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(CDCPP)**

EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

**National policies and international co-operation for the
implementation of the European Landscape Convention
Report of activities May 2017-June 2018**

and

*Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of
the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019/20*

For information and action

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Introduction

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

The Council of Europe Member States signatories to the Convention have declared themselves "concerned to achieve sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity and the environment". The Convention is therefore the first international treaty devoted to sustainable development, with the cultural dimension a particularly relevant factor. Although each citizen must, of course, contribute to preserving the quality of the landscape, it is the authorities that are responsible for establishing the general framework that enables that quality to be assured. The Convention accordingly lays down the general legal principles that must guide the adoption of national landscape policies and the establishment of international co-operation in this area.

The Convention provides that existing competent Committees of Experts of the Council of Europe, set up under its Statute, are designated by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, to monitor its implementation. The Work Programme of the Convention adopted by the Council of Europe conferences on the European Landscape Convention and the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) is implemented by the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe which transmits a report on the work carried out, and on the operation of the Convention, to the Committee of Ministers.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has adopted the following basic texts, for the implementation of the Convention:

- Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers to Member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;
- Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the European Landscape Convention Information System of the Council of Europe and its glossary;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)8 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on promoting landscape awareness through education;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)7 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on pedagogical material for landscape education at primary level;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2015)8 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the implementation of Article 9 of the European Landscape Convention on Transfrontier Landscapes;
- Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe;
- Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)7 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development.

The Convention and the basic texts concerning its implementation contribute to promoting definition and legal recognition of the landscape, ensuring that the landscape

dimension is taken into account in national and international policies, and developing international co-operation.

I. STATE OF SIGNATURES AND RATIFICATIONS

Summary

Since its adoption by the Committee of Ministers on 20 October 2000, many Council of Europe Member States have ratified the Convention. To date, 39 States have ratified it: Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, 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 (Appendix 1 to this document: State of signatures and ratifications of the European Landscape Convention

www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/176/signatures).

On 8 February 2018, Estonia deposited the instrument of approval of the European Landscape Convention. www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/-/estonia-deposits-the-instrument-of-approval-of-the-european-landscape-convention-of-the-council-of-europe

Action required

The Committee may:

- congratulate Estonia on the deposit of the instrument of approval of the European Landscape Convention at the Treaty Office of the Council of Europe on 8 February 2018;
- invite States that have not yet done so, to sign and/or ratify the European Landscape Convention.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

The main objectives of the Work Programme of the Convention (Appendix 2 to this document) 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);¹
2. Organising annually one or several **Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops 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 Third 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 outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes (inland water and marine areas will also 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. Promoting **synergies** on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law;
8. Contributing to the **global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat.**

1.The terms of reference of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) 2018/2019 states: "(v) Follow up and guide the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, including the preparation of its 10th Conference (2019) and the Council of Europe Landscape Award" (CM(2017)131-add. Final).

1. Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/conferences

Summary

The Council of Europe Conferences on the European Landscape Convention aim to present the progress made in the implementation of the Convention, and to deal with the practical questions relating to its implementation. They allow the Council of Europe to ensure the implementation of the Convention, in accordance with its Article 10. The Committee of Experts mentioned in this Article is the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), according to the Committee of Ministers' decision. The conclusions of the Conference are brought to the attention of the CDCPP, which then reports to the Committee of Ministers.

The 9th Council of Europe Conference on the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention was organised under the auspices of the Cyprus Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017.
[Report](#) | Contributions: [States-Add. 1](#) - [NGOs-Add. 2](#) | [Working documents](#)
<https://rm.coe.int/1680703256>

The 10th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the Landscape Convention, will be held under the auspices of the Finnish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 6-7 May 2019.

Action required

The Committee is invited to:

- take note of the preparation of the 10th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the Landscape Convention, which will be held under the auspices of the Finnish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 6-7 May 2019.

2. Council of Europe Meetings for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

a. Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the Convention

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/workshops

Summary

Regularly organised by the Council of Europe in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention, the Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the Convention aim to present new concepts and achievements in support of the implementation of the Convention. They represent a real forum for exchanging practices and ideas. Special emphasis is given to the experiences of the state hosting the meeting.

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", Brno, Czech Republic, 5-6 September 2017

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/19th

The Meeting was organised by the Council of Europe, under the auspices of the Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, in co-operation with the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Regional Development, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Culture, and the Ministry of School, Youth and Sport, of the Czech Republic, in partnership with Mendel University in Brno and South Moravian Region. The Meeting aimed to present experiences of national policies adopted at local level.

20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 5th Session, 2016-2017", Daugavpils, Latvia, 19-21 June 2018 - www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/20th - See hereafter, item 4.a.

21st Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the CoE Landscape Convention on "Landscape and education", Catanzaro, Calabria, Italy, 3-5 October 2018

The Meeting is being organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry for Heritage, Cultural activities and Tourism of Italy, in partnership with the Region of Calabria. It aims to present experiences of public policies adopted, or being developed, concerning the implementation of Article 6 c. of the European Landscape Convention on *education*, according to which "Each Party undertakes to promote: ... *school and university courses* which, in the relevant subject areas, address the values attaching to landscapes and the issues raised by their protection, management and planning".

22nd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the CoE Landscape Convention on "Water, landscape and citizenship in the face of global change", Seville, Spain, 14-16 March 2019

The Meeting is being organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Spain, in partnership with the Council of Andalusia and the Municipality of Seville. The Meeting aims to present experiences of public policies adopted, or being developed, concerning *water and marine areas*, considering Article 2 of the Convention (Scope). This states that the Convention "applies to the entire territory of the Parties and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas. *It includes land, inland water and marine areas*. It concerns landscapes that might be considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes".

23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the CoE Landscape Convention on "Landscape integration in sectoral policies", Switzerland, 19-21 October 2020

The Meeting is organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN). On this occasion, the 20th anniversary of the Convention will be celebrated at a high level.

Action required

The Committee is invited to take note:

– take note with satisfaction of the results of 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"](#) organised in Brno, Czech Republic, on 5-6 September 2017 by the Council of Europe under the auspices of the Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers in co-operation with the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Regional Development, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Culture, and the Ministry of School, Youth and Sport, of the Czech Republic, in partnership with Mendel University in Brno and South Moravian Region, in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention; support the "Message from Brno" inviting local authorities to celebrate the landscape as "an essential component of people's surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity" (European Landscape Convention, Article 5, a.); thank the representatives of the hosting State, and the representatives of the States who participated in the Meeting.

