



1st European Conference on



Local Implementation of the ELC

27-30 May 2009, Nove Hrad, South Bohemia, Czech Republic

Aims and Objectives of the Conference

The **aim** of the Conference is to bring together people from non-profit making organisations, Local and Regional Authorities, and ecomuseums who are in support of the European Landscape Convention together with those who wish to learn more about the local, practical implementation of the ELC and how community based groups can help with this.

The **objectives** are to:

1. share views about good practices in the implementation of the ELC among landscape observatories, local / regional authorities, and other local players like ecomuseums and non-profits;
2. raise awareness among local and regional authorities of the opportunities provided by ecomuseums and local non-profits to deliver the objectives of the ELC;
3. celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Council of Europe and to review progress in the implementation of the ELC;
4. publish outcomes of the Conference and disseminate good practice more widely, and
5. use the Conference to give the ELC a practical and lasting local basis in the South Bohemia region.

The Conference is the key element in a programme of activities focused on promoting the ELC to local people and visitors to the town of Nove Hrad and the spectacular cultural and semi-natural landscapes of the wider South Bohemia region. Other elements include attendance at local exhibitions and experiencing landscape education trails associated with promoting the landscapes and culture of the Region and celebrating the achievements of the Council of Europe through an ELC landscape day event.

Participants we want to attract

The organizers aim to attract up to 80 delegates, many of whom will be expert in their fields, in order that they can share ideas and expertise, help strengthen existing landscape networks and give added impetus to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention at the local level. Some of these delegates will be drawn from:

- **RECEP / ENELC** – focusing on local and regional authorities who have experience in ELC implementation but have yet to join the ENELC network;
- **CivilScape** and other Non-profit organisations and ecomuseums who have yet to join this network
- **Uniscape** – academic and research institutions in support of the ELC;
- **Landscape Observatories** – who can help assess the contribution that local groups can make to the implementation of the ELC generally;
- **Council of Europe** – whose experts can help judge the efficacy of different approaches and identify potential landscape award winners;
- **Ecomuseums and Ecomuseum networks** – who have good practice to share;
- **Local and regional Authorities and Non-Governmental Organizations** from across Europe

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Czech Ministry of Environment, Province of South Bohemia,

Organizers: Local Worlds European Ecomuseum Network – IRES Piemonte, Landscape Research Group (UK), Town of Nove Hrad (CR), and Rozmberk Society (CR, logistics organizer).



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Presentations and discussion:

The Conference provides ample opportunities for formal and informal discussion and networking. The programme has been designed to provide for high level key note presentations in plenary, field study, and workshop discussion.

All delegates are warmly invited to submit proposals to make short presentations on aspects of local implementation of the ELC. These presentations can be attended in a programme scheduled for the afternoon of 27th and the morning of 30th of May. Facilities are also available to make internet and poster presentations at other times during the Conference.

Provisional Programme

This program is still subject to changes; please check the [Conference Website](http://www.landscapeconventionconference.com/program) regularly for updates: <http://www.landscapeconventionconference.com/program>

Tuesday 26th May: two options

- **Either** - For those flying into Prague and planning to stay in the city on the evening of 26th May there will be a sight seeing event in the late afternoon / early evening (followed by dinner). This will take the form of a guided tour of parts of Prague to study the diversity of its architectural and urban development and to share views with city planners, architects and locals who have a say in the future planning and management of one of the most celebrated and beautiful capital cities of Europe.
- **Or** – for those who plan to travel directly to Nove Hradý it will be possible to register (at the Buquoy Palace) and check into your accommodation from 15.00 onwards.

Wednesday 27th May: Opening Day

- Transport will be arranged (by bus, 10 € surcharge) for those travelling from Prague. Buses will depart in mid morning and early afternoon calling at pick up points in Ruzyně (Prague Airport) and the City centre. We will look to help arrange alternative travel for late arrivals.
- 08:00 – 18:00 Registration at the Buquoy Palace, Nove Hradý
- 12:00 – 18.30 Case studies and poster sessions.
- 19.00 Drinks reception and formal opening of the Conference at the Buquoy Palace including dinner, keynote speech, vote of thanks to the sponsors, and ice-breaker party.

Thursday 28th May: Presentations: Plenary presentations and themed workshops

- 09:00 – 12:30 Morning plenary session with introduction and four key speakers (including 30 min coffee break and plenary discussion)
- 12:30 – 12:45 Summarising of the outcomes of the morning session.
- 12:45 – 14:00 Working lunch in Chateau – with opportunities for delegates to make informal poster presentations or internet presentations
- 14:00 – 16:30 Break out workshops – three themes (including 30 min coffee break).
 1. What can local and regional authorities do to better maintain the diversity of their landscapes.
 2. Bringing cultural heritage and landscape together: Eco-museums as a model for local engagement in landscapes.
 3. Local Agenda 21 as a potential for the ELC implementation process.

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- 16:30 – 18:00 Rapporteurs summarize the workshop findings in plenary – followed by discussion and summary by Chair.
- 19:00 – 21:00 Dinner in Hotel Rezidence followed by presentation by RECEP/ENELC 'Local and Regional Authority involvement in the ELC – How to make it happen to best effect?!' followed by a panel discussion.

