cultural environment.

See the Cultural Environment Strategy booklet (linked below) for full details.

Is adoption of the measure obligatory?

Yes
 No

Web site / URL

https://helda.helsinki.fi/bitstream/handle/10138/135508/Cultural%20Environment%20Strategy_2014.pdf?sequence=

86. Measures for the kindergarten

Yes No

Description

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87. Measures for the primary school

Yes No

Description

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Is adoption of the measure optional or obligatory?

Optional
 Obligatory

Website/URL

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88. Measures for the secondary school

Yes No

Description

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Is adoption of the measure optional or obligatory?

Optional

Obligatory

Website/URL

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89. Measures for the undergraduate university (Bachelor)

Yes No

Description

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Website/URL

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90. Measures for the postgraduate university (Master/PhD)

Yes No

Description

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Website/URL

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91. Measures for lifelong learning

Yes No

Description

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Website/URL

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92. Other measures

Yes No

93. Describe/list examples of the key courses available to each group

94. Key courses for the kindergarten

Yes No

95. Key courses for the primary school

Yes No

96. Key courses for the secondary school

Yes No

97. Key courses for the undergraduate university (Bachelor)

Yes No

98. Key courses for the postgraduate university (Master/PhD)

Yes No

99. Key courses for the lifelong learning

Yes No

100. Other key courses

Yes No

101. Are there other training bodies which provide qualifications in landscape-related fields?

Yes No

Use the free text commentary to provide further details about examples of good practice in school and university education.

See the Cultural Environment Strategy 2014-2020 booklet linked in question 85 for a more detailed description of landscape education goals.

2.6.3. Improving knowledge

2.6.3.1. Landscape identification

102. Is identification of landscape required by law/regulation?

Yes No

If yes, provide details

Law/regulation

Act on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure

URL

<https://finlex.fi/fi/laki/kaannokset/1994/en19940468>

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Requirement

The effects on the urban structure, buildings, landscape, townscape and cultural heritage are, inter alia, considered environmental impacts that must be taken into account when planning projects that the Act applies to.

Description

The Act does not, by itself, define landscapes. The responsibility to identify landscapes that the Act applies to is on the authorities responsible for overseeing Environmental Impact Assessment.

Form

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Legal definition

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Translation

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Geographical Scope

All territory

Particular areas

Law/regulation

Nature Conservation Act

URL

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Upload PDF file (max. 20 Mo)

Requirement

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Description

According to the Act, a landscape conservation area can be established in order to preserve and manage a "natural or cultural landscape of outstanding beauty, historical interest or other special value".

Currently Finland has 156 landscape conservation areas.

Form

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Legal definition

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Translation

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Geographical Scope

All territory

Particular areas

Law/regulation

Land Use and Building Act

URL

<https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1999/en19990132.pdf>

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Requirement

The Act requires regional and local land use plans to take protection of landscape, natural values, and cultural heritage into account.

Description

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Form

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Legal definition

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Translation

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Geographical Scope

All territory

Particular areas

103. Is there an official process for the identification of landscapes in your territory?

Yes No

If yes, at what administrative level does this occur

Level

National

Regional

Local

Reference URL

URL

104. Is there any other non-official process for the identification of landscapes in your territory?

Yes No

105. What are the contents of each system used to identify landscape (whether required by law/regulation or not)?

System

...

Responsible institution

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Organiser

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Scale

National

Regional

Local

Geographical Scope

All territory

Specific areas

Categories (Article 2)

Natural

Rural

Urban

Peri-urban

Categories (other)

Outstanding

Everyday

Degraded

Other

...

Documentation

Maps

GIS

Photographs

3D

Other

...

Reference/URL

...

106. Is there a specific methodology and mechanism used to identify landscapes?

Yes No

If yes, provide details

Name

Landscape inventory guidance booklet

Description

Via appraisal of, inter alia, the area's

- Nature, natural values and biodiversity of the area
- Uniqueness of the area
- The history of land use in the area and its development
- Cultural and symbolic significance of the area
- The vitality of the area
- The integrity of the landscape of the area
- Current negative affects for the landscape on the area

The areas are identified, inter alia, via the use of maps and other documents, local hearings and physical and visual examination of target areas.

Developer

"MAPI" working group, composed of experts working in different governmental organizations responsible for landscape

Reference/Website

http://www.maaseutumaisemat.fi/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/inventointiohje_fi_300910.pdf (In Finnish)

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107. Are the results of this work made widely available for public?

Yes No

If yes,

How are they disseminated?

