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”.
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 (Politecnic University of Marche, Italy), Valentina Piselli, Simone Tiberi, Massimo Manna.

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 Pedrol

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