– of the preparation of the following meetings, prepared in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention:

– 21st Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the CoE Landscape Convention on "*Landscape and education*", Catanzaro, Calabria, Italy, 3-5 October 2018, organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry for Heritage, Cultural activities and Tourism of Italy, in collaboration with the Region of Calabria;

– 22nd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the CoE Landscape Convention on "*Water, landscape and citizenship in the face of global change*", Seville, Spain, 14-16 March 2019, organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of

Spain, in partnership with the Council of Andalusia and the Municipality of Seville;

- 23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the CoE Landscape Convention on "*Landscape integration in sectoral policies*", Switzerland, 19-21 October 2020, organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN). On this occasion, the 20th anniversary of the Convention will be celebrated at a high level.

b. Council of Europe National and Regional Symposiums on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/national-regional-symposiums

Summary

Intended for States which have or have not yet ratified the European Landscape Convention, the national and regional Symposiums on the Convention are organised by the Council of Europe, Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention, in co-operation with the hosting State, in the framework of the Work Programme of the Convention. They generate debate on the subject of landscape and policies relating to the landscape.

CoE National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina: "*Drawing landscape policies for the future*", Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 25-26 January 2018

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/trebinje-january-2018

The Symposium was organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina. It aimed to present the Convention and to discuss its implementation at national level. In order to promote the implementation of the provisions of Article 8 of the Convention on Mutual assistance and exchange of information, the national Representatives of several States participated in the event: *Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Bureau for Protection of Monuments of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage, Ministry of Education and Culture, Republic of Srpska/Bosnia and Herzegovina; *Croatia*: Ministry of Culture; *France*: Ministry of Ecological and Solidary Transition; *Montenegro*: Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism; *Serbia*: Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection; *Slovenia*: Ministry of the Environment.

CoE National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Georgia: "*Interministerial Round-Table: Integration of the landscape into policies*", Tbilisi, Georgia, 9-10 March 2018

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/tbilisi-march-2018

The National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Georgia was organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture and Sport and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. It aimed to present the Convention and to discuss its implementation at national level. In order to promote the implementation of the provisions of Article 8 of the Convention on Mutual assistance and exchange of information, the national Representatives of the following States participated in the event: *Georgia*: Ministry of Culture and Sport;

Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development; *Hungary*: Ministry of Agriculture; *Finland*: Ministry of the Environment; *France*: Ministry of Ecological and Solidary Transition; *Latvia*: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development; *Serbia*: Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection.

Action required

The Committee is invited:

– to take note with satisfaction the National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina: "*Drawing landscape policies for the future*" (Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 25-26 January 2018), organised, by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry of Civil Affairs and the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Republic Institute for Protection of Cultural, Historical and Natural Heritage of the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention; and to thank the representatives of the hosting State, and the representatives of the States who participated in the Symposium;

– to take note with satisfaction the National Symposium on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Georgia: "*Interministerial Round-Table: Integration of the landscape into policies*" (Tbilisi, Georgia, 9-10 March 2018), organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry of Culture and Sport and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia, in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention; and to thank the representatives of the hosting State, and the representatives of the States who participated in the Symposium.

c. International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe

Summary

The International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe is celebrated on 20 October, the day of the opening of the Convention for signature.

www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/176/signatures

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

The "Message from Brno", on the theme 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, 5-6 September 2017), was disseminated by the Secretariat. It invites local authorities to celebrate the landscape as "an essential component of people's surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity" (European Landscape Convention, Article 5, a.).

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/-/20-october-2017-first-international-landscape-day-of-the-council-of-europe

On this occasion, political statements were adopted and events organised (*the following list is not exhaustive*):

Finland: Statement by Mr Kimmo Tiilikainen, Minister of Housing, Energy and Environment. <http://rm.coe.int/16808ac95d> ;

[http://www.ym.fi/fi-FI/Ajankohtaista/Uutiset/Tanaan_vietetaan_ensimmaista_kansainvali\(44827\)](http://www.ym.fi/fi-FI/Ajankohtaista/Uutiset/Tanaan_vietetaan_ensimmaista_kansainvali(44827))

Hungary: Hungarian Nature Parks celebrated International Landscape Day with landscape walks. <http://rm.coe.int/16808ac95e>

Serbia: The First International Landscape Day – 20 October 2017. The event in Kragujevac. <http://rm.coe.int/16808ac95f>

Second International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, 20 October 2018

The second International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe will be celebrated on 20 October 2018. A message, formulated on the theme of the 21st Meeting of the Council of Europe Workshops for the Implementation of the European Convention Landscape and Education will be disseminated in the framework of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

Action required

The Committee is invited to note:

- the holding of the First International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe on 20 October 2017:
 - the “Message from Brno”, sent by the Council of Europe Secretariat in the framework of the Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, inviting local authorities to celebrate the landscape as “an essential component of people’s surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity” (European Landscape Convention, Article 5, a.).
(www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/-/20-october-2017-first-international-landscape-day-of-the-council-of-europe)
 - of the political statements adopted and events organised on this occasion.
- the holding of the second International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe, on 20 October 2018. A message, formulated on the theme of the 21st Meeting of the Council of Europe Workshops for the Implementation of the European Convention Landscape and Education will be disseminated by the Secretariat in the framework of the Croatian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

3. **International Landscape Observatory of the Council of Europe**

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-observatory

a. **Information System of the European Landscape Convention: National/Regional Landscape policies**

https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx

Summary

Since the adoption of the European Landscape Convention, major progress has been made towards the establishment of landscape policies at national, regional and local levels. Drawing on shared objectives, these policies foster the quality of a common living environment.