Via the website <http://www.maaseutumaisemat.fi/> (in Finnish only)

Use the free text commentary to give further details about landscape registers or inventories as appropriate.

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2.6.3.2. Landscape analysis

108. Are landscape characteristics, and the forces and pressures transforming landscapes, systematically analysed?

Yes No

If yes, how is this done and what are the methodology and mechanisms used to do this (i.e. different programmes, tools, or measures)?

Methodology and mechanism

Changing countryside-project uses photographs to depict the same landscape in two photos taken 5-15 years apart. The photographs illustrate both typical Finnish agricultural landscapes and traditional rural biotopes and the changes that have occurred during that time.

See also the links provided on the website and the Visual Monitoring of Finnish Landscapes -project:

<http://www.muuttuvamaalaismaisema.fi/en/linkit/>

Heikkilä, T. 2007: Visual monitoring of Finnish landscapes. Photographs. Musta taide, Helsinki. 137 pp. (In Finnish and English)

Heikkilä, T. 2009: Visual monitoring of Finnish landscapes. Pp. 64-71 in: Soufflet-Leclerc, É. European symposium report. Photographic observation – a tool for landscape policies. <http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/IMG/ColloqueOPP-vetrisionanglaise.pdf>

Responsible institution

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Finance

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Partner(s)
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Reference/Website
<http://www.muuttuvamaalaismaisema.fi/en/>

Methodology and mechanism
Update of the inventory of nationally significant landscapes, which was done during 2010-2015. Methodology is available at http://www.maaseutumaisemat.fi/?page_id=11, but only in Finnish. See question 106.
Responsible institution
Ministry of the Environment
Finance
...
Partner(s)
...
Reference/Website
...

109. Are the results of this work widely available to the public?

Yes No

If Yes,

How are they disseminated?
Via the websites linked above.

How are they disseminated?
...

Use the free text commentary to give further details.

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2.6.3.3. Taking note of changes to landscape

110. Has a programme been established to monitor changes to landscape?

Yes No

If yes, provide details of the main programmes for monitoring landscape change

Programme
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Description
See question 108.
Implementation
...
Methodology
...
Responsible institution
...
Finance
...
Partner(s)
...
Reference/Website
...

111. Have a methodology and a mechanism been established to identify the forces and pressures acting on landscapes?

Yes No

If yes, provide details of the methodology and the mechanism used to monitor landscape change

Methodology and mechanism
See above.
Description

...
Implementation
...
Responsible institution
...
Finance
...
Partner(s)
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112. Are the results of this methodology and mechanism widely available to the public?

Yes No

If yes,

How are they disseminated?
See above.

Use the free text commentary to give further details about assessment and monitoring methodologies.

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2.6.3.4. Landscape assessment

113. Are the values assigned to identify landscapes by interested parties and the population concerned incorporated in specific landscape programmes and assessment methodologies?

Yes No

If yes, provide information about the main programmes/activities

Programme/activity
See question 106.
Description
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Implementation
...
Methodology
...
Responsible institution
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Finance
...
Partner(s)
...
Reference/Website
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114. Are the results of this methodology widely available for the public?

Yes No

If yes,

How are they disseminated?
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Use the free text commentary to give further details about the use of values.

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2.6.4. Landscape quality objectives

2.6.4.1. Landscape quality objectives

115. Are specific methodologies and mechanisms (programmes/tools/measures) used to define landscape quality objectives?

Yes No

If yes, what are they?

Methodology and mechanism
http://www.maaseutumaisemat.fi/?page_id=11 (in Finnish).

The methodology is based on a method based on background work carried out at the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment of Central Finland in 2006-2009. The inventories examine both natural and cultural features and the totality of the landscape image and structure. Inventories consist of map and spatial data reviews, data collection from written sources, and local actors and field inventories.

Description

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Implementation

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Responsible institution

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Finance

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Partner(s)

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Reference/URL

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116. Are the results of this methodology and mechanism widely available for the public?

Yes No

If yes,

How are they disseminated?

At the website linked above.

Has the impact of this work been assessed?

Yes

No

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Use the free text commentary to give examples of how landscape quality objectives have been formulated.

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2.6.5. Implementation

2.6.5.1. Implementation

117. Have instruments been introduced aimed at protecting, managing and/or planning the landscape?

Yes No

If yes, list the main instruments

Instrument

See answers to questions 43-63, which concern the main legal instruments that protect the landscape in Finland.

Description

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Reference/Website

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Responsible institution

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Finance

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Partner(s)

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Has the impact of this instrument been assessed?

...

Use the free text commentary to add any relevant additional information about the monitoring and regulation of change to landscapes.

