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For the European Landscape Convention (ELC), “landscape observatories, centers and institutes” are crucial instruments in the development and implementation of landscape policies. They form a strong incentive to collect and exchange information, to raise awareness, and to offer a platform for public participation and training in landscape matters, which is relevant at the level of local communities and regions as much as for states.

In 2013, thanks to the European Landscape Networks (UNISCAPE, CIVILSCAPE, RECEP-ENELC), a first overview on the existing Landscape Observatories was presented in the International Seminar “Landscape Observatories in Europe: from ELC Recommendations to Local Initiatives 2000-2013” (Florence, 27-28th June 2013), which saw the participation of about hundred experts and stakeholders from many different countries.

The Seminar “LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORIES IN EUROPE II” will discuss how cooperation can enhance the foundation and management of Landscape Observatories from the perspective of representatives of varying denotations and levels of institutionalization, together with other interested stakeholders. The Seminar’s concluding session will discuss challenges to be tackled and actions to be taken: the identification of further Landscape Centers, Institutes and Observatories, the establishment of a Network of European Landscape Observatories, and a “Landscape Observatories Action Plan”.

Monday 22 September

9,00 Registration

9,30 Welcome and openings

- Università di Torino, Politecnico di Torino, Bas Pedroli (Uniscape), Dirk Gotzman (Civilscape), Eduard Rosell (Recep-Enelc)

10,30-11,00 **KEY NOTE SPEECHES**

- Roberto Gambino (Politecnico di Torino, Emeritus Professor)
- Maguelonne Dejean-Pons (Council of Europe)

11,10-11,20 coffee break

11,20-12,00 **KEY NOTE SPEECHES: Landscape Observatories in Italy: the state of the art**

- Giovanni Paludi (Regione Piemonte, Vice-Director of Spatial and Landscape Planning)
- Marco Devecchi (Università di Torino)

12,00 - 12,30

- Claudia Cassatella (Politecnico di Torino)
Presentation of the Landscape Observatories Documentation web site

14,00-15,40 **Session 1 “Awareness, participation, education and training”**

Chair: Dirk Gotzman

- *Portugal The Tagus River Cultural landscape. Building up a Landscape Observatory* - Rosário Oliveira Maria (Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal), Siavash Laghai, Lia Vasconcelos.
- *Implementing the ELC effectively* – Salevid Eva (Network of Partners for the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe, Sweden)
- *Re-imagining landscape: the role of participation in landscape policy-making in the Anfiteatro Morenico di Ivrea* - Seardo Bianca (Osservatorio del Paesaggio per l’Anfiteatro Morenico di Ivrea, Italy), Germano Raffaele.

- *Landscape observatories and the ‘Declarations of outstanding public value’: a chance to have an active role in landscape protection and management*– Fornaris Agnese (University of Torino and Osservatorio del paesaggio del Monferrato Astigiano, Italy), Larcher Federica, Devecchi Marco.
- *A Linear Buitenplaats. A route across the Dutch borderlands* – Arosio Prisca Marta (Department of the Built Environment, University of Technology, Eindhoven, The Netherlands)
- *Protection of Landscape Values in an Innovative Management Approach of the Biosphere Reserve Polana*– Slamova Martina (Technical University in Zvolen, Poland), Vladimíra Fabriciusová, Peter Jančura.

15,40-16,00 coffee break

16,00-17,40 **Session 2 “Cultural role, documentation, assessment and monitoring”**

Chair: Federica Larcher

- *Servicenet National Landscapes: a Dutch Landscape Observatory* - Veen Peter (Servicenet National Landscapes, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- *East Mediterranean Landscape Observatory* - Trovato Maria Gabriella (FAFS, Landscape Department, American University of Beirut, Lebanon)
- *Three years of landscape observatories in the Veneto Region: an evaluation* – Castiglioni Benedetta (Università di Padova, Italy), Enrico Fontanari, Matelda Reho, Mauro Varotto.
- *Documenting the Historical Ecology of Individual Rural Landscapes* – Dossche Rebekka (Ghent University and University of Genova, Belgium and Italy), Roberta Cevasco, Diego Moreno.
- *The Activities of the Landscape Observatory of Trentino: a Five-year Report on the State of the Landscape* – Staniscia Stefania (Landscape Observatory of Trentino, Italy), Giuseppe Altieri, Giorgio Tecilla.

- *Community Landscapes - Project for the collective construction of an Iconographic Archive of the Landscape of the “Community Alta Valsugana and Bersntol”* (Autonomous Province of Trento) – Curzel Vittorio (TSM step Scuola per il governo del territorio e del paesaggio, Provincia autonoma di Trento, Italy)

Tuesday 23 September

9,30 -10,30 KEY NOTE SPEECHES

- Dirk Gotzmann (CIVILSCAPE)
- Pere Sala (Landscape Observatory of Catalunya)
- González Gilberto (Canary Island Landscape Observatory)

10,30 -10,50 coffee break

10,50– 12.20 Session 3 “Landscape as a project: spatial policies, planning, and design”

Chair: Claudia Cassatella

- *EPIC WebGIS - Sharing knowledge as a tool to integrate Landscape into planning policies* -Müller Ana (Instituto Superior de Agronomia. Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal), Manuela Raposo Magalhães, Natália Cunha, Selma B. Pena, João Ferreira Silva, Manuel Azevedo Leitão, Andreia Saavedra, Leonor Themudo Barata.
- *Coastal rehabilitation projects for the implementation of the regional landscape plan* – Cascella Stefania (Regione Puglia, Servizio Assetto del Territorio, Italy), Pace Francesca.
- *Could the environmental issues in agricultural areas really be an effective driver to set up rural landscape observatories? Reflections and suggestions from the application of an experimental model in the Municipality of Corinaldo* (Province of Ancona, Italy) - Galli Andrea (Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy), Valentina Piselli, Simone Tiberi, Massimo Manna.

- *Landscape planning and “Everyday landscapes”:* a potential for improving citizens quality of life - Pedrazzini Luisa (Regione Lombardia, Italy).
- *Eco-cultural identity in ligurian landscape planning, research support* – Gardella Caterina (Soprintendenza per Beni Architettonici e Paesaggistici della Liguria, Italy) Pittaluga Daniela, Quaini Massimo.

14,00-15,30 Session 4 “Research activities for landscape observation”

Chair: Benedetta Castiglioni

- *Observatory 2.0: Virtual flows and Physical space In Management, Protection and Landscape Design* - Di Lauro Antonia (Università Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria, Italy)
- *Developing Landscape Indicators for Landscape Assessment and Monitoring; the Case Study of Mie Prefecture in Japan* – Ohno Ken (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Mie University, Japan).
- *Authenticity in Diachronic and Synchronic Landscape* – Pirazzoli Riccardo (University of Bologna, Department DISCI, Italy), Galvani Adriana.
- *Planning Beyond the Institutions: Landscape Observatories as key- medium- bodies between Communities and Institutions* - Nigro Carmine (Politecnico di Torino, Italy).

15.30-17,00 Final Round Table “Landscape Observatories Action Plan”

Chair: Bas Pedroli

Participants: sessions chairs, Networks representatives

Parallel initiative:

Italian Landscape Observatories Meeting organized by the Network of Piedmont’s Landscape Observatories – Casale Monferrato (AL) 19th September 2014

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