

## **UNISCAPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022**

**9 June, 10.00-12.30**

**Headquarters of the Marche Region Delegation,  
Logo Room, Round point Schumann, 14 B, Brussels  
ONLINE ZOOM**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **1. Opening**

The Director T. Matteini open the meeting and thanks the organisation: the Regione Marche Delegation in Brussels for granting the location, the President of UNISCAPE, the scientific coordinators of the first UNISCAPE's Forum in the framework of the New Bauhaus Festival and the UNISCAPE Office Manager for the coordination.

The President JM. Palerm takes the floor and gives welcome to the participants.

Making reference to the letter of invitation sent to the General Assembly for this meeting, he wants to stress on the importance for the future of UNISCAPE to be for the first time to be in Brussels, in close connection with the European institutions. He says that the objective is to prepare a report document to present to the EU institution, in particular the EU Commission, with the results of the Forum, in relation with the three main topics: Landscape Education, Landscape Research and "People and Territory" But he also encourages to take action, not only reflection, as first step toward a very important change for the Network, in which it could grow in relation and closer contact with the community of dealing with landscape issues. This should be the beginning of the new strategy to understand better the potential of UNISCAPE as a Network and the dimension of Landscape at EU institutional level, he states. He then wish good work to the assembly.

#### **1.2 Approval minutes GA 2021 meeting**

The minutes of the 2021 General Assembly held in Venice on 5 July 2021 are approved without any remarks.

#### **1.3 Adoption of the agenda**

The draft agenda of the meeting is approved as proposed by the assembly.





## **2. Network organs and regulation**

### **2.1 Network composition**

The list of members as at 31.12.2021 is shown to the assembly. It consists in 38 members. The President then gives welcome the CICOP Foundation (Spain) as a new member of the Network. The President of CICOP Francisco Aznar is present and want to thank the assembly and the President for accepting the candidature, wishing for the future to have the opportunity to collaborate in Landscape projects throughout Europe.

### **2.2. EB internal organisation, working group and tasks**

The President explains his proposal for the Executive Board Internal organisation (ref. GA22\_EB\_tasks), stating from the consideration that is clear yet which are the responsibilities and tasks of the EB members. His proposal is set on 5 main points for the coordination of the main activities and 3 additional point for improving the strategic action plan. He also proposes to find external collaborations to help the staff of UNISCAPE in their regular work, for example by contracting a scholarship holder within his university.

Referring to the possibility for UNISCAPE to be involved in EU funded projects, S. Dobricic takes the floor saying that different members have already been working on EU projects involving UNISCAPE, placing it in the dissemination and communication lines of work. She wants to underline that once UNISCAPE would be involved in a funded project, its profile would be improved and finally recognised at EU level.

F. Salbitano, who recently involved UNISCAPE as partner in a project proposal, says that even if this project has not been founded, it could serve as an example, a style of acting, giving value to UNISCAPE and its members. He also suggests to prepare a communication package to participate in some major events to increase the visibility of the network.

E. Marcheggiani suggests to investigate the possibility to participate in a COST Action project, saying the purpose of the Action aim is to promote large networks, so it would be in line with UNISCAPE, and also a good opportunity to cover the cost of work for UNISCAPE office for 4 years. Moreover, Cost moved under the umbrella of Horizon Europe, creating the reputation for potential future Horizon projects. He also suggests the possibility of have tenders and not only grants.

### **2.3. Coordination with EU organisations after Brussels Seminar (CE, Co.E)**

The sessions of the UNISCAPE's Forum @NEB Festival are presented by the scientific coordinators. L. Cipriani illustrates the programme of the Session "Landscape Education", stressing on the importance of the transdisciplinary approach promoted by UNISCAPE.

S. Dobricic presents the Session "Landscape Research", conceived to make the connection with the previous scientific events organised by the network. She also introduces the intervention scheduled by Ms Vula Tsesi, President of the Green Group at the European Parliament, who will focus on the Green Deal EU initiative. The session wants also to provide a space of expression for students and young researchers, in order to have their different point of view, with the aim of giving them a free and permanent space of discussion.



