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Report on the Council of Europe Plenary Session of the Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) 10th, 12th – 13th November 2020

This was yet another online meeting, something with which we are all becoming familiar with. It opened with references to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic particularly on cultural and creative sectors, referenced the 70th anniversary of the Human Rights Convention and received a summary of the current and future work of the European Landscape Convention. It was reported that the effects of the pandemic on the culture and creative sectors had been especially felt in the domain of tourism.

With respect to the Convention of Human Rights it was noted that is deemed to be a right for the public and individuals 'to receive important ideas'. The concept is interesting but needs further investigation. Under Culture and Heritage there were references to the European Culture Days and the Faro Convention which has now been ratified by Italy. One of the joint projects with the European Union was the development of an interactive game for the general public and professionals for use in role play to see how cultural heritage can be developed. Iinitiatives carried out during the European Year of Cultural Heritage, and also for "The Golden collection of Good Practices" publication, issued in June 2019. This includes a factsheet 'Landscape Architects and Strategy 21' see link below (see attached pdf).

The HERIEN network of the CoE (Heritage), also celebrated it's 20th anniversary. Attached below is a link to their brochure in English and French Role of Landscape Architects in Heritage Conservation

Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons, Executive Secretary for the European Convention, presented the report on this year's activities which were badly affected by COVID-19. Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention celebrated its 20th birth day on the 20th October, a day also adopted for the 4th International Landscape Day. The Convention, which is effectively has now been ratified by 40 states, parties to the Convention. The Workshop, planned to take place in Lausanne was themed on 'The integration of landscape into sectoral policies', is particularly relevant to landscape architects who play a key role in helping to determine policy at local, regional and national level. The 'Lausanne Declaration' which was symbolically adopted will be brought to the attention of the stakeholders of the landscape, as a contribution to the implementation of the United Nations General Assembly's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The participants urged the Parties to the European Landscape Convention, and other States

1. To systematically integrate the landscape dimension into policies which may have a direct or indirect impact on the quality of the landscape, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention;
2. To ensure thus that the policies of spatial and town planning, policies concerning infrastructure, water management, energy, the economy and employment, as well as environmental, agricultural, social, health, cultural and tourism policies, take into consideration the values and functions of the landscape;
3. To consider that integration concerns both the administrative bodies and departments on the same level (horizontal integration) and those belonging to different levels (vertical integration).

Next year the 11th Council of Europe Conference on the implementation of the Landscape Convention, will be held under the auspices of the Hungarian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers, at the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, on 26-27 May 2021.

The Fifth International Landscape Day of the Council of Europe will be celebrated on 20 October 2021. The "Message from Mallorca", on the theme of the 25th Council of Europe Meeting of Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on *"Landscape Strategies, Action plans and Policy documents for landscape quality"*, Mallorca, Spain, 6-8 October 2021, will invite the actors of the territory to "establish and implement landscape policies aimed at landscape protection, management and planning." (Article 5 b. of the European Landscape Convention).

This will be followed on the 20th November 2021 by a Symposium to be held in Budapest, Hungary

A note was posted to the online meeting as follows:

> *On behalf of the International Federation of Landscape Architects - Europe, we would like to congratulate the European Landscape Convention on the success of the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe promoting human rights, democracy and improving landscape and the quality of life. The large number of entries shows an increasing interest in this aspect of Council's work - long may it continue. We look forward also to celebrating more formally the 20th anniversary of the founding of the European Landscape Convention, as well as acknowledging its most important achievements during this twenty-year period, in Strasbourg next year.*

> *Attached is a link to the resolutions from the IFLA EU 2020 General Assembly*

> *https://www.iflaeurope.eu/assets/docs/IFLA_Europe_Resolution_2020_Landscape_as_Footprints_on_Earth.pdf*

The second day was mostly notable for a keynote speech delivered by Andrew POTTS on behalf of ICOMOS + Climate Heritage Network. His message on the theme of 'Mobilising Council of Europe Cultural Heritage Tools to Tackle Climate Emergency was clear 'we're running out of time'. His report on 'Climate Change and Sustainability' was therefore very timely.

The last day was devoted to administration matters including elections. Ms Krisztina KINCES, who is a landscape architect, and is the Chair of the Conference to European Landscape Convention, was elected to the committee as a Bureau Member with a tenure of one year.

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