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This was the final meeting of the Steering Committee dealing with Culture, Heritage and Landscape before reporting the years' work and recommendations for adoption by the Council of Ministers. Reports and information were provided by committee executives and experts on Culture and Heritage. Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons, Executive Secretary of the CoE Landscape Convention presented a report on the work of the Convention. The Report was in two parts

Part 1 - National policies and international cooperation for the implementation of the CoE Landscape Convention

Part 2 - Work Programme and Action Plan for the implementation of the CoE Landscape Convention 2021-2023

The following recommendations (including a link to the detail of the recommendation), arising out of Part 1 above, were adopted by the CDCPP meeting on the 9th December 2021 for ratification by the Committee of Ministers to member States, with a view to the implementation of the **European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe**.

Landscape and responsibility of stakeholders for sustainable and harmonious development.

[CM/Rec\(2021\)9](#)

Town Planning and Landscape. [CM/Rec\(2021\)10](#)

Landscape and Agriculture. [CM/Rec\(2021\)11](#)

Landscape integration in sectoral policies. [CM/Rec\(2021\)12](#)

The report also included references to the Conference of the Landscape Convention (May 21) referencing the Report "Urban landscapes and climate change: the contribution of Landscape Architects to improve the quality of life" presented by Michael Oldham on behalf of the IFLA EU CoE Working Group [CEP-CDCPP \(2021\) 7E – PowerPoint Presentation](#) ; and to workshops in Lausanne (Oct 20) and Palma de Mallorca (Oct 21)

In Part 2 - Future integrated culture/nature/landscape guidelines (feasibility/ first preparations) based on the Council of Europe's human rights and participatory approach, consisting of principles for inclusive policy making for governments. National Symposium on the implementation of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention in Greece (Trikala, Greece, 2-4 March 2022). The Symposium will be organised by the Council of Europe and the Ministry of the Environment and Energy in Trikala, Greece, on 2-4 March 2022.

The 8th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2022-2023) was also announced, as was the availability of a publication contributing to the implementation of Article 6, B, c of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention, concerning school landscape education: – Landscape education activities for primary schools: Pedagogical booklet, Council of Europe Series, *European Spatial Planning and Landscape*, <https://rm.coe.int/council-of-europe-landscape-convention-educational-booklet-english/1680a02646>

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Regarding the adopted **CDCPP Strategy 2022-25** as it affects the Landscape Convention, the following were noted as important.

Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights Culture, cultural heritage and landscape are crucial for the construction, development and preservation of cultural identities and, thereby, of the dignity of peoples, communities, and individuals.

The fight against environmental degradation and climate change Cultural heritage and landscape are both affected by climate change, but are also, along with culture, an important part of the solution in combating climate change and degradation of biodiversity, as well as fostering sustainable development. Addressing the challenges caused by climate change, as related to enacting and protecting human rights is a priority.

Special emphasis was also given to the **Cultural Heritage programmes**, which include:

- the European Heritage Days, <https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/european-heritage-days>, which constitute the most widely celebrated participatory cultural event in Europe.
- the implementation of the Strategy 21, and the Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) [ST21 MooC – implement ST21 in 10 steps \(coe.int\)](https://www.coe.int/en/web/culture-and-heritage/european-heritage-days), which is open to all, which aims to promote a unifying approach to cultural heritage as a resource for democracy.
- the Action Plan and Joint Project for the Faro Convention, “People, places and stories”, enhancing the participation of civil society in culture and heritage was also presented <https://rm.coe.int/framework-convention-on-the-value-of-cultural-heritage-for-society-the/168078048a>

Supporting the role and diversity of civil society Civic initiatives and participative governance enable institutions and communities to develop decision-making capacities and to manage their development processes, ensuring that culture, cultural heritage and landscape contribute to the social, cultural and economic dynamics of the communities. Exemplary initiatives to protect, manage and develop the European landscapes are acknowledged through an extended Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, which is promoted with publications. Events organised on the occasion of the International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe support national initiatives and highlight the work and achievements in these fields. Contracting Parties are supported in the implementation of the European Landscape Convention through thematic recommendations, guidelines, awareness-raising activities, the two-yearly Conferences organised by the Council of Europe and thematic workshops.

It is also important to note the big step taken by the G20 Ministers of Culture Meeting held in July 2021, which agreed on 30 July for the first time in history on a G20 Declaration on Culture that firmly positions culture as a major engine for sustainable socio-economic recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. It includes five key priorities identified by the Italian Presidency on: the protection of cultural heritage; culture and climate change; culture and education; cultural and creative industries; and culture in the digital transformation. More info in <https://en.unesco.org/news/g20-agrees-first-declaration-culture>

Elections to the Committee

Flora van REGTEREN ALTENA (Netherlands) was re-elected as Chair

Terje-Birkrem HOVLAND (Norway) Vice-Chair

Krisztina KINCSES (Hungary) Landscape Architect was re-elected for one year as a Bureau Member