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Greece and its professional practice - current situation



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In Greece the profession of

Landscape Architecture

Is not recognized officially, protected and registered as a profession.

Fragments of recognition exist 'scattered' within the professional rights of the engineers, agriculturists, foresters.

Recognized professions in Greece,

Usually come under a '**chamber**' of Professional rights.

When people finish an undergraduate course they can be registered and get professional rights.

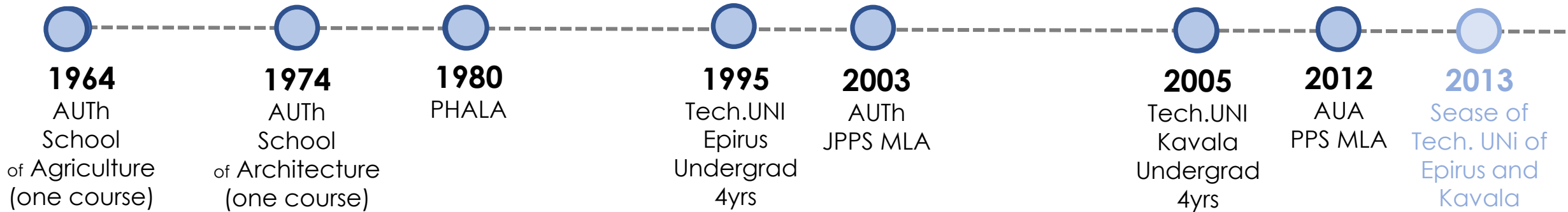
i.e.

Agriculturists register under the Geotechnical chamber

Architect engineers under the Technical Chamber

There is no undergraduate course of Landscape Architecture in Greece under a University with 5 yrs of study to lead to chamber rights of professional recognition.

**Academia + Associations of
Landscape Architecture in Greece is rather new.
But then again so is the new modern state of Greece.**
(1821 -1912 liberation from the Ottoman empire).



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The ELC which was formed and created in Florence in 2000 was ratified by Greece 10 years later.

This **'delay'** underlies the **puzzlement towards its implementation**, the later been expressed via various environmental policies and **directly appointed to the disciplines of spatial and urban planning**,

yet **not really by having a specific target, but rather 'forced' and fragmented**', not as by true choice, but as an obligation.

On charge of the implementation
of the European Landscape Convention:

**Ministry of the Environment and Energy and the
Department of National Spatial Planning Strategy**

**PHALA is urging authorities involved,
to include landscape architects to all procedures mentioned in the ELC.**

Presidential Decree 99/2018 –

Regulation of the engineering profession by defining the professional rights for each specialty

Appointing 'Landscape Architecture Projects' to engineers, Architect engineers, topographers

article 4 – appointing '**landscape analysis and design**' and '**landscape architecture projects**'
to **architect engineers**

Article 7 - appointing '**landscape architecture projects**',
excluding planting and irrigation design to **topographers**

article 12 – appointing '**landscape design**' and '**landscape architecture projects**',
excluding planting and irrigation design to **spatial and urban planners**

*Landscape architecture study: not defined by official state definition/directives

Landscape Architecture practice in Greece

Architect engineers, spatial and urban planners, and topographers can OFFICIALLY practice landscape architecture, just by their first degree. They can do planting designs

Agriculturists do the planting and irrigation designs OFFICIALLY

Architect engineers, spatial and urban planners, topographers, agriculturists, biologists etc are recognized by PHALA as 'landscape architects' mainly by completing a 2yr MLA can do landscape architecture, but only the engineers can do 'landscape architecture studies'.

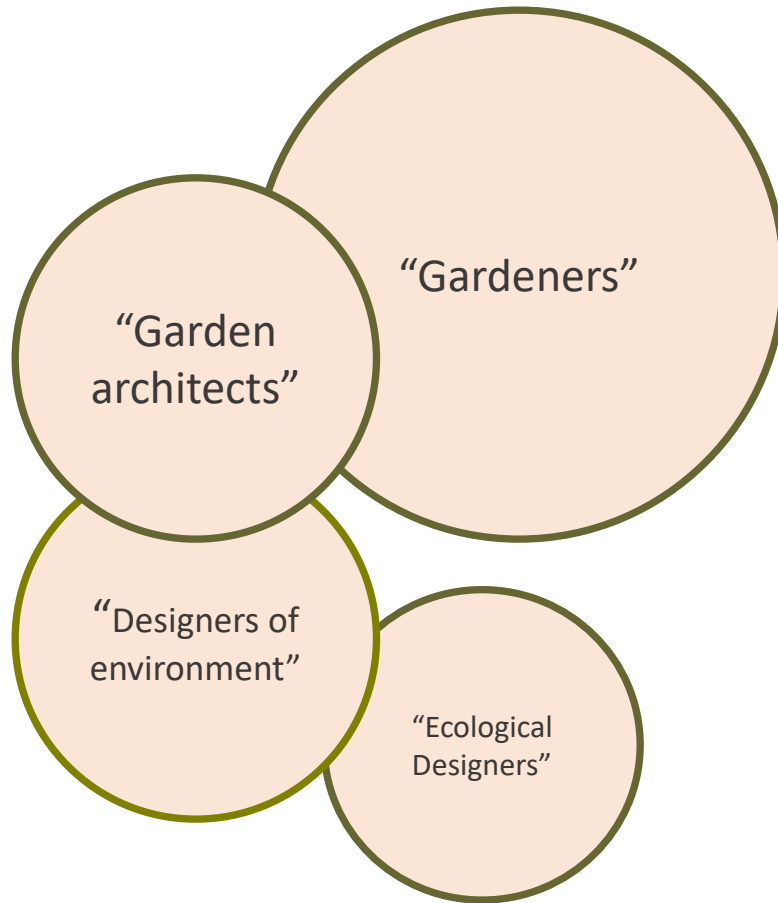


Landscape Architects

What we do / who we are

- A small amount of gardens. Agrics do most
- Private Residential landscape Design
- Hotel and touristic accommodation landscape Design
- Municipal landscape Design and planning /
draft studies as part of an interdisciplinary team (mainly engineers)
- Included in a small amount of discussions on urban open space design
- If asked by architects, part of a team of an architectural completion, even if this is for
pure open spaces, no budlings included

Landscape Architects
We are also called in Greece



Public completely ignores the 'big scale'
And almost completely the contribution of landscape architects to the design of urban open spaces



The way to go – long term

Create an undergraduate course in Landscape Architecture

Examine which chamber of Professional rights can take the profession

Change the law

The way to go – short term

Put pressure on state to include landscape architects in interdisciplinary schemes

Put pressure on state to define the profession (official decree)

Put pressure on state to define the phrase 'Landscape Architecture Study'

All the above with the aid of IFLA Europe

Thank you for your time- ευχαριστώ!