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"](#) (Erevan, Armenia, 5-7 October 2016) was dedicated to the presentation of Strategies and political documents, Legal and financial instruments, and Systems promoting integration and horizontal and vertical co-ordination:

– *Strategies and political documents:*

- . *Andorra:* Actions 2016-2020 of the National Landscape Strategy of Andorra
- . *Ireland:* The National Landscape Strategy for Ireland 2015-2025
- . *Finland:* Cultural Environment Strategy as a tool for landscape awareness and activities
- . *The Netherlands:* Heritage planning and spatial development: the Belvedere perspectives
- . *Portugal:* The National policy on architecture and landscape
- . *Armenia:* European Landscape Convention in strategic spatial planning documents; Architectural criteria's protection of landscape character identity of settlements; Provision of the measures for the implementation of the European; Principles of landscape planning in mountainous regions; Introduction of principles are defined by the European Landscape Convention relating to training and education in the higher education systems
- . *Latvia:* The Landscape Policy Strategy
- . *Hungary, Lithuania, Switzerland...*

– *Legal and financial instruments:*

- . *France:* Landscape policies and legal instruments
- . *Poland:* Instruments for the implementation of the national landscape policy: Landscape audit, Landscape Day
- . *Spain:* The National Plan of cultural landscape: "100 Cultural landscapes in Spain"
- . *Italy:* The National Landscape Observatory
- . *Switzerland:* The Swiss Landscape Fund

– *Systems promoting integration and horizontal and vertical co-ordination:*

- . *Czech Republic:* Horizontal co-operation with interministerial round tables
- . *Greece:* The landscape policy through the regional spatial plans
- . *Serbia:* Improvement of the capacity building of regions for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/18th

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"](#) (Brno, Czech Republic, 5-6 September 2017), was dedicated to the presentation of experiences of national policies adopted at local level by the States Parties to the Convention and Japan:

- . *Czech Republic*: The national landscape policy for Environment, Agriculture, Spatial planning, Culture, Education, Soil conservation; The role of the mayor as an initiator and co-ordinator in landscape management; Association of local municipalities and the support of Local Agenda 21 in small municipalities; Local Action Group Co-operation Projects
 - . *Hungary*: Instruments for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level
 - . *France*: Landscape Plans
 - . *Serbia*: Management plans for the development and promotion of cultural landscapes
 - . *Portugal*: Landscape in the revision of the municipal master plans: Guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention at municipal level
 - . *Lithuania*: The contribution of municipalities to landscape management: the mechanism for reporting on the implementation of landscape policy
 - Armenia*: Implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level
 - . *Bosnia and Herzegovina*: Implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level
 - . *Ireland*: Implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level
 - Republic of Moldova: Implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level
 - . *Belgium*: (Wallonia) Partnerships for the landscape: the example of the local action group; (Flanders) The Heritage Master Plan as a participative planning instrument for heritage and landscape in Flanders
 - . *Croatia*: Landscape in the function of local development
 - Italy*: Future local development scenarios aimed to innovation, creativity and well-being in relation to landscape; Landscape education programme
 - . *Finland*: Giving value to landscapes
 - Georgia: The landscape dimension at the local level
 - . *Spain*: Collaboration of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport at the local level
 - . *Slovenia*: The landscape dimension at the local level
 - . *Ukraine*: The landscape dimension at the local level
 - . *Cyprus*: Considering landscape at the grass roots
 - . *Norway*: Norwegian Guide on public participation in planning
 - . *Latvia*: Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in local municipalities
 - . *The Netherlands*: Examples of local democracy in the national parks
 - Greece*: Local democracy for the landscape: participation and commitment
 - . *Slovak Republic*: Local democracy for the landscape: participation and commitment
 - . *United Kingdom*: Local democracy for the landscape: participation and commitment
 - . *Japan*: Local landscape plans in Japan
- www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/19th

The European Landscape Convention was taken into consideration in the framework of reports or events, national or international (*the following list is not exhaustive*):

- . *Hungary*: National Landscape Strategy for the period 2017-2026, adopted by Government Decision of 20 March 2017 (1128/2017)

- <http://rm.coe.int/090000168089fc00>; <http://rm.coe.int/090000168089fbff>
 . *Italy*: Estates General on Landscape, Ministry for Heritage, Cultural Activities and Tourism, Rome, 25 October 2017
www.beniculturali.it/mibac/export/MiBAC/sito-MiBAC/Contenuti/visualizza_asset.html_441641492.html
 Summer University on Landscape: "Landscape and circular economy", Bergamo, 8 September 2017
 Future Forum, "The economy of the beauty: Landscape as social economy and new ways for sustainable development", Municipalities of Forni di Sopra and Tolmezzo, 12-13 April 2018
 . *France*: Landscape Days on Nocturnal Landscapes, Ministry of Ecological and Solidary Transition, Paris, 16 January 2018
 Report *Démarches paysagères en Europe – Éléments de parangonage pour les politiques publiques françaises*, Ministry of Ecological and Solidary Transition
www.cgedd.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/010731-01_rapport_cle22f995.pdf
 . *Spain*: Publication *Landscape as objective*, Council of Gran Canaria and Landscape Laboratory
 Publication *The Metropolitan Region of Barcelona*, Generalitat of Catalonia and Landscape Observatory
 Rehabilitation of Contemporary Heritage and Landscape, Council of Andalusia
 . *Switzerland*: Report "Landscape transformation", Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN): Results of the Monitoring Program for the Swiss Landscape (OPS)
<https://www.bafu.admin.ch/bafu/en/home/topics/landscape/publications-studies/publications/wandel-der-landschaft.html>
 Symposium "Debating the landscape: Didactical issues, learning processes, training", University of Geneva, 25-27 October 2017
 . *Russian Federation*: "Implementation tools and resources", XVI Strategic Planning Forum in Russia, St. Petersburg, 23 October 2017
2017.forumstrategov.ru/;
www.stratplan.ru/UserFiles/Image/materials/files/block_24.pdf
 . *Belarus*: Conference on the Council of Europe Conventional Framework, organised by the Directorate of Political Affairs of the Council of Europe, with the participation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Minsk, 14 December 2017
 . *Colombia*: International Landscape Symposium, organised by the Latin American Landscape Initiative, in the framework of the United Nations International Year for Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017, Armenia, 16 November 2017.
paisajeculturalcafetero.org.co/en/noticias/primer-simposio-internacional-pensar-y-sentir-el-paisaje

To ensure exchanges of information between the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention and its follow-up, a document setting out the landscape policies pursued in the Member States was produced on a regular basis by the Secretariat and presented on the occasion of the Council of Europe Conferences on the Convention.² The use of the European Landscape Convention Information System and its glossary, set up pursuant to Recommendation CM/Rec(2013)4 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States, permit access online to information concerning national and regional policies that have been developed.³ Addressed to authorities, organisations or citizens seeking useful

2. Documents of the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe: CEP-CDPATEP (2009) 3; CEP-CDPATEP (2011) 7; CEP-CDCPP (2013) 5; CEP-CDCPP (2015) 5.