E. Marcheggiani presents the third session “People and Territory”, explaining it has been conceived around three talking points: 1-governance and territory, starting from the observation that landscape has not a clear a unique definition in the EU policies; 2-landscape based solutions and 3-landscape as a public good, making the link with the concepts of landscape democracy and the role of landscape observatories. He also wants to underline that 25 EU commissioners and policies officer has been contacted and invited to the session. A. Galli affirms that there is a fil rouge linking the 3 sessions that will be useful for the making the follow-up and the report of this event. In this respect, JM Palerm proposes to organise a meeting in September / October 2022 in Brussels and to have the final report ready by end of July. For R. Occhiuto the reports are just the beginning of a process aiming first the local organisations and institutions, for then reaching and improving to a higher institutional level.

### **3. Events**

#### **3.1 En-Route Seminars and other events**

M. Stanganelli presents the call for participants of the Workshop organised by the University of Naples Federico II dedicated to PhD students and young professionals “Water and the Cities”. Aim of the workshop is to investigate the management of water cycle in urban projects and design. It will be held in September in Pozzuoli, Naples and has received 25 request of participation.

#### **3.3 GA and Conferences 2022/2023**

Palerm proposes to organise the main Conference and the General Assembly in November 2023 in the Canary Islands, in collaboration with the Universidad de La Laguna, ULPGC, CajaCanarias and CICOP Foundations. The concept of the Conference makes reference to the book *“El Hombre en función del Paisaje”* (People in function of the Landscape) by the Canary poet Pedro Garcia Cabrera, with the idea of stimulating a research to better understand relationship and the connection between men and the landscape.

Palerm also announces that he is considering to resign from his role of President of UNISCAPE. After many years taking on this position, he thinks the time has come to leave someone else ready to contribute to the development of the Network.

### **4. Administration and financial situation**

#### **4.1 Balance sheet 2021 approval**

The Office Manager illustrates the Balance Sheet 2021 document (ref. GA22\_balancesheet): in 2021 UNISCAPE incomes mainly came, as per usual, from the membership fees but also from the work made for the organisation of W.A.Ve 2021, in the recruitment of the workshops promoters. Outcomes mainly came from taxes, staff salary and financial controller and network office related expenses, and also from the agreement with IUAV for W.A.Ve. He underlines that despite the balance resulted negative at the end of the year (-4.101,50 €), some more income from W.A.Ve are still expected to be paid in 2022. He then shows the list



of members who have paid or not their fees, stressing on the fact that dealing with this issue is a quite complicated task because every case is different and sometimes there is a lack in the communication with the universities. This requires a certain amount of administrative work. The Balance Sheet is then approved by the assembly without any further remark.

Palerm underlines that the total budget for organising the activities of UNISCAPE is higher than what appears from the balance sheet. He proposes to try to quantify it by asking to the single members to send the amount of money invested to follow the activities during the year. He also proposes to address with a formal letter to those universities which position within the network is not clearly defined.

#### **4.2 Draft budget 2022**

The Director illustrates the draft budget document 2022 (ref. GA22\_draft\_budget), that it is in line with what is expected as income for the current year. No question is raised on that point by the assembly and the document is then considered approved.

### **5. Other issues**

#### **5.1 Springer publication**

The Director informs that the publication of the volume dedicated to the Conferences dedicated to the 20 years of the ELC, titled “Cultivating Continuity of the European Landscape” is in progress with Springer Nature. She wants to underline the important work done to collect, edit and send all the contributions and materials, which made the work quite complicated but with good feedbacks. She wants to thank S.Dobricic for her important work in managing this process, including for the images granted by S. Salgado to be used in the book. Palerm also wants to thank for the big effort done for this publication, saying that Springer is one of the most renowned editors and it’s not easy to cope with their standards.

#### **5.2 Any other issue**

Margarida d’Abreu, speaking as observer on behalf of IFLA Europe takes the floor, wanting to recognise and promote the collaboration with UNISCAPE under different lines of work, such as the lobbying activities for recognition of the professional role of landscape architects in Europe and the initiatives toward education and phd programmes. She also wants to congratulate for the proposal made by the President for the next UNISCAPE Conference in the Canary Islands. The President in response wishes a long collaboration with IFLA Europe.

### **6. Next General Assembly meeting – Closing**

The President closes the meeting thanking the assembly for the participation and launching the invitation to the next General Assembly, in occasion of the proposed Conference in the Canary Island, probably in La Laguna, Tenerife, in November 2023.



## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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