



FLORENCE CONVENTION

25th Anniversary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

27 October 2025

Florence, Italy

Villa Medicea "La Petraia"

Meeting of representatives of the States Parties and Observers

DRAFT PROGRAMME

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 **Location:** Villa Medicea “La Petraia”

14:00 - 14:30 | Arrival and registration of participants

14:30 - 15:00 | **Opening session and adoption of the agenda**

- **Mr Rafael BENITEZ**, Director of Social Rights, Health and Environment Department, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe
- **Ms Marta RODRIGUES (Portugal)**, Chair of the 13th Conference on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

15:00 - 16:15 | **Implementation of the Work Programme 2024-25**

15:00 - 15:10 | Presentation of the main outcomes of the 12th Landscape Conference

- **Mr Gilles RUDAZ (Switzerland)**, Chair of the 12th Conference on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

15:10 - 15:20 | Presentation of the Ceremony of the 8th Session of the Landscape Award in Portugal and launch of the applications for the 9th Session of the Landscape Award

- **Ms Marta RODRIGUES (Portugal)**, Chair of the 13th Conference on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

15:20 - 16:15 | Exchange of views with representatives of the States Parties on the preparation of the explanatory report and the draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on “*Landscape, a Living Environment*” and initiatives for the effective implementation of the Recommendation on *Landscape and Health* [[CM/Rec\(2025\)1](#)], adopted by the Committee of Ministers.

- **Ms Ines HRDALO**, Lead expert of the Group of experts on “*Landscape, a living environment*”
- **Mr Gilles RUDAZ (Switzerland)**, lead expert of the Group of experts on “*Landscape and Health*”
- Discussions moderated by **Mr Massimo CASTALDI**, Head of the Landscape Protection Service, General Directorate for Archeology, Fine Arts and Landscape, Ministry of Culture.

16:15 - 16:30 | Presentation and exchange of views on [Recommendation 529 \(2025\)^{\[1\]}](#) “*Water resources under stress: towards better local and regional governance*”, adopted by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe.

16:30 - 16:45 | *Coffee break*

16:45 - 17:00 | **Information System on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

Implementation of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)4](#) of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe: transition phase to the new operation information system

- Information by the Secretariat
- Exchange of views with representatives of the States Parties

17:00 - 17:30 | Work Programme 2026-27

Key thematic initiatives for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention in 2026 - 2027 and related budget issues

- Introduction by the Secretariat
- Exchange of views with representatives of the States Parties

17:30 - 17:50 | Organisation of the 13th Landscape Conference in 2026

- Introduction by **Ms Marta RODRIGUES**, Chair of the 13th Landscape Conference
- Exchange of views with representatives of the States Parties

17:50 - 18:00 | Closure of the meeting by the Chair and the Secretariat

Participation in a cultural event