3. Public part to be completed by the Parties to the Convention: www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-observatory; https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx

information on landscape policies, the glossary has been produced in order to explain certain terms employed.⁴

The States Parties to the Convention are invited to make use of this Information System and its glossary in the context of their co-operation, to work together on developing it further and to continue to exchange information on all the matters covered by the provisions of the Convention, in order to promote an awareness of landscapes and the policies relating to them. A password to access the online questionnaire has been sent to the national Representative correspondents of the Information System (Appendix 3 to this document). These Representatives have been invited to complete or update this questionnaire, with a view to preparing the National Reports on the implementation of the Convention. An "User Manual" available to national and regional representatives of the Information System (in paragraph 5 of the Manual) invites them, if they wish, to create passwords for "Delegates" responsible for completing the questionnaire. The Representatives also have the possibility to give passwords for their regional representatives.

The "[Glossary](#) of the Information System of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention", has been published at the Council of Europe publishing (Spatial planning and landscape Series, 2018, No. 106).

National Reports are available for the following states: Andorra, Belgium (Wallonia), Spain, France, Hungary, Norway, Poland and Turkey. Other States are invited to complete the Council of Europe Information System for the 7th Session of the CDCPP (6-8 June 2018).

https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx?=en

Action required

The Committee is invited to:

- welcome the major progress made since 2017 towards the implementation of landscape policies, at national, regional and local level;
- take note of the interventions made during the meeting of the CDCPP by Parties to the Convention and other Council of Europe Member States on national policies developed for the landscape;
- take note of the national reports of the following states, available on the website of the Convention: Andorra, Belgium (Wallonia), Spain, France, Hungary, Norway, Poland and Turkey - https://elcl6.coe.int/WebForms/Public_List.aspx?=en;
- invite the corresponding National Representatives of the Council of Europe Information System on the European Landscape Convention, to complete or update the online questionnaire, with a view to the preparation of national reports for all States Parties to the Convention;
- take note of the publication of the "[Glossary](#) of the Information System of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention" (Council of Europe publishing, Spatial planning and landscape Series, 2018, No. 106); welcome its translation into [Polish](#); invite States, if they wish, to translate it into other languages.

4. <https://rm.coe.int/09000016802fc144>

b. Information Platform of the European Landscape Convention

Summary

An Information Platform of the European Landscape Convention is in preparation. It is intended to present: the main themes of the Convention; synthesis reports on national and regional policies for its implementation; and the work carried out for its implementation.

Action required

The Committee is invited to:

– take note with interest of the establishment, in preparation, of the European Landscape Convention platform, intended to present: the main themes of the Convention; the synthesis reports on national and regional policies for the implementation of the Convention; the work carried out for its implementation.

4. Council of Europe's Landscape Award

a. Sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award

Summary

The European Landscape Convention provides for a "Landscape Award of the Council of Europe" which recognises policy or measures which local or regional authorities or non-governmental organisations have adopted: to protect, manage and plan their landscape; which have proved to be lastingly effective; and which can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe. According to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, the Award is given by the Committee of Ministers based on proposals from the Committees of Experts of the Council of Europe in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Convention.

5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2016-2017)

Thirteen [Applications](#) were presented by the States' Parties to the European Landscape Convention to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. On 27 September 2017, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted the [Decisions of the CM](#) on the Award, Special Mentions and Recognitions (Appendix 4 to this document), in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, and on the recommendation of the International Jury and of the Council of Europe Steering Committee responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention.⁵

[20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 5th Session 2016-2017"](#), Daugavpils, Latvia on 19-21 June 2018
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/20th

The Meeting is organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia, in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention. The high value achievements in the Member States of the Organisation on the occasion of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe will be presented. The Ceremony of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award will take place on this occasion.

6th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2018-2019)

By e-mail of 11 October 2017, addressed to the Permanent Representations with a copy to the members of the CDCPP and national representatives for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, the Parties to the Convention were invited to submit, by 30 January 2019, applications to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe, according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

The CDCPP is invited to appoint a representative of the Committee, to be part of the international jury of the 6th Session of the Award.

5. [Meeting of the Jury of the Council of Europe Landscape Award](#) (Strasbourg, France, Palais de l'Europe, Council of Europe, 4-5 April 2017) | [Report of the Jury](#) | [Proposals of the CDCPP to the CM](#) | [Decision of the CM](#).

Action required

5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2016-2017)

The Committee is invited to take note:

– of the preparation of the [20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 5th Session 2016-2017"](#) organised in Daugavpils, Latvia, on 19-21 June 2018, by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia, in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention;

– of the Celebration of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe will be organised on this occasion, considering the [Decisions CM](#) of the Committee of Ministers, adopted on 27 September 2017, on the attribution of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, special mentions and acknowledgments, for the 5th session of the Award.

6th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2018-2019)

The Committee is invited:

– to take note of the invitation addressed to the Parties to the Convention (e-mail of 11 October 2017 addressed to the Permanent Representations with a copy to the members of the CDCPP and national representatives for the implementation of the Convention) to submit, by 30 January 2019, applications to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe, according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe;

– to appoint a representative to be part of the International Jury of the 6th Session of the Award (the meeting will be held in March 2019).

b. Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

Summary

The Committee of Ministers adopted, on 27 September 2017, the [Resolution CM/Res\(2017\)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#) (Appendix 5 to this document). It gathers the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention, showing that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscape features of people's surroundings.

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

The following activities were carried out:

- [Publication "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe"](#) ("Council of Europe, Territory and Landscape Series", 2018, No. 105)
<https://rm.coe.int/090000168075f020>
- Online presentation of the achievements of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

- [Exhibition on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/exhibition-on-the-award-alliance](http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/exhibition-on-the-award-alliance)
- Poster on the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance
<https://rm.coe.int/09000016807beafd>

Action required

The Committee is invited to take note:

- of the adoption by the Committee of Ministers, on 27 September 2017, of the [Resolution CM/Res\(2017\)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#);
- of the following activities carried out on the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance:
 - [Publication "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe"](#) ("Council of Europe, Territory and Landscape Series", 2018, No. 105)
<https://rm.coe.int/090000168075f020>
 - Online presentation of the achievements of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance
 - [Exhibition on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#)
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/exhibition-on-the-award-alliance
 - Poster on the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance
<https://rm.coe.int/09000016807beafd>

- 5. Thematic Reports and draft recommendations of the Committee of Ministers** on natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes (inland water and marine areas are taken into consideration)

Summary

Reports on topics related to the European Landscape Convention, prepared by expert consultants of the Council of Europe Secretariat, were presented at the Council of Europe Conferences on Landscape and published by the Council of Europe editions:

- [Landscape and sustainable development: Challenges of the European Landscape Convention](#) (2006);
- [Landscape facets: Reflections and proposals for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention](#) (2012);
- [Landscape dimensions: Reflections and proposals for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention](#) (2016).

