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12th Conference on the Implementation of Council of Europe

Landscape Convention

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MEETING REPORT

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PART I

1. Part I. of the Conference was open to representatives of Council of Europe's member States, observers, Council of Europe bodies, and international governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Opening Session

2. Mr Rafael BENITEZ, Director of Social Rights, Health and Environment, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Mr Gilles RUDAZ, Chair of the 12th Conference and Swiss representative to the Convention, presented the Programme which was adopted (Annex I). The list of participants appears in Annex II.
3. The [12th Conference on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention](#), held in Strasbourg on 29-30 October 2024, marked a significant milestone in the Conference's relaunch, as the previous session had taken place over three and a half years earlier, and the Convention's activities had been temporarily suspended. The outstanding work and dedication of Ms Maguelonne DÉJEANT-PONS, former Secretary of the Convention, Mr Gianluca SILVESTRINI, Head a.i. of the Reykjavík Process and Environment Department, and Mr Riccardo PRIORE, the new Secretary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, were highly praised. The unwavering commitment of the national representatives, who ensured that landscape issues remained on the political agenda was also hailed. The opening session stressed the importance of landscape as a fundamental pillar in addressing environmental challenges and promoting human rights. The first day of the Conference was open to a broad audience, including representatives from States Parties, NGOs and academia, and focused on discussions around the triple planetary crisis of pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss. The second day was exclusively dedicated to State party representatives, who reviewed ongoing activities and discussed the 2025-26 work programme.
4. Mr Rafael BENITEZ and Mr Gilles RUDAZ highlighted the favourable context that the follow-up to the [Reykjavík Summit in May 2023](#) represents for the Landscape Convention. They underlined the importance of the creation of a new [Reykjavík Process and the Environment Department](#) of the Directorate General on Human Rights and Rule of Law, aiming to make "landscape" a visible priority. They stressed the urgency of addressing the triple planetary crisis and the link between human rights and the environment and outlined the conference's goal to boost intergovernmental cooperation and set the stage for future decisions for the Convention.
5. Mr Terje BIRKEM HOWLAND, Chair of the CDCPP¹ and Research Coordinator at the Ministry of Climate and Environment of Norway acknowledged the landscape activities carried out under the Committee's mandate. Reflecting on 12 years of efforts implemented by the CDCPP, he emphasised the synergies and close cooperation fostered across the three areas of culture, heritage and landscape. Two recent initiatives were highlighted: *the 2022 CM Recommendation on the role of culture, cultural heritage, and landscape in addressing global challenges and enhancing quality of life* [[CM/Rec\(2022\)15](#)] and the [Guiding Principles for an integrated approach to](#)

¹ [The Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape \(CDCPP\)](#) is the Committee responsible for activities related to Culture, Heritage and Landscape and to follow-up on their implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

[managing culture, nature, and landscape](#), promoting a holistic perspective on environmental awareness. He underscored the importance of maintaining and building upon these synergies to advance the Convention's goals.

6. Ms Nino LATSABIDZE, Vice-Chair of the [Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment \(GME\)](#), Deputy Head of International Relations and European Integration Department at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, highlighted the role of the GME, established by the Committee of Ministers in May 2024, which had been tasked with preparing a Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment and an accompanying Action Plan. Guided by the Reykjavík Declaration, the GME took note of the Compendium on the Council of Europe activities on the environment, including those under the Landscape Convention.

Session I - Update and relaunch of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

7. The Secretary of the Convention outlined the essential conditions for its relaunch. The Conference provided an opportunity to reaffirm the main principles of the Convention: the protection, management and planning of landscapes across the entire territory of the States Parties. These principles apply to all landscapes, including natural, rural, urban, and peri-urban areas, encompassing both outstanding landscapes and everyday or degraded ones. The Convention recognises the value of all landscapes for people's quality of life and cultural heritage. These principles are further supported by promoting public awareness, participation, and a multi-stakeholder approach.
8. It is important to highlight that the innovative definition of "landscape" by the Convention extends beyond the environment to encompass the entirety of perceived territories, resonating with human senses, memories and identities, as reminded by the Secretariat. It frames the landscape as both a shared heritage and a foundation for addressing the environmental challenges. By emphasising landscape quality, the Convention presents a strategic framework for inspiring positive transformations and fostering sustainable development, integrating natural and cultural aspects into a holistic vision of harmonious coexistence between people and the environment.
9. Since the last Conference in 2021, significant normative and institutional developments have occurred, including amendments to the Convention's title, which had been renamed the "[Council of Europe Landscape Convention](#)." These changes followed the entry into force of the [Protocol amending the "European Landscape Convention"](#) in 2021. The amendments aimed to strengthen cooperation on a global scale and extend the Convention's influence beyond Europe.

