



**Report on the 11TH COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION, Strasbourg,
France 26-27th May 2021**

The Conference took place under the auspices of the Presidency of Hungary of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, and was attended by representatives of the State Parties member of the Council of Europe.

The European Landscape Convention was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 in Strasbourg and opened for signature of the Member States of the Organisation in Florence (Italy) on 20 October 2000, with the aims to promote landscape protection, management and planning, and to organise international co-operation.

It is the first international treaty to be exclusively devoted to all aspects of landscape. It is the first international treaty exclusively dedicated to all dimensions of landscape: environmental, social, cultural and economic. The Convention applies to the entire territory of the Parties and concerns both remarkable and everyday landscapes and degraded landscapes. It makes an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives in the field of democracy, human rights and the rule of law, and to the search for solutions to major societal issues.

To date, 40 Council of Europe Member States have ratified the Convention: Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. One State has signed the Convention: Malta.

The aim of the 11th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention is to present to the member States of the Organisation the state of progress of the Work Programme of the Convention and to deal with questions concerning its implementation.

The Convention has also taken a huge leap forwards, because, **as from the 1st July, the Convention will be open for adoption to non-European States for signature, in order that they will be an opportunity to reaffirm the universality of the landscape dimension of human rights and democracy.** This follows the Protocol amending the European Landscape Convention (Council of Europe Treaty Series - No. 219), as adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 15 June 2016. This represents a contribution by the Council of Europe to the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular with regard to Goals 3 (Good health and well-being), 11 (Sustainable cities and communities) and 15 (Life on land), in particular. **From now on it the convention is renamed as "Council of Europe Landscape Convention".**

The meeting on 26-27 May 2021 was attended by IFLA EUROPE representatives Ana Luengo and Michael Oldham who presented the **report on "Urban landscapes and climate change: the contribution of Landscape Architects to improve the quality of life" to the Conference.** Links to the report in English and French are below

<https://rm.coe.int/11th-council-of-europe-conference-on-the-european-landscape-convention/1680a26a86> (eng)

<https://rm.coe.int/1e-conference-du-conseil-de-l-europe-sur-la-convention-europeenne-du-p/1680a24cb3> (fr)



The report was adopted by the Conference and in accordance with Article 10 of the Convention, will be brought to the attention of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) later this year, before being reported to the Council of Ministers in the autumn.

This continues the thread of the last Statement of the Conference of the member States of the Council of Europe to the European Landscape Convention on the ‘professional recognition of landscape architects’, adopted by the 10th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention on 7 May 2019. This encourages the State Parties to the Convention to formally recognise the profession of landscape architects at national and international level; to support a multidisciplinary approach to landscape, through cooperation of all relevant professions in all phases of the planning process; and to increase the diversity of disciplines in the training of landscape professionals, particularly regarding science, management and planning.

The Conference also gave news of the **Glossary of landscape terms** which is now available in several languages.

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/glossary-l6-linguistic-versions>

IFLA EUROPE Working group looks forward to continuing to work with **The Council of Europe Landscape Convention** (renamed from the 1st July 2021) to bring our professional competences closer to government and European organisations, as well as helping the implementation the Convention.

Krisztina Kincses (Landscape Architect, Hungary) completed her term as Chair of the Convention to be replaced by Gilles Rudaz (Switzerland) as Chair, and Jelena Hladnik (Slovenia) as Vice Chair.

For further information on the **Council of Europe Landscape Convention**

<https://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/>

Additional Note

The Conference adopted the report under the following terms. This will be reported to the CDCPP meeting later this year and the passed to the Council of Ministers for their meeting in the autumn. Once it has completed this process, the text is engrained in the workings of the Council of Europe and published. As the Convention has been adopted by the States Parties to the Convention (40 out of 47) this enables landscape architects in these member countries/states to remind them of their undertakings and responsibilities with regard to the provisions of the European Landscape Convention concerning the establishment of means of intervention for the protection, management and/or planning of landscapes (Article 6, E).

In this case the Conference adopted the following, referring back to Declaration on the professional recognition of landscape architects, adopted at its 10th Council of Europe encouraging the State Parties to the European Landscape Convention to formally recognise the profession of landscape architects;

- to take note of the Report “**Urban landscapes and climate change: the contribution of landscape architects to improving the quality of life**”, prepared by Mr Michael Oldham, in the capacity of Expert of the Council of Europe, in the framework of the Council of Europe activities for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention;



- to acknowledge the important contribution of the landscape architecture profession to improving the quality of life in urban areas, particularly in the context of the fight against global warming;
- to refer to its Declaration on the professional recognition of landscape architects, adopted at its 10th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention (Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg, 6-7 May 2019), which encourages the State Parties to the European Landscape Convention: 1. **to formally recognise the profession of landscape architects at national and international level**; 2. to support a multidisciplinary approach to landscape, through co-operation of all relevant professions in all phases of the planning process; and 3. to increase the diversity of disciplines in the training of landscape professionals, particularly regarding science, management and planning (CEP-CDCPP (2019) 20E, item 6 and Appendix 8.1.1. and CEP-CDCPP (2019) 6E rev.).

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