Other reports, currently being prepared on the themes mentioned in the Work Programme, will be presented at the 10th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 6-7 May 2019):

- "Landscape in rural territories in energy, agricultural and demographic transition";
- "Landscape monitoring in the sense of the Convention";
- "The role of urban planners in the consideration of landscape quality";
- "Landscape and architecture";
- "Dry stone in the landscape";
- "Walking the landscape";
- "Environmental agreements and landscape".

Action required

The Committee is invited to take note:

- of the preparation of the reports on the themes mentioned in the Work Programme, with a view to presenting them at the 10th Council of Europe Conference on the Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 6-7 May 2019).

6. Working Group, supported by expertise, “Landscape, rights and responsibilities for everyone”, in order to prepare a draft recommendation for the attention of the CDCPP and Committee of Ministers

Summary

At its 6th meeting (CDCPP (2017) 18 rev.), the CDCPP decided on the composition of the Working Group of the European Landscape Convention “Rights and *responsibilities* for everyone” (Preamble of the Convention) and designated its members: Mrs Anita Bergenstråhle-Lind (Sweden), Mrs Hanna Jedras (Poland), Mrs Sanja Ljeskovic Mitrovic (Montenegro), Mrs Liv Kirstine Mortensen (Norway), the representative of the Council of Europe Conference of INGOs, and entrusted the Secretariat to designate experts.

The Secretariat commissioned a consultant expert from the Council of Europe to prepare a conceptual report on “Landscape and responsibility of the actors - Quality of life indicators” The Working Group will be invited to consider the report this autumn, with a view to preparing a draft recommendation for the attention of the CDCPP and the Committee of Ministers.

Action required

The Committee is invited to note:

- further work with a view to preparing a draft recommendation for the attention of the CDCPP and the Committee of Ministers on “Landscape and *responsibility* of the actors”.

7. Promoting synergies on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law

Summary

Within the meaning of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, the close links between the notion of landscape and human rights, democracy and sustainable development deserve to be highlighted. The documents prepared by the Council of Europe "Landscape and Democracy" Working Group, brought to the attention of the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Strasbourg, 28-29 March 2016), and of the 6th Meeting of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (Strasbourg, 10-12 May 2017), led to the elaboration of the texts and documents which follow, presented in the publication [Council of Europe Landscape Convention: Contribution to human rights, democracy and sustainable development](#) (Council of Europe Publishing, 2018):

- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2017\)7 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development](#), adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017 (Part 1);
- Conceptual reference report (Part 2);
- Principles for the participation of the public in the definition and implementation of landscape policies, as defined in the European Landscape Convention (Appendix).

The preface by the Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe, states: "*Our new recommendation places 'landscape', as defined in the Convention, at the heart of public policies and therefore contributes to the implementation of the convention by highlighting the Council of Europe's intangible values in the fields of human rights and democracy, with a view to sustainable Development*".

The [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2017\)7](#) recommends that the governments of States Parties to the European Landscape Convention:

- "- consider the importance that quality and diversity of landscapes has for the minds and bodies of human beings, as well as for societies, in the reflections and work devoted to human rights and democracy, with a view to sustainable development;
 - frame landscape policies in the long term, so that they take into account the common surroundings for present and future generations;
 - develop landscape policies throughout the entire territory, so that people can enjoy their surroundings in dignity and without discrimination;
 - ensure that landscape policies respond to the ideal of living together, especially in culturally diverse societies;
 - take into account the landscape issue in the actions taken to promote good governance and democratic citizenship, notably through awareness-raising, training and education;
 - apply the principles of human rights and democracy in landscape policies;
 - guarantee the right to participation by the general public, local and regional authorities, and other relevant parties including non-governmental organisations, with an interest in the definition, implementation and monitoring of landscape policies;
 - include the 'landscape', as defined by the Convention, in indicators of sustainable development relating to environmental, social, cultural and economic issues;
 - implement the principle of non-regression in order to ensure that landscape policies can only be subject to continuous improvement."
- (Appendix 6 to this document).

Action required

The Committee is invited:

- to take note of the adoption of the [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2017\)7 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy, with a view to sustainable development](#) and to decide to follow it;
- to take note of the edition of the publication [Council of Europe Landscape Convention: Contribution to human rights, democracy and sustainable development](#) (Council of Europe Publishing, 2018);
- to support the work to promote synergies on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention.

8. Contribution to the global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat

Summary

The implementation of the Convention represents a [Council of Europe Contribution to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for sustainable development goals](#),⁶ in particular for the Goals 3 (*Good health and well-being* - www.coe.int/en/web/un-agenda-2030/goal-3), 11 (*Sustainable cities and communities* - www.coe.int/en/web/un-agenda-2030/goal-11) and 15 (*Life on land* - www.coe.int/en/web/un-agenda-2030/goal-15).

The forthcoming opening of the European Landscape Convention to non-European states following the entry into force of its amending protocol (CETS 219) is a unique opportunity to reaffirm the universality of human rights and demonstrate that the convention is an international treaty that fosters the practical implementation of several rights, both substantive and procedural, including the rights to health, well-being, dignity, the environment, culture, information, participation, education and training.

The Protocol was approved by the following States: Czech Republic, Finland, Luxembourg, Spain.

www.coe.int/en/web/conventions/full-list/-/conventions/treaty/219

Action required

The Committee is invited to take note:

- of the continuation of the work to contribute to the global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat, in the framework of the Work Programme of the European Landscape Convention;
- of the contribution of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with regard in particular to the implementation of the Goals 3 (Good health and well-being), 11 (Sustainable cities and communities) and 15 (Life on land).