Session II - The Reykjavík Process: making landscape a visible Council of Europe priority

10. Mr Pere SALA I MARTÍ, Director of the Landscape Observatory of Catalonia, highlighted the evolving role of landscape as a central theme in addressing contemporary issues. He emphasised that landscapes are not just physical spaces but dynamic structures that integrate cultural, social and ecological dimensions. By viewing landscapes as mechanisms for fostering cross-sectoral policies, he illustrated their critical importance in tackling environmental challenges, social equity, territorial balance, biodiversity preservation and well-being. Mr SALA I MARTÍ underscored the

transformative potential of the Landscape Convention in guiding participatory and democratic approaches that respect the diverse values and perceptions tied to the landscape.

11. Through compelling examples, including the relationship between renewable energy integration and public acceptance, he illustrated how landscapes can serve as unifying frameworks for sustainable development. Mr SALA I MARTÍ emphasised that landscape management is not a luxury, but a necessity, connected to human rights and social justice. His insights highlighted landscapes as spaces of collective memory and identity, offering the potential to inspire innovative and inclusive solutions for a more sustainable future.

General discussion (Session II)

12. Following the presentations, a general discussion was held and moderated by Mr Giuseppe ZAFFUTO, Head of Public visibility, analysis and research Division in the Directorate of Communications of the Council of Europe. General discussion was held with the participation of the representatives of: Council of Europe's member States, Observers, Council of Europe bodies, international governmental and non-governmental Organisations.
13. The president of [the Conference of INGOs](#) Mr Gerhard ERMISCHER underlined the importance of ensuring that civil society's vital contributions are integrated into the Council of Europe's environmental strategy. By connecting over 400 NGOs with participatory status, the Conference serves as a key channel for amplifying diverse perspectives and expertise in environmental efforts, including those under the Landscape Convention. These NGOs, committed to the Council of Europe core values of Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law, play a crucial role in supporting the Convention's holistic, multidisciplinary approach to addressing the increasing environmental challenges.
14. The main content of the exchange of views between the member states can be summarised into the following main elements:
 - **Contextual shifts:**

The Convention's relevance was reinforced in the context of the triple planetary crisis (pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss). Landscape was highlighted as a key element in addressing human rights, well-being, and environmental health, with a strong emphasis on nature-based solutions and the right to a healthy, pollution-free environment.
 - **Commitment of States parties:**

The successful implementation of the Convention relies on the political will and proactive actions of its States Parties. However, significant challenges persist, including a lack of recognition and expertise in landscape-related disciplines in many countries, particularly in countries where the role of landscape professionals, including landscape architects is not fully acknowledged. This gap undermines the Convention's effective application across national, regional, and local levels, highlighting the need for targeted efforts to foster expertise in this important area.
 - **Harmonising Landscape approaches:**

The conceptualisation of landscape varies significantly between countries. It is essential to clarify the concept of landscape. While sharing good practices is valuable, it is equally important to rigorously respect the Convention's principles to prevent misunderstandings. Landscape, as a political subject, demands an aligned and strategic approach to ensure consistency and effectiveness across all States Parties.

- **Efficient monitoring mechanism:**

The establishment of an efficient monitoring mechanism was emphasised as crucial for assisting States Parties in identifying and addressing key landscape challenges. The new Information System (ORS²) will play a vital role in this process by enabling the tracking of progress and providing valuable data on environmental, social and economic impacts. It will facilitate timely policy adjustments, support the sharing of best practices, and foster a collaborative approach to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

- **Capacity building:**

ECLAS³ highlighted a growing lack of capacity to transform everyday landscapes, driven by increasing isolation and polarisation. To address this, it is crucial to elevate the skills and knowledge of professionals at all levels, fostering collaboration. Building the capacity of stakeholders is essential to ensure effective, inclusive landscape transformation that responds to both current and future challenges.

