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# Co-creation Process Final Proposal Draft Common Training Framework for Landscape Architecture

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## LAUNCHING INNOVATION-BASED LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE COMMON TRAINING FRAMEWORK IN EUROPE 2020 - 2022

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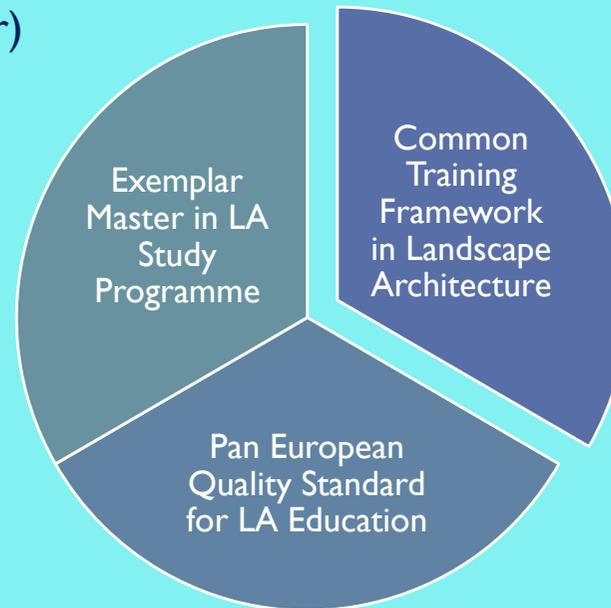
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# What **is** a Common Training Framework?



**It is a set of standards for the profession**

‘common training framework’ means  
a common set of minimum knowledge, skills and  
competences necessary for the pursuit of a specific  
profession.

CTF is defined in the EU Professional Qualifications Directive (PQD) Article 49a

# What is **in** a Common Training Framework?

**standards for:**

- **Tasks of the profession**
- **Qualifications and competences**
- **Level of education – for us EQF level 7 - master**
- **Post graduate traineeship**
- **Continuous Professional Development**
- **Code of ethics / professional conduct**

Why it is called a **Training** Framework  
if it is about the **profession**?

**Education + Professional Practice = Training**

**it is the name that is given by the EU in the  
Professional Qualifications Directive**

# How was the first draft in 2021 co-created?

Made use of the IFLA Europe PRA-survey

January - June 2021 - a collaborative process by InnoLAND

60 landscape architects from academia and professional practice

From 24 European National Associations & study programmes

From 24 EU member states and 8 other countries

**In September 2021 this resulted in a first draft proposal CTF for landscape architecture - *>paper in Researchgate***

Vries, J. de, et al. 2021. **An EU Common Training Framework for Landscape Architecture addressing the current needs of society**. Available on: <https://www.researchgate.net/publication/353195488>

# How / where was the first draft tested?

Testing to find out to which extent the draft proposal for the CTF is complying with the standards for the qualifications of LA

InnoLAND and IFLA Europe colleagues tested in **11 countries** where:

- the profession is regulated: AT, NL, HU, SI
- there is no regulation: BG, FI, IS, LT, PT
- there is neither regulation nor recognition (ES)

# What are the conclusions of the pilot test?

- The draft complies with the existing national standards
- Make the formulation less detailed, more general
- Do not mention exact numbers of ECTS, hours and years

# How were IFLA Europe delegates & Exco involved?

January 2021: all IFLA Europe delegates were invited to participate in the process

29 IFLA Europe delegates participated in the half year process for co-creating the first draft

15 IFLA Europe delegates were co-authors of the CTF paper in Researchgate

In October 2021 IFLA Europe Exco approved of the principles

In October 2021, in March and October 2022 the process and draft of the CTF was presented to IFLA Europe delegates.

Today, 9 December 2022, is the final presentation for IFLA Europe delegates.



