European Landscape Convention: Quality for Environment & Life

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European Landscape Convention

- Also called: Firenze Convention – 20.10.2000
- Council of Europe: 39 States have ratified the Convention
European Landscape Convention

• Landscape means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors.
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• The aim is: “To promote landscape protection, management and planning”
Article 5 – General measures

• To recognise landscapes in law
• To integrate landscape to regional and town planning policies
Article 6 – Specific measures

- Awareness-raising: “to increase awareness among the civil society, private organisations and public authorities of the value of landscapes, their roles and changes”
Article 6 – Specific measures

- Identification of landscapes
- In Finland: Nationally Valuable Landscape Areas
  → 156 areas are placed in Regional Plans
Article 11 – Landscape award of the CoE

- Best Landscape Project of Finland: Kotka National Urban Park
- European Landscape Award 2019: Special mention to Kotka
International Landscape Day – 20 October

• Photo campaign on Instagram: #arkimaisema #everydaylandscape
• Guided landscape walks through local landscapes
Landscape Observatory of Finland