⁶ www.coe.int/en/web/un-agenda-2030/home

Appendix 1

Chart of signatures and ratifications of the European Landscape Convention

Chart of signatures and ratifications of Treaty 176										
European Landscape Convention										
Status as of 17/05/2018										
Title	European Landscape Convention									
Reference	ETS No.176									
Opening of the treaty	Florence, 20/10/2000 - Treaty open for signature by the member States of the Council of Europe and for accession by the European Union and the European non-member States									
Entry into Force	01/03/2004 - 10 Ratifications.									
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State who signed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State who ratified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State who neither signed nor ratified <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State who suspended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State who denounced										
	Signature	Ratification	Entry into Force	Notes	R.	D.	A.	T.	C.	O.
Members of Council of Europe										
Albania										
Andorra	23/03/2011	07/03/2012	01/07/2012							
Armenia	14/05/2003	23/03/2004	01/07/2004							
Austria										
Azerbaijan	22/10/2003	30/08/2011	01/12/2011							
Belgium	20/10/2000	28/10/2004	01/02/2005							
Bosnia and Herzegovina	09/04/2010	31/01/2012	01/05/2012							
Bulgaria	20/10/2000	24/11/2004	01/03/2005							
Croatia	20/10/2000	15/01/2003	01/03/2004							
Cyprus	21/11/2001	21/06/2006	01/10/2006							
Czech Republic	28/11/2002	03/06/2004	01/10/2004							
Denmark	20/10/2000	20/03/2003	01/03/2004					T.		
Estonia	20/12/2017	08/02/2018	01/06/2018							
Finland	20/10/2000	16/12/2005	01/04/2006							
France	20/10/2000	17/03/2006	01/07/2006							
Georgia	11/05/2010	15/09/2010	01/01/2011							
Germany										
Greece	13/12/2000	17/05/2010	01/09/2010							
Hungary	28/09/2005	26/10/2007	01/02/2008							

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Iceland	29/06/2012																				
Ireland	22/03/2002	22/03/2002	01/03/2004																		
Italy	20/10/2000	04/05/2006	01/09/2006																		
Latvia	29/11/2006	05/06/2007	01/10/2007																		
Liechtenstein																					
Lithuania	20/10/2000	13/11/2002	01/03/2004																		
Luxembourg	20/10/2000	20/09/2006	01/01/2007																		
Malta	20/10/2000																				
Monaco																					
Montenegro	08/12/2008	22/01/2009	01/05/2009																		
Netherlands	27/07/2005	27/07/2005	01/11/2005																	T.	
Norway	20/10/2000	23/10/2001	01/03/2004																		
Poland	21/12/2001	27/09/2004	01/01/2005																		
Portugal	20/10/2000	29/03/2005	01/07/2005																		
Republic of Moldova	20/10/2000	14/03/2002	01/03/2004																		
Romania	20/10/2000	07/11/2002	01/03/2004																		
Russian Federation																					
San Marino	20/10/2000	26/11/2003	01/03/2004																		
Serbia	21/09/2007	28/06/2011	01/10/2011																		
Slovak Republic	30/05/2005	09/08/2005	01/12/2005																		
Slovenia	07/03/2001	25/09/2003	01/03/2004																		
Spain	20/10/2000	26/11/2007	01/03/2008																		
Sweden	22/02/2001	05/01/2011	01/05/2011																		
Switzerland	20/10/2000	22/02/2013	01/06/2013																		
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	15/01/2003	18/11/2003	01/03/2004																		
Turkey	20/10/2000	13/10/2003	01/03/2004																		
Ukraine	17/06/2004	10/03/2006	01/07/2006																		
United Kingdom	21/02/2006	21/11/2006	01/03/2007																	T.	
Total number of signatures not followed by ratifications																			2		
Total number of ratifications/accessions																			39		

a: Accession s: Signature without reservation as to ratification su: Succession r: Signature "ad referendum".
R.: Reservations D.: Declarations, Denunciations, Derogations A.: Authorities T.: Territorial Application C.: Communication O.:
Objection.
Source : Treaty Office on <http://conventions.coe.int> - * Disclaimer.

Appendix 2

Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention 2017-2019/20⁷

*adopted by the 9th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention on 24 March 2017
and the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape on 15 June 2017
(dates of the meetings updated)*

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:

5. 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);
6. Organising annually one or several Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;
7. Maintaining the Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention (ELC L6), and launching its Third Phase of activity, with the preparation of national and regional reports on public policies of Parties to the Convention;
8. 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;
9. Continuing the preparation of thematic Reports and draft recommendations of the Committee of Ministers on natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, considered outstanding as well as everyday or degraded landscapes (inland water and marine areas will also be taken into consideration);
10. 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;
11. Promoting synergies on the themes of sustainable development (environment, society, economy and culture), democracy, human rights and rule of law;
12. Contributing to the global debates on sustainable development (United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development) and habitat.

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

**Action Plan for
the implementation of the European Landscape Convention
2017-2019/20**

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, under the auspices of the Cypriot Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 23-24 March 2017;
- Preparation of the Landscape Part 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; Strasbourg, 12 December 2017);
- 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 landscape observatories and universities;
- Preparation of the Landscape Part of the 7th Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 6-8 June 2018 and of the meetings of its Bureau (Strasbourg, 10 April 2018; other dates to be confirmed);
- Organisation of the 10th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, under the auspices of the Finnish Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 6-7 May 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, 14-16 March 2019;
- Organisation of the 23rd Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “Landscape integration in policies”, Switzerland, 19-21 October 2020;
- 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 thematics (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 thematic: 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, 2018/2019);
- Promotion of events on the landscape (International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe 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”⁸

- 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”, Catanzaro, 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”.

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;

8. 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].

- Contribution to the consideration of landscape as an ecosystem service.

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

- Update of the European Landscape Convention website 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 Futuropa, 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”, Daugavpils, Latvia, 19-21 June 2018;
- Development of the Council of Europe Landscape Alliance of the European Landscape Convention 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.

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Appendix 3

List of the Correspondents of the Information System of the Council of Europe European Landscape Convention

