



Sustainable Futures for Europe's Heritage in Cultural Landscapes:

Tools for understanding, managing, and protecting landscape functions and values

We appreciate cultural landscapes – those landscapes of distinct human shape that surround us – for many different reasons, whether for their cultural heritage, as recreational areas, or for their environmental virtues.



Exposed uplands of Galloway, in South West Scotland

Sustainable Futures for Europe's Heritage in Cultural Landscapes, commonly known as HERCULES, is a 3-year project between 13 partners funded through the EU's 7th Framework Programme for research, technological development and demonstration. The project develops insights, tools, technologies and strategies and applies and tests these at regional case studies that have major environmental and land use history gradients throughout Europe. The project's vision is to identify local needs for

landscape management and to provide a forum for general exchange on findings developed by the project consortium. *(For more information on the project's objectives visit the project's website at www.hercules-landscapes.eu or have a look at its [leaflet](#).)*

In order to bring together different stakeholders, including policy makers, farmers, practitioners, scientists, NGOs and industry to ensure that all perspectives are considered both at both at EU and



Local stakeholder workshop in Colmenar Viejo, Spain – October 6, 2014

study landscape level HERCULES will host a series of workshops entitled ***A Dialogue for Landscape Action.***

3 workshops will take place at EU level to discuss the threats and benefits of cultural landscapes and 15 local workshops will take place in Greece, the Netherlands,

Spain and the UK) to better understand the driving forces and actors responsible for the observed changes in the recent past and to discuss and refine existing landscape practices in the area. *(To learn more on the study landscapes click [here](#) and to discover our workshops so far visit our website at www.hercules-landscapes.eu)*

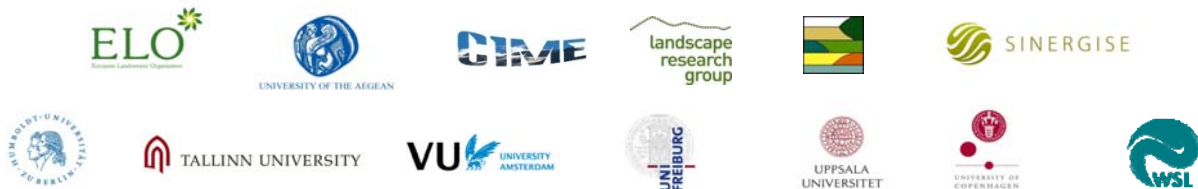


As part of the project, HERCULES website boasts a **Cultural Landscape Blog**:

The idea of this “Cultural Landscapes Blog” is to establish a forum for debate around cultural landscapes within and across the communities of landscape science, practice, and policy. Contributions from project members and other people affiliated with the project are scheduled to appear once or twice a month. Landscapes tend to generate intense and passionate debates. We welcome these kinds of debates and hope that this blog could serve as a rallying point for discourse on global, European, national and local landscapes; “scientific” and “lay” approaches; and personal and passionate accounts and descriptions.

Read and Subscribe to our blog at www.hercules-landscapes.eu/blog.php

Project partners:



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