## How was ECLAS<sup>\*)</sup> involved?

School contact persons took part in the co-creation and were co-authors

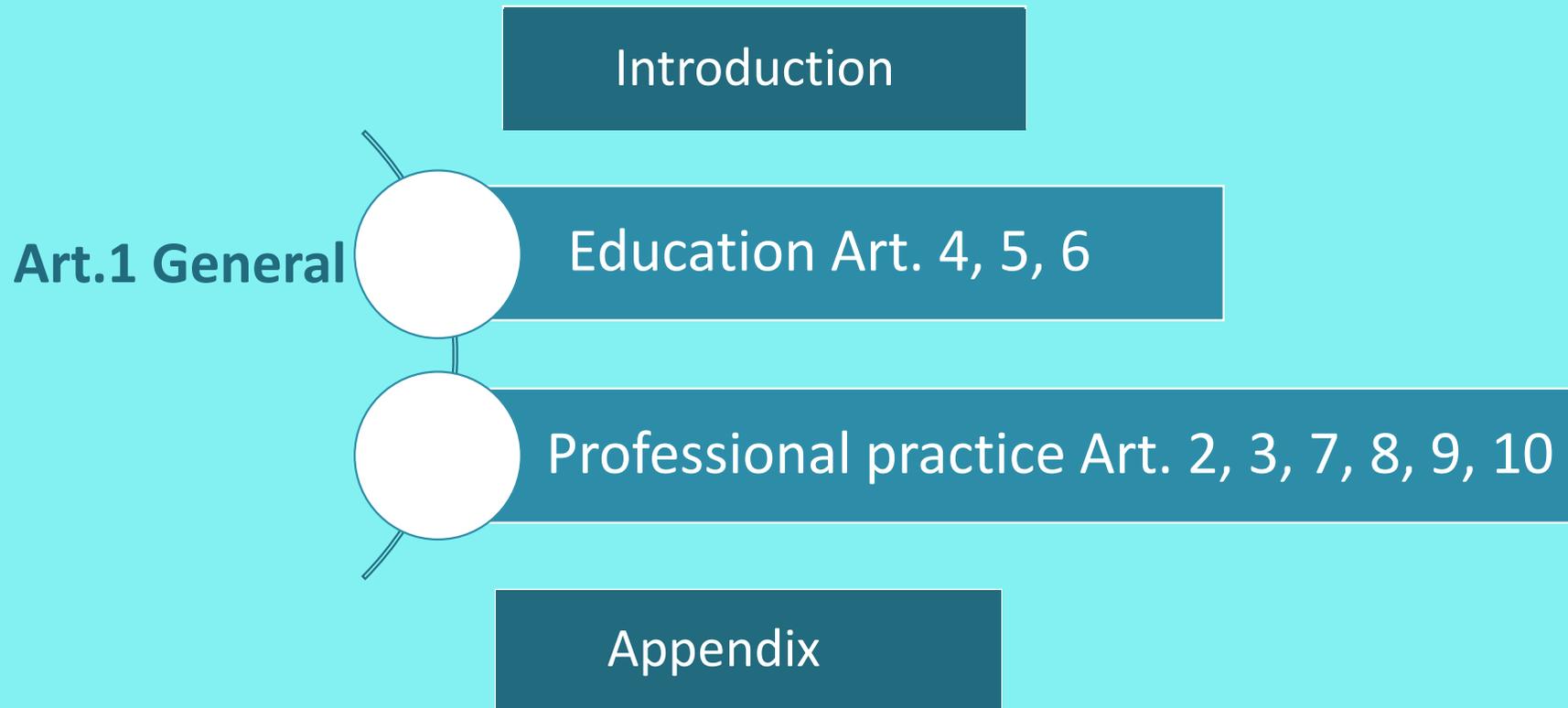
The content was discussed at the ECLAS 2021 and 2022 conference and in the Heads of Schools meetings

ECLAS GA 2021 approved the principles for the CTF

ECLAS GA 2022 voted positively on the final draft of the CTF after an extensive discussion in the Heads of Schools meeting in Ljubljana.

\*) ECLAS = the European Council of Landscape Architecture schools, the association of landscape architecture higher education programmes in Europe and beyond

# What are the sections of the CTF for LA?





# Why is there a division between the articles and the appendix?

The articles form the core of the CTF which should last for a long time

The appendix contains details and further advice that can be used for the updated ECLAS Guidance and the IFLA Europe recognition documents.

From the testing and discussion it became clear that we should not include numbers of ECTS, years, and other specific requirements in the core articles.

# What are the articles of Common Training Framework?

Article 1. Scope

Article 2. The task of landscape architects

Article 3. Academic and practice requirements

Article 4. The core areas of landscape architecture education

Article 5. Fields of knowledge, understanding and skills

Article 6. Balance between practical and theoretical aspects of education

Article 7. National and International registration

Article 8. Continuous Professional Development

Article 9. Compliance with code of professional standards and ethics

Article 10. Common Training Test and recognition of professional qualification

# Conclusions

- We have a **concise and tested** draft of a CTF for LA which is already approved by ECLAS.
- After integrating the current feedback by IFLA Europe delegates the draft CTF will be finalised.
- **Liaison with the European Commission** will be intensified for the adoption of the CTF in LA



# CTF with or without establishment by the EU

The CTF is the **basis for ECLAS and IFLA Europe documents** for education and professional practice.