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3. International co-operation

3.7. International policies and programmes

3.7.1. International policies and programmes

3.7.1.1. International policies and programmes

118. Is there co-operation with other countries at national/ regional/local level for the consideration of the landscape dimension in international policies?

Yes No

If yes, list the policies where this applies

International policy

...

Reference/Website

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Description

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Partners

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119. Is there co-operation with other countries at the national/regional/local level for the consideration of the landscape dimension in international co-operation programmes?

Yes No

If yes, give examples of relevant international co-operation programmes

International programmes

...

Reference/Website

...

Description

...

How has the landscape dimension been included in the programme?

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Partners

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Use the free text commentary to provide any further information about the incorporation of landscape considerations in international policies and programmes.

See answer in question 127.

3.7.1.2. International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe

3.7.2. International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe

3.7.2.1. Has your State/Region organised a International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe?

120. Have any events been organised in 2018?

Yes, see answer to question 68.

121. Have any events been organised in 2019?

Ibid

123. Have any events been organised in 2020?

Ibid.

3.8. Mutual assistance and exchange of information

3.8.1. Technical and scientific assistance

3.8.1.1. Technical and scientific assistance

122. Are there any examples of technical and scientific assistance in landscape matters?

Yes No

Use the free text commentary to provide any further information about European technical and scientific assistance and, if possible, examples of good practice.

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3.8.2. Exchange of landscape specialists

3.8.2.1. Exchange of landscape specialists

124. Are there examples of the exchange of landscape specialists, in particular for training and information purposes?

Yes No

Use the free text commentary to provide any further information about the exchange of landscape specialists and, if possible, examples of good practice.

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3.8.3. Exchange of information

3.8.3.1. Exchange of information

125. Are national, regional and local documents translated into other language(s)?

Yes No

126. Are there specific international actions in place to support the exchange of information (conferences, seminars, workshop, networks, exchange of publications, exhibitions, joint projects, EU projects, etc.)?

Yes No

If yes, list the main international actions

Action
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Subject
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Responsible institution
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Partners
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Finance
...
Date
...
Reference/Website
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127. Is your State a member of governmental international organisations working on landscape?

Yes No

Use the free text commentary to provide any further information about exchange of information and, if possible, examples of good practice.

There are infrequently frequent cross-border seminars and conferences on landscape, see <https://www.doria.fi/handle/10024/77529> for example (Northern Landscapes : "Implementation of the European Landscape Convention In the North Calotte Area Municipalities" - Conference in Inari, Finland 7-9.9.2011). There also is informal cross-border discussions and exchange of information between experts and officials working on landscape issues.

3.9. Transfrontier landscapes

3.9.1. Transfrontier landscapes

3.9.1.1. Transfrontier landscapes

128. Are there mechanisms to encourage transfrontier co-operation at national, regional and local levels?

Yes No

If yes, list the main mechanisms

Mechanism
...
Level
 National
 Regional
 Local
Subject
...
Responsible institution
...
Website
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129. Are there joint transfrontier landscape initiatives?

Yes No

If yes, list the main initiatives

Programme

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Level

National

Regional

Local

Subject

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Responsible institutions

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Website

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Use the free text commentary to provide any further information about local and regional transfrontier co-operation.

See the answer provided in question 127.

3.10. Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

3.10.1. Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

3.10.1.1. Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

130. Did your State/Region ever participate in the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe?

Yes No

If Yes, provide details

Session 1 (2008-2009)

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Session 2 (2010-2011)

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Session 3 (2012-2013)

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Session 4 (2014-2015)

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Session 5 (2016-2017)

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131. How is the candidate for the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe selected?

Method of selection and rules

<https://www.ymparisto.fi/suomenparasmaisemahanke> (in Finnish)

The candidate is selected in the Best Landscape Project of the Year-contest. The criteria for entering the contest are not strict, and various projects can apply as candidates.

Projects may relate to natural or cultural landscapes, in rural or urban areas, on land or in water. Sites can be valuable landscapes or cultural environments, but participation of projects targeting everyday environments or degraded landscape restoration is equally encouraged.

The competition is open to NGOs and regional and local authorities on projects that have successfully managed, protected or planned landscapes. Projects must have already been completed and must have been open to the public for at least three years at the time of application.

URL of the rules

<https://www.ymparisto.fi/suomenparasmaisemahanke> (in Finnish)

Website

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Has the impact of selection been assessed?

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132. Has the impact of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe been assessed?

Yes No

133. Photo for the cover page of the Report

Picture available on the website.

134. Optional: Mention the name of the author and of the photo credit (©)

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