

The European Landscape Convention (ELC) allowed achieving important results through the promotion of approaches oriented to landscapes safeguard and valorization. Nevertheless, in the present context, risks and hazards able to threaten landscapes resources have been increasingly growing: environmental risks intensified by a wild urban development, climate change, excessive landscape exploitation or, on the other hand, landscape abandonment and depopulation.

Twenty years on from ELC enactment, the Seminar wants to take a stock of how much is still required to cope with all the different form of risk threatening “the significant or characteristic features of a landscape, justified by its heritage value derived from its natural configuration and/or from human activity” (ELC, 2000).

The Seminar aims to deal with all the different reasons that could produce alteration, decay, depletion or loss of material and immaterial assets that mark out landscapes. Therefore, risk is also understood as risk of alteration or interruption of the relationship between community and places, which lead to landscape’s features creation.

The issue “Landscapes at risk” will be addressed considering its multiple meanings, starting from landscapes affected by natural risks, moving to the ones suffering shrinking or gentrification risk or even overexploitation and/or congestion, up to landscape in transition.

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## UNISCAPE EN-ROUTE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR “LANDSCAPE AT RISK”

Pozzuoli, Naples,  
*postponed to 2021*



VENUE Pozzuoli is the largest and most populated municipality of the Phlegraean Fields, which means ‘Burning Fields’. This area has been known since ancient times for its volcanic activity. The Phlegraean Fields correspond to a large Caldera (Super Volcano), having a diameter of about 15 km. Several craters and small volcanic buildings characterize the orography of the whole area. The volcanic activity produces the bradyseism, a typical telluric phenomenon characterized by the gradual uplift or descent of part of the Earth’s surface. Anyway, Pozzuoli is not only a dangerous land, populated since ancient times, it preserves traces of one of the first and most important settlements of Magna Graecia in Italy – i.e. Cuma – and it housed the commercial and military port of Rome for many centuries. Its landscape, archeology-rich and scenery of epic events, was one of the main destination for the artists from all over Europe, who took part to the Grand Tour.

*After careful consideration of the conditions surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak throughout Europe and the uncertainty of possible further restrictions on travel and gatherings in the affected areas, such as Italy, and given the wish of UNISCAPE to organise an event which all participants are able to attend, the Organizing Committee had to take the difficult decision of re-scheduling En-Route Seminar Landscape at Risk and move it from 18-20 May 2020 till after summer period when this tough emergency situation we are living nowadays will be hopefully overcome. Further notification will be sent to inform you about the new date of the Seminar.*



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