State	Region	Profile	Last name	First name
"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"		National	CAVDAROVA	Valentina
Andorra		National	MOLES	Anna
Armenia		National	SARKISYAN	Naira
Azerbaijan		National	PASHAYEV	Jeyhun
Belgium	Brussels-Capital Region	Regional	LEROY	Isabelle
Belgium	Flanders	Regional	DE MEYER	Sarah
Belgium	Wallonia	Regional	DECONINCK	Mireille
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Regional	ABDIJEVIC	Lamija
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Republic of Srpska	Regional	RADOSEVIC	Dejan
Bulgaria		National	MILADINOV	Peter
Council of Europe		Administrator	DÉJEANT-PONS	Maguelonne
Council of Europe		Administrator	ELCLB	John
Council of Europe		Administrator	NUNES	Susana
Croatia		National	DUMBOVIC BILUSIC	Biserka
Croatia		Delegate	BOJIC	Mirna
Croatia		Delegate	GOJEVIC	Ingrid
Croatia		Delegate	VIDAKOVIĆ	Martina
Croatia		Delegate	BONACCI	Duje
Cyprus		National	ENOTIADES	Phaedon
Czech Republic		National	TOBIKOVA	Julia
Denmark		National	GINSBAK	Anette
Estonia		National	PALM	Piret
Finland		National	LAURILA	Maija
France		National	TRANSY	Julien
Georgia		National	LEVIDZE	Tea
Greece		National	GOURGIOTIS	Anestis
Hungary		National	KINCSES	Kristina
Ireland		National	CUMMING	Willie
Italy		National	BANCHINI	Roberto
Latvia		National	GRANTA	Dace
Lithuania		National	BEZARAS	Vidmantas
Montenegro		National	LJESKOVIC MITROVIC	Sanja
Netherlands		National	BRAAKSMA	Patricia
Norway		National	MORTENSEN	Liv Kirstine
Poland		National	OPECHOWSKA	Małgorzata
Portugal		National	MAGALHÃES	Marta
Republic of Moldova		National	NOROCEA	Galina
Romania		National	GINAVAR	Anca Ileana
San Marino		National	MAZZA	Lucia
Serbia		National	FILIPOVIC	Biljana
Slovak Republic		National	DURKOSOVA	Jana
Slovenia		National	HLADNIK	Jelena
Spain		National	CARO	Carmen
Spain	Community of Valencia	Regional	MATAMOROS	Consuelo
Spain	Community of Madrid	Regional	MERINO	Pilar
Spain	Extremadura	Regional	CANO	Javier
Sweden		National	GREN	Leif
Switzerland		National	RUDAZ	Gilles
Turkey		National	ÇETİN SÖNMEZ	Gülhan
Ukraine		National	LEGKA	Olena
United Kingdom		National	HOLYOAK	Vincent

Appendix 4

Decisions of the Committee of Minister on the attribution of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe – 5th Session 2016-2017

1295th meeting, 27 September 2017

d. Attribution of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

Reference documents

CM(2017)106, DD(2017)998

Decisions

The Deputies ...

5. concerning the 5th session 2016-2017 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe,
 - i. conferred the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention, for the 5th Session of the Award 2016-2017 on:
 - "Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to preserve cultural and historical objects", Daugavpils City Council, Latvia;
 - ii. conferred identical special mentions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention, for the 5th session of the Award 2016-2017, on the following achievements:
 - "The hillside of the citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an enclosure to a network", City of Liège, Belgium;
 - "Regeneration of the landscape and archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento", Archaeological and Landscape Park of the Valley of the Temples of Agrigento, Department of Cultural Heritage and Identity of Sicily, Italy;
 - "Alna Environmental Park: a blue-green corridor of biodiversity, recreational opportunities and sustainable urban water management", Municipality of Oslo, Agency for Urban Environment, Norway;
 - "Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values", Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic;
 - iii. acknowledged the great value of each project presented for the 5th session 2016-2017 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention and the importance to make them well known to the general public as sources of inspiration:
 - "Management of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Cultural Landscape Category", Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley management plan steering committee, Andorra;

- “Education of children in heavily industrialised landscapes”, Elementary School in the city of Most, Czech Republic;
- “Shepherding weeks”, Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland, Finland;
- “Landscape as a link”, Saint-Paul, La Réunion, France;
- “Developing ‘Water Codes’ in Larissa City Centre: the ‘Sculpted River’ of Larissa”, Municipality of Larissa, Greece;
- “Landscape development and community sample programme for a pleasant village”, Local Government of Mátraderecske, Roma Minority Local Government of Mátraderecske, Hungary;
- “Protection and management of Zasavica Special Nature Reserve: as a tool for sustainable development”, Nature Conservation Movement of Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia;
- “Landscape inventory of Galicia: public participation for landscape characterisation and planning”, Institute of Land Studies, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Galicia, Spain;...

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Statements on the Award, Mentions and Recognitions

On 27 September 2017, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe⁹ decided (Appendix 2 to this document), in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, and on the recommendation of the jury and of the Council of Europe Steering Committee responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention (CDCPP), to:

1. confer the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention, for the 5th Session of the Award 2016-2017 on:

*Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects, Daugavpils City Council, Latvia
Award conferred for regeneration of a degraded symbolic landscape*

“Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects” is a large-scale project which has helped people regain ownership of a highly symbolic landscape. It has enabled a new urban landscape to be created and has contributed to providing various services that are beneficial to public well-being.

2. confer identical special mentions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention, for the 5th Session of the Award 2016-2017, on the following achievements:

*The Hillside of the Citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an Enclosure to a Network, City of Liège, Belgium
Special mention for “Public participation”*

“The Hillside of the Citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an Enclosure to a Network” is a conservation and development project with public involvement, focusing on the redevelopment of an urban landscape composed of historical, cultural and natural heritage, and ensuring easier access to the site. From the outset, the project benefited from considerable public participation.

9. www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award-5th-session-2016-2017:
5th Session 2016-2017: [Meeting of the Jury of the Council of Europe Landscape Award](#) (Strasbourg, France, Palais de l’Europe, Council of Europe, 4-5 April 2017) | [Report of the Jury](#) | [Proposals of the CDCPP to the CM](#) | [Decision of the CM](#)

Regeneration of the landscape and archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, Department of Cultural Heritage and Identity of Sicily, Italy

Special mention for “Sustainable development and social reintegration”

“Regeneration of the landscape and archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento” is an excellent example of a link between the enhancement of archaeological features recognised at international level and the development of an innovative agrarian economy, based on age-old knowledge. Using the restored access paths, both the local community and the many visitors may profit from this outstanding site, appreciating its landscape and the high quality of the local products.

Alna Environmental Park: a blue-green corridor of biodiversity, recreational opportunities and sustainable urban water management, Municipality of Oslo, Agency for Urban Environment, Norway

Special mention for “Social cohesion and respect for the environment”

“Alna Environmental Park: a blue-green corridor of biodiversity, recreational opportunities and sustainable urban water management” contributes to the quality of the living environment of a large urban population who have been involved in securing the future of a peri-urban landscape. This significant achievement integrates a demonstrably sustainable development dimension for the benefit of present and future generations’ well-being.

Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values, Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic

Special mention for “Preservation of a unique landscape under threat”

“Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values” testifies to the ability of the local community to take in hand the destiny of its everyday landscape, which offers breathtaking features. Its long narrow furlongs for cultivation are amongst the few remaining in Europe. The achievement links the fundamental dimensions of the landscape: cultural, economic, ecological and social.