- **Holistic, multi-sectoral approach to Landscape:**

A concern about the lack of information exchange between different sectors within landscape and the lack of effective cross-sectoral approach was raised. The value of a holistic, multi-sectoral approach to landscape, which integrates environmental, social, and economic dimensions was emphasised. This approach acknowledges that landscapes are not only vital for ecological sustainability but also for cultural identity, societal well-being, and economic development. A coordinated effort across sectors - including urban planning, agriculture, tourism, and health - is essential to address the complex modern challenges.

- **Collaboration:**

The importance of collaboration was emphasised, particularly with civil society NGOs and professional associations. The States Parties discussed the possibility of further collaboration with organisations such as European Environment Agency and the New European Bauhaus. Additionally, the importance of transboundary cooperation was highlighted as a critical aspect to be considered in future initiatives.

- **EU accession:**

The accession of the European Union to the Convention, as foreseen in Article 14 of the "[Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention](#)", would represent a mutually beneficial opportunity, enhancing both the Convention and the EU's environmental framework. Such accession would add significant value to the

² ORS (Online Reporting System) implemented by the UN Environment Programme, World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

³ [European Council of Landscape Architecture Schools \(ECLAS\)](#)

Convention, establishing it as a recognised legal instrument within the EU. Currently, landscape issues are not explicitly referenced in the EU's environmental policies, as the EU lacks specific competence on landscape. The Convention could fill this gap, offering a comprehensive tool to address landscape matters. Encouragement for EU accession aligns with the EU's strategic priorities and would reinforce cooperation between the Council of Europe and the EU.

- **Russian war of aggression against Ukraine:**

Attention was drawn to the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine, emphasising the widespread environmental damage, pollution, destruction of ecosystems, and loss of biodiversity caused by the war. At the Sixth Conference, held in continuation of the First Peace Summit in Helsinki in October 2024⁴, Ukraine presented the Eighth Point of the Peace Formula, which focused on environmental security. This call highlighted the critical importance of international law and the [UN Charter](#). Ms Olena PETRENKO, Representative of Ukraine and the First Secretary of the Department General for International Organisations of Ukraine, expressed confidence that the Council of Europe would play a pivotal role in addressing these pressing challenges. The response to this situation is holistic, recognising the deep connection between environmental issues and human rights.

- **Communication plan:**

Improving the communication plan for the Convention was identified as a key priority. The 25th anniversary of the Convention presents a valuable opportunity to raise the visibility of landscape activities. Adopting a comprehensive communication action plan would be crucial to effectively communicate the Convention's principles and objectives, ensuring that they reach a wider audience and generate greater awareness and support.

Session III - The impact of the triple planetary crisis of pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss on human rights: towards landscape-based solutions

15. The 12th Conference, featuring speakers Ms Veerle VAN EETVELDE, Ms. Natalia KOBYLARZ, and Ms. Amy STRECKER, explored the intersection of landscapes and human rights, highlighting the potential of landscape-based approaches to address the triple planetary crisis of pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss. The discussions emphasised landscapes as a crucial tool for fostering balanced human-environment relationships, recognising the territorial dimension of human rights, and their importance as a living environment, essential for democracy and spatial justice. These themes reinforced the need to integrate landscapes into strategies that promote a sustainable and equitable future.

16. Using the *Scheldt* basin as an example, Ms Veerle VAN EETVELDE, Professor in Landscape Science at Ghent University, explained how a more balanced human-environment relationship could be achieved. The *Scheldt* basin landscape had been shaped by challenges like flooding, pollution, erosion, and biodiversity loss. Urban densification and historical conflicts further impacted the region. The *National Polder*

⁴ See : <https://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/ekologichna-bezpeka-u-gelsinki-vidbulasya-shosta-konferenci-93945>

Law and [SIGMA plan](#) introduced in 1977 were key steps in addressing these issues, focusing on flood defenses, water management, and controlled flooding areas, while balancing security, nature, recreation, and economy. The region shifted from a land-driven approach to an integrated, landscape-inspired model, emphasising dynamic relationships within landscapes. Landscape management now prioritises sustainability, multifunctionality, climate adaptation, and preservation of the natural and cultural heritage.

