

INTERNATIONAL LANDSCAPE DAY 2020

LANDSCAPE INTEGRATION IN SECTORAL POLICIES

The [European Landscape Convention](#) of the Council of Europe invites each Party to celebrate the Fourth International Landscape Day on 20 October 2020. The theme of the International Landscape Day 2020 will address different perspectives of [Landscape integration in sectoral policies](#).

In particular, the European Landscape Convention invites each Party to *integrate landscape into its regional and town planning policies and in its cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape.*

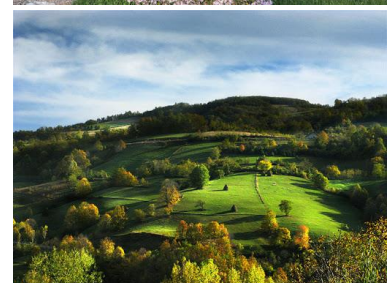
As an international intergovernmental organization created in 1949, [the Council of Europe has 47 member States](#) and its main objectives are to promote democracy, human rights and the rule of law, and to seek common solutions to the main problems facing European society today. In the year 2000 the Council of Europe launched the *European Landscape Convention* to promote the protection, management and planning of the landscapes and organize international co-operation on landscape issues.

The *European Landscape Convention* represents the first international treaty exclusively devoted to all the dimensions of the landscape, considered from a perspective of sustainable and harmonious development. It is open for signature by member states of the Council of Europe, by the European Community and European non-member states, highlighting the universality of the landscape dimension of development. To date, 41 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, North Macedonia, Malta, 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.

[The Convention defines landscape](#) as *an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors.* It also provides that each Party shall undertake to *recognize landscapes in law as an essential component of people's surroundings, an expression of the diversity of their shared cultural and natural heritage, and a foundation of their identity.*

The scope of the Convention is extensive: it applies to the entire territory of the Parties and relates to natural, urban and peri-urban areas, including land, inland water and marine areas. It therefore concerns not just remarkable landscapes but also "ordinary", everyday landscapes, and degraded areas. It covers all landscapes, both outstanding and ordinary, that determine the quality of people's living environment.

The Convention aims to encourage public authorities to adopt policies and measures at local, regional, national and international level for protecting,



managing and planning landscapes. The text provides for a flexible approach to landscapes and various types of action, ranging from strict conservation through protection, management and improvement to actual creation. The Convention proposes legal and financial measures at the national and international levels, aimed at shaping "landscape policies" and promoting interaction between local and central authorities as well as trans-frontier cooperation in protecting landscapes. It sets out a range of different solutions which States can apply, according to their specific needs.

The European Landscape Convention invites all stakeholders to celebrate this Day by addressing the landscape dimension. The official website of the Convention presents the [institutional representatives of each signatory country](#), who can be contacted to organize events for the celebration of the International Landscape Day 2020.

To know more and participate

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