3. acknowledge the great value of each project presented for the 5th Session 2016-2017 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention and make them well known to the general public as a source of inspiration:

Management of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Cultural Landscape Category, Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley management plan steering committee, Andorra

The project “Management of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Cultural Landscape Category”, benefited from the exemplary involvement of the authorities and the local population who wished to promote a sustainable landscape, maintained by farming and tourism which respect the high-quality natural and cultural environment.

Education of Children in Heavily Industrialised Landscapes, Elementary School in the city of Most, Czech Republic

“Education of Children in Heavily Industrialised Landscapes” is an exemplary model of education and awareness raising of pupils living in highly industrialised areas. The achievement makes it possible to develop a sense of belonging to a landscape and a responsible attitude towards the environment and future generations. Founded on awareness and active participation, this educational approach encourages children to act as citizens who care for the future of the landscape.

“Shepherding Weeks”, Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland, Finland

“Shepherding Weeks” is a remarkable project for the upkeep of a rural and woodland landscape. The commitment of citizens enables pastoral areas to be maintained, which is fundamental for the region’s ecological and agricultural future. This commitment is also essential to the preservation of traditional rural buildings, which contribute to the quality of the landscape.

Landscape as a Link, Saint-Paul, La Réunion, France

“Landscape as a Link” testifies to the ability of a group of institutions and citizens to optimize landscape integration of a road into the landscape within the specific context of the tropics, where biodiversity is magnified by climatic factors. The development carried out has contributed to the well-being of local residents and enables them to use the landscape in a manner in harmony with the abundance of nature.

Developing “Water Codes” in Larissa City Centre: the “Sculpted River” of Larissa, Municipality of Larissa, Greece

“Developing Water Codes in Larissa City Centre: the Sculpted River of Larissa” is an acknowledgment of the continuity of a landscape, from ancient times until today. The project provides keys to understanding the history of the area and fits into a territory “sculpted” by artistic practices which highlight the significance and role of water, essential in an urban setting. The city has regained its former distinction with a landscape that attests to the past, for the benefit of the residents’ quality of life.

Landscape Development and Community Sample Programme for a Pleasant Village, Local Government of Mátraderecske, Roma Minority Local Government of Mátraderecske, Hungary

“Landscape Development and Community Sample Programme for a Pleasant Village” is a positive example of landscape development and regional economic development. It has resulted in a return to traditional farming, population stabilisation and enhanced local viability.

Protection and management of Zasavica Special Nature Reserve: a tool for sustainable development, Nature Conservation Movement of Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia

“Protection and Management of Zasavica Special Nature Reserve: a Tool for Sustainable Development” has promoted the public’s awareness of natural habitats and its participation in initiatives to protect ecosystems and biodiversity in a way that is particularly favourable to the sustainable development of the rural environment.

Landscape inventory of Galicia: public participation for landscape characterisation and planning, Institute of Land Studies, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Galicia, Spain

“Landscape inventory of Galicia: Public Participation for Landscape Characterisation and Planning” has seen strong public participation in a process of identifying and characterising landscapes with a view to developing a landscape atlas of the Galicia region. It is a decisive step towards the development of landscape action strategies.

Appendix 5

Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017
at the 1295th 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”);

Considering 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 carried out 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 enhance civil society’s awareness of the landscapes’ values, roles and transformations;

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”;^[1]

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

[1] www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

Appendix 6

Recommendation CM/Rec(2017)7 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the contribution of the European Landscape Convention to the exercise of human rights and democracy with a view to sustainable development

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017
at the 1295th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers, under the terms of Article 15.b of the Statute of the Council of Europe (ETS No. 1),

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its members, for the purpose of safeguarding and realising the ideals and principles which are their common heritage;

Having regard to the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176, hereinafter "the Convention"), adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 19 July 2000, opened for signature by Member States of the Council of Europe on 20 October 2000, and which entered into force on 1 March 2004;

Taking into consideration the Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention (CETS No. 219), adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 15 June 2016 and opened for ratification, acceptance or approval on 1 August 2016;

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with the preamble to the Convention, the signatory States expressed their concern to "achieve sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity and the environment", and their desire to "respond to the public's wish to enjoy high quality landscapes and to play an active part in the development of landscapes";

Considering that the preamble to the Convention also states that the landscape "is an important part of the quality of life for people everywhere", "is a key element of individual and social well-being", and that "its protection, management and planning entail rights and responsibilities for everyone";

Considering that each Party to the Convention undertakes to adopt general and specific measures, and in particular "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" (Article 5.a. of the convention);

Recalling that "'Landscape' means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors" (Article 1.a. of the Convention);

Reaffirming the principles and provisions set out in Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to Member States on the guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;

Recalling the Nafplio Declaration "Promoting territorial democracy in spatial planning" (Resolution No. 1, adopted at the 16th session of the Council of Europe Conference of Ministers Responsible for Spatial/Regional Planning (CEMAT), 17 June 2014);

Recognising that active public participation in the definition, implementation and monitoring of landscape policy is conducive to ensuring respect for human rights and democracy, with a view to sustainable development;

Recalling the commitment of the Parties to the Convention “to integrate landscape ... in ... policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape”, and in particular into regional and town planning policies (Article 5.d. of the Convention);

Referring to the Council of Europe’s report entitled “The European Landscape Convention’s contribution to human rights, democracy and sustainable development”, of which the 9th Conference of the Council of Europe on the European Landscape Convention took note on 24 March 2017,

Recommends that the governments of States Parties to the European Landscape Convention:

- a. consider the importance that quality and diversity of landscapes has for the minds and bodies of human beings, as well as for societies, in the reflections and work devoted to human rights and democracy, with a view to sustainable development;
- b. frame landscape policies in the long term, so that they take into account the common surroundings for present and future generations;
- c. develop landscape policies throughout the entire territory, so that people can enjoy their surroundings in dignity and without discrimination;
- d. ensure that landscape policies respond to the ideal of living together, especially in culturally diverse societies;
- e. take into account the landscape issue in the actions taken to promote good governance and democratic citizenship, notably through awareness-raising, training and education;
- f. apply the principles of human rights and democracy in landscape policies;
- g. guarantee the right to participation by the general public, local and regional authorities, and other relevant parties including non-governmental organisations, with an interest in the definition, implementation and monitoring of landscape policies;
- h. include the “landscape”, as defined by the Convention, in indicators of sustainable development relating to environmental, social, cultural and economic issues;
- i. implement the principle of non-regression in order to ensure that landscape policies can only be subject to continuous improvement.

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