



## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

The representatives of UNISCAPE, CIVILSCAPE and RECEP-ENELC agree to follow the guidelines outlined in this letter of understanding:

### Preamble:

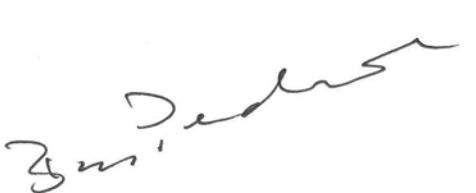
The three Networks UNISCAPE, CIVILSCAPE and RECEP-ENELC have been founded around the same time and in close co-operation on the basis of the European Landscape Convention. The three Networks are dedicated to the same goal, the improvement of the European landscapes as envisaged in the European Landscape Convention. They represent the academic world (UNISCAPE), the civil society (CIVILSCAPE) and the local and regional authorities (RECEP-ENELC). They therefore share the same vocation, but represent the three most important parties among the stake holders of the landscape and key players for the implementation of the landscape convention. They have different obligations to their members but are complimentary and therefore can aid each other for the best of the landscape. The three networks can bring together research and knowledge, engagement and participation, policy making and administration. They recognize the different structures and obligations of the individual Networks but as well the potential for co-operation, shared responsibility and common goals. They therefore want to co-operate and support each other in all means possible and feasible, while respecting the autonomy and independence of their partners.

The three Networks agree therefore:

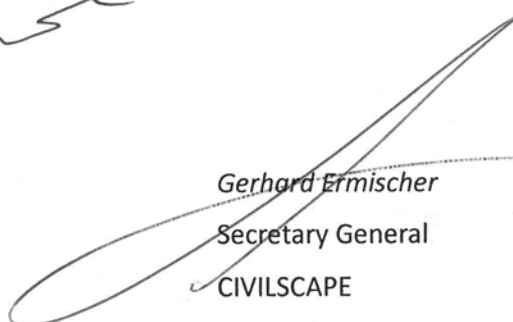
1. The title *European Landscape Network* was created in the early stages of the founding of the three Networks as a top level mark, which should intended for a common web portal. It will be changed into *European Landscape Networks*. The three Networks recognize that the *European Landscape Networks* is not a legal or official organization. The title may be used by the three Networks as a common label referring to their co-operation, but should never be used in any way which could be interpreted as creating an umbrella organization of its own right.
2. The logo of the *European Landscape Networks* can be used only by the three Networks themselves on a top level basis, e.g. in their official letter head, WebPages and other official documents, such as business cards. The logo should be used with care and diffidence. The logo can be used by the three Networks to show their co-operation, but especially in common projects, statements, actions etc. Each Network has and uses its own logo. The logos of each respective Network can only be used by that Network and not by the other Networks or by any other organisation without an official letter of permission.
3. The three Networks are three independent entities with their own legal status, which are dedicated to support the implementation of the *European Landscape Convention* and therefore share a common vision. They co-operate and communicate with each other in respect to their different roles and responsibilities.

4. RECEP-ENELC is composed by local and regional authorities, CIVILSCAPE is composed by civil society organizations (NGOs) and UNISCAPE is composed by universities and research institutions.
5. Each Network represents itself an independent entity. Due to the differences in nature and competency, the three Networks agree that none of the three Networks will therefore speak on behalf of the members of the other Networks or the other Networks themselves. Common actions, projects or representations can use the mark *European Landscape Networks* but it shall always be obvious, that this is an action by three independent entities working together.
6. With regard to the different interests of their members and the different political role and agenda, the Networks have different action plans.
7. The Networks agree to involve each other, whenever it seems feasible for fostering their shared interests and especially in all actions to implement the ELC.
8. The Networks agree to inform each other about their current and future activities, whenever possible and based on an agreement between the partners. The directors of the three Networks shall exchange information on a regular basis and meet at least once every year to share information, experience and ideas. Every Network will invite representatives of the other Networks to their annual business meetings. If possible the Networks will invite representatives of the other Networks and / or the members of the other Networks to conferences, seminars and other activities they organize.
9. The Networks will inform each other about projects they plan or undertake as appropriate. Where possible the other Networks should be invited to participate in projects organized by one of the Networks. The Networks will strive to undertake common projects and find common funding for these projects when feasible.
10. Each Network will encourage their members to follow these guidelines of understanding. In cases, where a member of one of the Networks does not act in accordance to these guidelines or gives the other Networks reasons for concern, the respective Network will take the responsibility to initiate talks with their member to resolve the above mentioned problem. The Networks will communicate between each other about the progress of these talks.

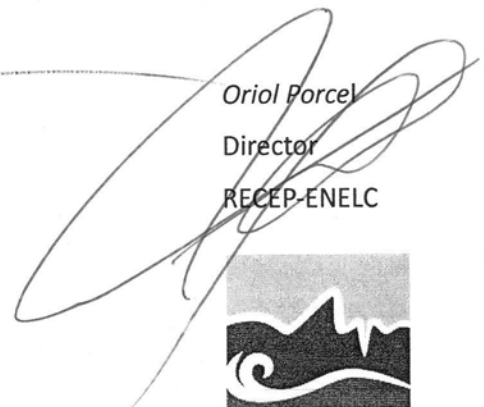
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