17. The *SIGMA plan* highlighted the importance of cross-sectorial collaboration and stakeholder involvement. It emphasised that landscapes are shaped by the collective actions of communities, aiming to build a shared understanding of the landscape's character and future direction. This system-based approach was vital for resilience and adaptability, linking the landscape to its environment and the people who depend on it. Ultimately, the *Scheldt* basin landscape invited reflection on its evolving nature and the role of people in shaping its future. Whether viewed as beautiful, nostalgic, or functional, all landscapes require ongoing care, collaboration, and adaptation to create spaces that were both functional and meaningful for all.
18. Ms Natalia KOBYLARZ, Senior Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights, presented examples of ECtHR case-law where landscape issues intersect with human rights. She shared examples of how the Court had engaged with landscape, particularly in cases related to urban development, the protection of scenic beauty and wildlife habitats, and cultural heritage. While the Court did not explicitly recognise a “right to landscape”, it acknowledged how landscape impacts rights such as private life, health, and property. Ms KOBYLARZ illustrated how the ECtHR addressed conflicts between landscape protection and property rights, and the broader challenges of balancing public interests with individual freedoms.
19. Ms KOBYLARZ stressed that while public authorities have broad discretion in managing landscapes, it is important to reach a fair balance between the interests of the community and the rights of individuals. She explained that the ECtHR, through its case-law, has indirectly acknowledged the vital role of landscapes in environmental, social, and cultural contexts. She highlighted the need for clear and consistent laws to ensure that protecting landscapes respects both community needs and individual rights.
20. Ms Amy STRECKER, Associate Professor at the Sutherland School of Law, addressed the interconnection between landscape, democracy, and spatial justice. Drawing on her expertise as a legal scholar and advocate, she emphasised the unique value of the Landscape Convention, which surpasses scenic conceptions of landscape by integrating natural, cultural, and human values into spatial planning and development. Ms STRECKER referenced the [Aarhus Convention](#) to illustrate the obligations of States to ensure public participation, access to information, and justice in landscape-related decisions. She pointed out the persistent gaps between policy and operational practices, emphasising that meaningful participation can significantly enhance planning processes. She also raised concerns about the growing trend toward centralising planning and reducing procedural rights, often justified by claims of efficiency or strategic priorities. Ms STRECKER pointed out the unfair pressure that had been placed on rural communities and their environments, especially in developing countries, due to the extraction of resources. She stressed that policies are needed to recognise the connections between landscapes and ensure fairness,

avoiding past mistakes of land loss and environmental harm. She suggested that by including landscape analysis in decision-making, the Convention provided a way to support a fair and balanced green transition that respected the planet's limited resources.

General discussions (Session III)

21. Following the presentations by these eminent specialists in landscape protection, management, and environmental law, a general discussion was held, moderated by Mr. Bas PEDROLI, Associate Professor at the Forest and Nature Conservation Policy group at Wageningen University.

22. Participants engaged in lively discussions on pressing environmental challenges, shared their insights, contributed valuable ideas, and raised important questions. The outcomes of these discussions are as follows:

- **Strengthening public participation:**

The importance of meaningful public participation in landscape decision-making was emphasised throughout the Conference. Experts discussed how participation should not be limited to top-down approaches but should be truly inclusive, involving communities in the process. There was consensus that democratic decision-making starts when people are actively involved in the consultation process and the quality of decisions is enhanced through collaboration and transparency.

- **The right to access information and expertise:**

Mr Michael OLDHAM, Landscape Architect and Founding President of the European Foundation for Landscape Architecture, stressed the need for the general public to have the right to access information and expertise on landscape matters. It was highlighted that there is a disparity in resources, where individuals or groups with more financial means or legal support are better positioned to engage effectively in decision-making processes. A call was made for public authorities to cover the costs of providing information and expertise, reinforcing the idea that access to this information is a fundamental right. This is essential for empowering citizens to participate meaningfully in landscape-related decisions.

- **The role of international law in landscape protection:**

The session also delved into the relationship between international law and landscape protection. It was highlighted that parties involved in disputes over landscape-related issues must have equal access to evidence and the opportunity to comment on it. Experts should maintain neutrality, ensuring a fair and transparent process. This perspective underscored the importance of integrating international legal frameworks into national landscape policies to ensure consistent and fair management of landscape resources.

- **Landscape as a legal and planning framework:**

There was a discussion on the integration of landscape issues into legal and planning frameworks, with a focus on spatial planning. Participants agreed that while the concept of landscape is sometimes underrepresented in legal

frameworks, it is crucial to recognise it as an integral part of spatial planning. The idea of creating specific legal frameworks for landscape protection was explored, and it was noted that there is a need for a more coordinated approach across policies and laws.

