

# REQUEST

the full support of the French State, as well as local and regional authorities and all partners in territories that plan to give priority to **the landscape project** as one of the operational steps in the ecological and inclusive transition towards a resilient, sustainable and desirable living environment to be passed on to future generations.

# SIGNATORIES:

Manifesto validated  
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# MANIFESTO

FOR AN  
ECOLOGICAL &  
INCLUSIVE  
TRANSITION  
THROUGH  
**THE**  
LANDSCAPE  
PROJECT



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# WE, SIGNATORIES, CONSIDERING

- 1 The findings and proposals of the world scientific community on the climate and its disruptions, notably through the **IPCC reports**;
- 2 The French government's "Climate Plan" strategy aiming at **carbon neutrality by 2050**;
- 3 The essential dimension of the landscape as a **collective resource**<sup>1</sup> and of the territory as a **shared heritage**<sup>2</sup>;
- 4 The need to elaborate/develop **territorial projects**, whether urban or rural, in a new way based on new values (sobriety, solidarity, diversification...) summarized in the notion of an ecological and inclusive transition, **which aims at:**
  - **Moderation and the decarbonisation** of our ways of life and economic activities;
  - **Adapting** territories to changes in the climate and induced **risks**;
  - The **sustainable** planning and management of territories, preserving natural resources and agricultural land;
  - Taking the geographic, climatic and cultural **diversity** of territories into consideration;
  - Obtaining the necessary **involvement and support of the population** in the planning and implementation of an ecological and **inclusive** transition;

1. **CF. ARTICLE 5** of the Landscape European convention

2. **CF. ARTICLE L101-1** of the French Urbanism Code

# PROCLAIM

that **the landscape project** is an innovative, efficient and convincing method for understanding and designing the future we want for places, cities and territories in transition toward an ecological, inclusive society, inasmuch as it:

- 1 Proposes to make the landscape a **common cause** rather than an unintended consequence and thus contributes to making the ecological, inclusive transition a **concrete, tangible and shared perspective**;
- 2 Is anchored in a **recognition of what already exists**, particularly the prevailing human and natural resources and thus promotes local and sober development;
- 3 Grasps and anticipates **the dynamics involved** in the evolution of landscapes and explores their transformations through a **creative and inventive process**;
- 4 Is efficient **at all scales**, from the most territorial and strategic to the most local and operational for an ecological and inclusive transition;
- 5 Is a form of **indiscipline in that it cuts across** and goes beyond political, administrative or property boundaries, and efficiently breaks out of the segmentation logics hampering an ecological and inclusive transition;
- 6 Offers a **narrative** of the ecological and inclusive transition that makes sense and **proposes images understandable by everyone**;
- 7 Promotes **social bonds** inasmuch as it is participatory and seeks to reduce the societal divide that threatens the ecological and inclusive transition;
- 8 Constitutes the potential driving force for **sustainable development** most susceptible of unifying the social, economic and environmental spheres.

# WE COMMIT OURSELVES

to promoting a shared **landscape project** culture working toward an ecological and inclusive transition, focused on:

- 1 **New ways of designing cities**, respectful of natural resources and agricultural land (new forms of urban density, urban recycling, oases of refreshment ...);
- 2 **Prevention and adjustment to climate risks** (floods, submersions, coastal and soil erosion, depletion and loss of biodiversity, droughts, fires, heat...);
- 3 **New active**, shared and decarbonised ways of traveling;
- 4 **A circular and solidarity-based economy** encouraging moderation, local and social development (short and local circuits, recycling, pooling of goods and services, industrial ecology, socio-eco-responsible tourism and consumption...);
- 5 **Adapting crops and farming techniques** that break with intensive agriculture and create new landscapes (agroecology, agroforestry, marine crops...) so as to favour the preservation of resources and living organisms;
- 6 **Collaboration with those economic sectors** that are subjected to the most rapid climate change, particularly agricultural production, in the most sensitive areas (mountains, coastal areas, estuaries...);
- 7 **The production, distribution and consumption of renewable energies** (hydraulic, wind, photovoltaic, solar thermal, hydrogen, biomass, methanisation...);
- 8 **Policies to preserve and strengthen environments and ecosystems** by supporting the present migrations of species and the necessary adaptations;
- 9 **New local, national and international policies** in favour of an ecological and inclusive transition.