Without EU establishment the CTF will form a **bench mark** for landscape architecture education and professional recognition.

**If the process with the EU is successfully accomplished by IFLA Europe and its partners then Landscape Architecture will be an EU regulated profession.**

# Why do we want to get recognition by the EU?

- To raise free movement of professionals
- To enable to practice easy in a EU member states
- To be a recognised profession across the EU

## Besides automatic recognition

- To promote our profession in Europe
- Ensure high professional standard in the profession



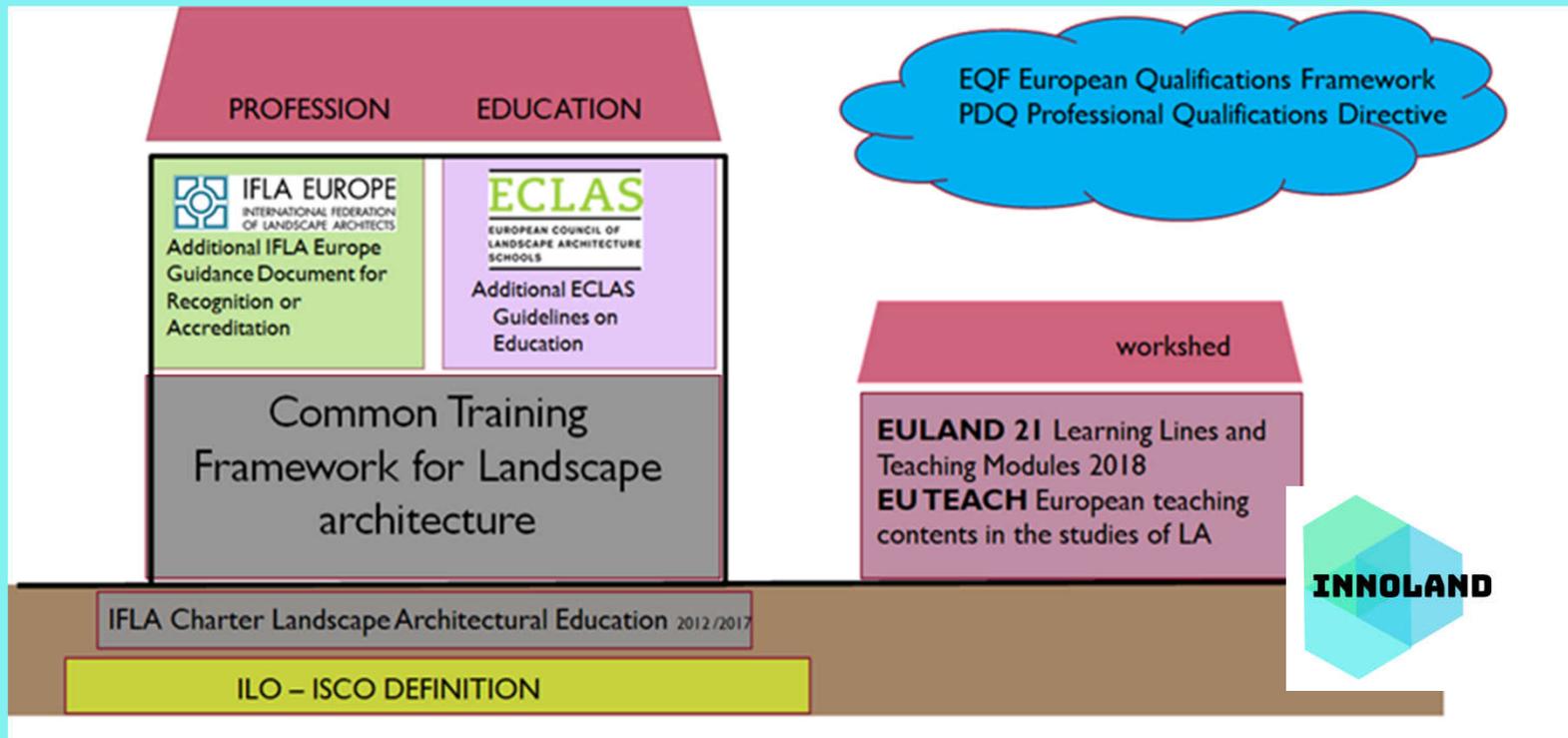
Are member states obliged to adopt and comply with the CTF?

No

Each member state can decide for itself if it adopts the CTF

Adopting the CTF will mean joining the common European family in Landscape Architecture profession

# Thanks for your attention!



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