- **The right to a healthy environment:**

The concept of the right to a healthy environment was explored in depth, particularly in the context of emerging legal developments. Examples from regions like *Flanders*, Belgium, and Spain's *Mar Menor* were discussed, where local communities campaigned for the legal recognition of their environment's health. It was argued that while there is no explicit "right to landscape," there is a growing recognition of the right to participate in cultural and environmental life, as well as procedural environmental rights, which are critical in protecting landscapes from degradation.

- **Landscape and Human Rights:**

The connection between landscape and human rights was highlighted as a holistic approach to landscape protection. It was emphasised that environmental issues, including landscape conservation and management, are deeply tied to human rights, particularly the right to a healthy environment. The Conference reinforced the idea that all actions affecting the landscape have a direct impact on people's well-being, and thus, a broader human rights perspective must be considered in landscape-related decision-making processes.

- **Landscape governance:**

Stakeholders emphasised the importance of integrating landscape aspects into various policies, with a focus on fostering democratic processes and strengthening governance structures. The conference agreed that building the capacity of both local authorities and the public is key to achieving long-term sustainability in landscape management.

23. Mr. Michael OLDHAM summarised the discussions.

24. Mr. Gilles RUDAZ presented the conclusions of the first day of the conference.

PART II

25. On the second day of the Conference, which was restricted to the States Parties, the representatives decided to change the order of business of the agenda. As a result, the order of Panels I and IV was rearranged, and participants began with Panel IV, focusing on Elections.

26. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference were elected in accordance with the procedure specified in Resolution of the Committee of Ministers [Res2021/3](#) (Appendix 1, 12D). Ms. Marta RODRIGUES, representative from Portugal and Landscape Architect at the Ministry of Territorial Cohesion of Portugal, was elected Chair of the 13th Conference, while Mr. Antonio Jesús ANTEQUERA DELGADO, representative of Spain and Co-coordinator of the National Plan on Cultural Landscape at the Ministry of Culture, was elected Vice-Chair.

Panel I - Activities carried out with reference to the mandate of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)

27. The States Parties discussed activities carried out with reference to the mandate of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP).
28. Recommendation on “*Landscape and Health*”, will urge States Parties to integrate the link between landscape and health into their policies, acknowledging that landscape quality significantly impacts physical, mental, and social health. It emphasises that landscape quality contributes to well-being by promoting physical activity, social integration, and biodiversity, and it advocates for the conservation and restoration of green spaces, tree planting, and the promotion of biodiversity. The Recommendation stresses the need for spatial planning and landscape architecture to create healthy places and consecutively healthy communities, especially in urban environments affected by climate change and pollution. It calls for an intersectoral approach that combines landscape, health, and other relevant policies, encouraging States Parties to develop measures that ensure resilient, climate-adapted, and pollution-resistant landscapes. The Recommendation highlights the importance of maintaining the cultural integrity of landscapes and their role in fostering community well-being and identity.
29. The States Parties took note of the Abridged report of the 8th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award⁵ (Strasbourg, 14-15 May 2024), prepared by the International Jury, which proposed:
- awarding the Council of Europe Landscape Award to Portugal for its project: “Villages of *Serra da Lousã* - Where villages Sound Unique”;
 - granting a special mention to Norway for its project: “*Orland* - FindingHome - The Rusaset project and the *Austrått* landscape”;
 - considering Slovenia's project as an exemplary achievement: “Protection and Development of the Slovenian Landscape: Starting Points for the Development of Landscape Policy”.
30. The CDCPP decided to submit the Draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on “*Landscape and Health*”, along with the report of the 8th Session of the Landscape Award, to the Committee of Ministers for adoption.
31. The States Parties discussed the preparation of Report and draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on “*Landscape, a living environment*”.

Panel II - Information System on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

⁵ The report of the 8th Session of the Landscape Award will be public after its adoption by the Committee of Ministers beginning 2025

32. The States Parties addressed the operation of the information system as part of the implementation of Recommendation [CM/Rec\(2013\)4](#). The ELCL6 application, created in 2017 to centralise online information on States Parties' implementation activities for the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, has encountered significant technical issues due to a lack of maintenance and outdated system code. Further feedback from States Parties revealed additional concerns about the application's readability and usability. Given the system's limitations, it was proposed to replace it with a more efficient and cost-effective solution. It was agreed to test for the Landscape Convention the Online Reporting System (ORS) used by the Bern Convention, as proposed by UNEP-WCMC⁶.