Friday 29th May: A celebration of South Bohemian landscapes:

- 09:00 – 11:00 Two Key lectures and coffee break
- 09:00 – 17:00 Two excursions set off from Buquoy Palace.
The first excursion focuses on issues relating to the planning, management and protection of **rural landscapes** and the second focussing on **urban and peri-urban** issues. The discussion arising from the two excursions will centre on two considerations: *How do we secure the diversity of European landscapes in the context of increasing globalisation?* and *'What advice might the Council of Europe give on encouraging local involvement in setting landscape quality objectives?*
- 17:30 – 18:00 Convene at the Hotel Rezidence for brief feedback from a rapporteur from each of the two groups.
- 18:00 – 20:00 Dinner at the Hotel Rezidence.
- 20:00 After dinner speech and discussion "*Setting landscape quality objectives – making local views count*".

Saturday 30th May: Closing Day with special CoE celebration activities

- 09:00 – 16:00 Council of Europe 60th anniversary celebration and cultural events day in Nove Hradky. Presentation of local products and craft demonstrations at several locations in the town.
- 09:30 – 12:30 A programme of short (20 minute) presentations from delegates outlining their experiences of local community involvement in landscape.
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch in Hotel Rezidence.
- 14:00 – 14:30 Opening of exhibition on the Convention and of the Florence Trail, an educational trail dedicated to explaining the Convention in the field.
- 14:30 – 16:30 Option to visit events activities or attend short presentations and poster sessions in the Buquoy Palace.
- 16:30 – 18:00 Closing session in plenary – including a summing up of the Conference outputs – thanks and closing remarks.
- 19:00 – Farewell party, grill-barbeque in the Chateau garden.

Sunday: Departure and after-event excursions

A one-day excursion to the Sumava is in planning. More details will be available soon
Depending on requests and departure times, participants can use the Conference Bus to Prague Airport, leaving early in the morning.

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Venue

The Conference will take place in the restored Buquoy Chateau. This 19th century Napoleonic chateau is the property of the Czech Academy of Sciences and houses the innovative and leading institution "[Academy and University Center of Nove Hradý](#)". The Chateau has excellent facilities including all modern techniques, free internet room, bar, in-house accommodation with internet connections, etc.

Accommodation

High quality accommodation is available in the Chateau (limited amount, breakfast in Hotel Residence) and in the [Wellness Hotel Rezidence](#). This accommodation can be ordered at a discount through the Conference organizers (32-38 €). Alternatively, participants can book their own accommodation at different locations in Nove Hradý or the vicinity (see [Conference Website](#) for more details).

Registration

Registration fees are 100 € for early registration before March 15 (50 € for CEE countries); registration fees after March 15 will be 175 € (100 € for CEE countries). Fee for an accompanying person is 50 €.

Fees include all Conference activities, excursions, publications, meals (beverages excluded), coffee breaks, and social events. Accompanying persons have only meals (beverages excluded) and social events without access to other conference events or right to conference publications.

Conference Website

The [Conference Website](#) provides more details and updates on the Conference itself and also on conference tours, accommodation options. The site is being completed throughout February; program and speaker details will be updated when changes occur.

Patronage and Support

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Preliminary List of Speakers

Opening

- Dr. Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons, Council of Europe
- Dr. Rut Bizkova, Deputy Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic (CR)
- Mgr. Jiri Zimola, Governor of the Region of South Bohemia (CR)
- Dr. Michal Marek, Director USBE, Czech Academy of Sciences (CR)
- Mgr. Vladimir Hokr, Mayor of the Town of Nove Hradky (CR)

Key-note speakers and other lectures (alphabetically)

The speakers below are already confirmed key-note speakers or have offered lectures. The list will be regularly updated, the latest lists can be found at the [Conference Website](#)

Castellari, Giuliana, Province of Reggio Emilia (It)

Local implementation of the ELC

Cudlín P., Kučera T. et al.(CR): Natural and/or economic values of cultural landscape (an example from Nové Hradky area).

Dejeant-Pons, Maguelonne. Council of Europe - ELC directorate.

The contribution local communities can play in implementing the ELC

Van Herwaarden, Gerrit Jan. CIVILSCAPE (NL).

How to convert the ELC into practical actions on local scale

Kazior, Barbora, Environmental Partnership Foundation (PI)

Approach to landscape preservation in ecomuseum methodology based on Polish examples

Lindeqvist, Christina. Bergslagen Ecomuseum (S)

The Bergslagen landscape and its influence on culture

Maggi, Maurizio. IRES (IT) & "Local Worlds" European Ecomuseum Network.

Active citizenship for the landscape: the case of Italian ecomuseums

La Marmora, Francesco Alberti. Piemonte Landscape Observatory (It)

No title yet

Paskova, Martina. Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic (CR)

Stimulation of local community involvement within the ELC implementation process".

Pedroli, Bas. UNISCAPE (NL).

European landscapes, an educational challenge

Priore, Riccardo. RECEP / ENELC (IT).

Title to be decided later

Roberts, Gareth. Landscape Research Group (UK).

What makes for good practice in implementing the European Landscape Convention?

Sala, Pere. Landscape Observatory of Catalonia (Se)

Title to be decided later

Schops, Ignace. Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland (Be)

Developing a sustainable landscape approach, keys to success of landscapes

Spiegler, Arthur & Macaria, Brigitte (ECOVAST Austria)

Pilot Project on Landscape Identification

Howard, Peter. Landscape Research Group (UK)

Title to be decided later

Noussia, Antonia

Title to be decided later

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