Panel III - Work Programme and 25th Anniversary of the Convention

33. The States Parties reviewed the Work Programme for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention for 2025/2026 and addressed related budgetary issues. The importance of voluntary contributions in supplementing the regular budget and facilitating the achievement of the Convention's objectives was acknowledged.
34. The Council of Europe Landscape Convention will celebrate its 25th anniversary on 20 October 2025. Initially opened for signature in 2000, the Convention remains one of the most ratified treaties of the Council of Europe. Following the [2021 amendment](#), non-member States and the EU can now also accede to the Convention. The Landscape Convention is increasingly recognised as a key reference in cultural and natural heritage policies, promoting integrated land use management and the recognition of landscape as an essential resource for human rights and environmental protection. A high-level event was proposed to commemorate the anniversary, engaging ministers, civil servants, and other stakeholders to review past achievements and plan for the future, aligning with contemporary environmental challenges.

General discussions (Panels I, II, III and IV)

35. The presentations on the key points of the work programme, in line with the meeting's agenda, were followed by an exchange of views among representatives of the States Parties, along with decisions and insights, as follows:
- **Recommendation to the Committee of Ministers on Landscape and Health:**
The recommendation, accompanied by its explanatory report, highlights the strong connection between landscape and health, emphasising the undeniable link between healthy surroundings and overall well-being. Its primary aim is to achieve political recognition of this relationship, leading to its adoption by the CDCPP and subsequent submission to the Committee of Ministers for adoption beginning 2025.
 - **Landscape: a living environment: Recommendation and draft report:**
The recommendation on "*Landscape as a Living Environment*" and its explanatory report will be prepared by a dedicated group of experts in 2025. This group will focus on defining what constitutes a "living environment," considering the role of

⁶ UN Environment Programme, World Conservation Monitoring Centre

democratic participation and balancing rights related to landscape and environment. The new recommendation should be endorsed by the CDCPP in autumn 2025 and adopted by the Committee of Ministers in the first trimester of 2026.

- **25th Anniversary event:**

The 25th Anniversary of the Convention presents a significant opportunity for a high-level event to create momentum and celebrate its achievements. The Conference is proposed for 20 October 2025, with the possibility of a State Party hosting the event. It is left to the State Parties to consider and discuss whether they would be interested in hosting the anniversary celebration. A decision on the hosting country would ideally be made by the end of the year. Suggested locations include Florence or Strasbourg.

- **13th Conference:**

The location for the 13th Conference is expected to be Strasbourg, although there is flexibility to consider other locations if a country is interested in hosting. The event is ideally planned for Spring 2026, with the goal of scheduling it a month ahead of the CDCPP meeting. However, if a hosting country prefers a different time of year, they will take the lead in deciding the timing. The Secretariat will provide full organisational and financial support to the host country, ensuring assistance with both logistics and costs. The main conference will likely be a one-day event, with potential side events focused on topics of interest to the State Parties.

- **Information system:**

The monitoring of the Convention's implementation will be supported by a new Online Reporting System (ORS), designed to enhance the reporting processes. The system will save all previous data for each reporting cycle and remain accessible throughout the year. It will be user-friendly and adaptable, with improvements made based on feedback from the States Parties. The system aims to facilitate knowledge sharing by allowing searchable, filterable data that can be easily uploaded, shared and exported. The Secretariat will use this data to identify achievements and gaps in implementing the Convention. A Working Group will be formed to define expectations and final objectives for the platform. Additionally, it will be crucial to consider the perception of landscape by people, a wider audience and the inclusion of internal observers may be necessary to reflect this aspect in the system. The initial steps towards transitioning to the ORS system will begin in the first quarter of 2025, aligning with the new monitoring cycle. In the framework of the transition phase, testing sessions will be organised with the States Parties willing to participate in the trial phase of the new platform. This transition will aim to streamline the reporting process, provide stakeholders with access to a robust data tool, and offer valuable insights into data trends.

The new system will ultimately strengthen the Landscape Convention's data management and monitoring capabilities, offering a reliable and user-friendly platform for all stakeholders, including the States Parties.

- **Role of the Conference:**

The role of the Conference is to take important decisions regarding the activities of the Landscape Convention. Initially, as the Convention was presented to the Committee of Ministers, some States Parties were opposed to forming a Standing

Committee. Therefore, it was decided to establish conference sessions, where the States Parties can make key decisions under the current setup. This approach compensates for the lack of a Standing Committee. There is also a proposal to set up a Reykjavik Committee, which would coordinate all environmental activities under the Directorate of Social Rights, Health, and Environment. However, until this committee is established, the Landscape Convention will operate under the mandate of the CDCPP.

- **Council of Europe Committee of Ministers Ministerial Session:**

At the upcoming Ministerial Session of the Committee of Ministers in May 2025, an environmental package will be presented to the Ministers including the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment and the Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law. Additionally, a CDDH feasibility study on the need for one or more instruments on human rights and the environment is being considered. There is also a strong emphasis on coordinating these activities through a single Council of Europe body to streamline efforts and avoid fragmentation.

- **Modality of cooperation for implementation:**

In implementing the proposed activities, several key resources will guide the approach. *These include Appendix V of the Reykjavik Declaration and Guiding principles for an integrated approach to culture, nature and landscape management*⁷. Collaboration with other Council of Europe bodies, operating under the Reykjavik Process and Environment Department, such as the [Bern Convention](#) and [EUR-OPA \(Major hazard agreement\)](#), is also crucial, as well as continued cooperation with the CDCPP.

- **Landscape Award Ceremony and relaunch:**

The Landscape Award Ceremony will take place to celebrate the winner of the 8th session, recognising outstanding contributions to landscape management and preservation. In 2025, the award will be re-launched with a new call for applications, inviting fresh candidates to showcase their innovative efforts in the field of landscape protection.

- **Key thematic initiatives and exchanges:**

To deepen understanding and action on landscape issues, the Convention Secretariat will focus on several key thematic initiatives. These include regular colloquiums exploring the link between human rights and landscape, with broader participation encouraged. Additionally, workshops addressing triple planetary crisis, including pollution, climate change, and biodiversity loss, will be organised. A seminar on the implementation of the Convention will also take place, relying on the reporting system to identify common challenges and facilitate thematic exchanges. These initiatives will align with the Convention's new priorities, ensuring they are feasible within the existing timeframes and resource constraints.

- **Engaging Academia and NGOs:**

⁷ [L.I.N.K.E.D. - Guiding principles for an integrated approach to culture, nature and landscape management](#)

UNISCAPE⁸ emphasised the importance of engaging universities in promoting the Convention. Reactivating the Convention within academic circles is vital, as it has helped reshape academic disciplines. Universities can provide valuable information and research on landscape issues. Methodologies need to be defined for gathering this data, and collaboration with NGOs will also be crucial. These efforts will ensure that landscape issues remain central to both academic and practical environmental initiatives.

- **Financial aspects and new approaches:**

The financial aspects of the Landscape Convention's activities are critical. While some working groups may meet virtually, others will require in-person meetings, which impacts budgeting. Voluntary contributions remain paramount, and innovative funding proposals, such as providing salaries for secondments from member countries, will be explored. As the political landscape evolves, the Convention must adopt new working methods and be open to innovative solutions. Furthermore, some Council of Europe member States have yet to ratify the Convention, and there may be interest from non-European countries in joining the effort.

- **Communication and visibility:**

As discussed on the first day, a communication plan will be developed to enhance the visibility of the Landscape Convention, including through social media channels. The aim is to raise awareness of the Convention's goals, successes, and activities, ensuring that it remains a relevant and visible force in environmental policy. As soon as concrete proposals for activity implementations are developed, the Secretariat will inform the States Parties, ensuring timely and effective communication.

36. The States Parties expressed a strong sense of relief, enthusiasm, and optimism regarding the relaunch of the Landscape Convention. There is a collective hope that the Convention will become stronger and more impactful, gaining broader recognition and significance. With increased visibility, it is expected to be valued more broadly, reinforcing its importance on the global stage.

37. The Chair thanked the participants and closed the meeting.

⁸ UNISCAPE is the European Network of Universities for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2024

(9.30 to 12:30 and 14:30 to 17:30)

PART I.

Part I. of the Conference is open to Representatives of Council of Europe's member States and Observers, Representatives of the Council of Europe bodies, Representatives of international, governmental and non-governmental Organisations.

Opening Session

1. Welcome of the participants by the Director of Social Rights, Health and Environment, Council of Europe

09:30 – 9:45

2. Opening speeches

09:45 – 9:55

Mr Gilles Rudaz (Switzerland), Chair of the Conference on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

9:55 – 10:05

Mr Terje Birkrem Hovland (Norway), Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP), Council of Europe

10:05 – 10:15

Ms Nino Latsabidze (Georgia), Vice - Chair of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment (GME), Council of Europe

Session I

Update and relaunch of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

3. General Report of activities on the Convention

10:15 – 10:35

Mr Riccardo Priore, *Secretary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, Reykjavík Process and Environment Department, Directorate of Social Rights, Health and Environment, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*

Session II

The Reykjavík Process: making landscape a visible Council of Europe priority

4. The Council of Europe Heads of State and Government's commitment to the environment in the Reykjavík Declaration

11:00 – 11:20

Mr Rafael Benítez, *Director of Social Rights, Health and Environment, Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law, Council of Europe*

5. The Council of Europe Landscape Convention: a key instrument for an innovative human rights-based response to the challenges posed to our everyday living environment

➤ *Keynote Address:*

11:20 – 11:40

Mr Pere Sala i Martí, *Director of the Landscape Observatory of Catalonia (Spain)*

❖ ***General discussion with the participation of the Representatives of: Council of Europe's member States, Observers, Council of Europe bodies, international governmental and non-governmental Organisations***

11:40 – 12:30

Moderator: Mr Giuseppe Zaffuto, Head of Public visibility, analysis and research Division, Directorate of Communications, Council of Europe

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

Session III

The impact of the triple planetary crisis of pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss on human rights: towards landscape-based solutions

6. *Landscape*: a powerful lever for more balanced human-environment relations

14:30 - 14:50

Ms Veerle van Eetvelde, Professor in Landscape Science at Ghent University, Department of Geography

7. *Landscape*: the territorial dimension of human rights

14:50 – 15:10

Ms Natalia Kobylarz, LL.M., Senior Lawyer | Juriste, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

8. *Landscape*: our living environment, an essential key to democracy and spatial justice.

15:10 – 15:30

Ms Amy Strecker, Associate Professor at the Sutherland School of Law, expert in International Law, Landscape and Spatial justice, University College, Dublin

- ❖ ***General discussion*** with the participation of the Representatives of: Council of Europe's member States, Observers, Council of Europe bodies, international governmental and non-governmental Organisations

15:55 – 16:55

Moderator: Mr Bas Pedroli, Associate Professor, Forest and Nature Conservation Policy group, Wageningen University

Closing Session

16:55 – 17:15

9. Sessions I, II and III – Synthesis

Mr Michael Oldham, Architect and Landscape Architect, Founding President of the European Foundation for Landscape Architecture, Former Vice-President of the Landscape Institute - United Kingdom

10. Concluding remarks

Mr Gilles Rudaz (Switzerland), Chair of the Conference on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

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(9:00 to 12:30 and 14:30 to 17:30)

PART II

Part II. of the Conference is restricted to representatives of States Parties to the Convention.

09:00 – 09:30

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

Introduction by **Mr Gilles Rudaz** (Switzerland), Chair of the Conference on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

2. Elections for the presidency and vice-presidency of the 13th Conference: presentation of candidates (cf. item 9, Part II of the draft programme)

Panel I

Activities carried out with reference to the mandate of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP)

09:30 – 11:00

3. Report and draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on “Landscape and Health”

- Presentation by **Mr Gilles Rudaz** (Switzerland), Chair of the Conference on the implementation of the Council of Europe landscape Convention

4. Eighth Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award

- Presentation by **Ms Krisztina Kincses** (Hungary), National Representative of Hungary to the Conference and Representative of CDCPP in the International Jury for the 8th Session of the Landscape Award

5. Report and draft Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on “Landscape, a living environment” and 9th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award

Panel II

Information System on the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

11:25 – 12:30

6. Operation of the information system – implementation of Recommendation of CM/Rec(2013)4 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

Panel III

Work Programme and 25th Anniversary of the Convention

14:30 – 16:00

7. Work programme for the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention in 2025/2026 and related budget issues
8. Activities to be organised on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

Panel IV

Elections, date and place of the 13th Conference, and closing

16:25 – 17:30

9. Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the 13th Conference on the Implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention
10. Date and place of the 13th Conference on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention
11. Other business

12. Closing the Conference

Mr Gilles Rudaz (Switzerland), Chair of the Conference on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

Mr Riccardo Priore, Secretary of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention

ANNEX II

List of participants *Liste des participants*

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF STATES PARTIES TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE LANDSCAPE CONVENTION / REPRESENTANT.E.S DES ÉTATS PARTIES A LA CONVENTION DU CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE SUR LE PAYSAGE

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