



## LANDSCAPE EUROPE Newsletter – September 2015

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Dear Landscape Europe Network readers,

We have prepared a new issue of the Landscape Europe News for you.

In this issue you can find information about:

- 15 Early Stage Research positions offered within the SUSPLACE Programme,
- PhD Research Fellowship in Ecology at UiO,
- full Professor in Environmental Geography at Aarhus University,
- ROEM+ project and
- new events.

I would like to thank you those who informed us about new upcoming events.

In case, you would like to support us with new information for the next issue, please do so.

Wishing you interesting reading and looking forward to receive your comments and inputs for the next issue of the LE-News.

Please, do feel free to circulate this newsletter to relevant colleagues within your organisation.

With kindest regards

**Jana Borovská and the ILE SAS team**

*Network coordination Office*



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## SUSPLACE Programme vacancies

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### SUSPLACE Programme vacancies:

#### 15 Early Stage Research positions at six universities

*SUSPLACE is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Innovative Training Network (ITN), funded by the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020. (<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>).*



SUSPLACE aims to train **15 Early Stage Researchers (ESR) in innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to study sustainable place-shaping practices**. ESR can potentially acquire a PhD at the end of the programme. SUSPLACE will provide training in scientific and professional skills to enable ESR to pursue an academic career or high-professional career at various institutes such as governments, NGOs, consultancies and businesses.

These **15 ESR positions are now open for application till October 1, 2015**. See the list of the 15 individual research projects and host universities below.

SUSPLACE brings together **six university partners and seven non-academic partners** in seven European countries: **The Netherlands, United Kingdom (Wales), Latvia, Lithuania, Belgium, Finland and Portugal**.

- **General information SUSPLACE Programme and vacancies (update 02-09-2015)**  
[http://www.wageningenur.nl/upload\\_mm/2/7/e/86142556-a6a4-49c8-898b-0c0223ef7a77\\_SUSPLACE%20Vacancies%2002-09-2015.pdf](http://www.wageningenur.nl/upload_mm/2/7/e/86142556-a6a4-49c8-898b-0c0223ef7a77_SUSPLACE%20Vacancies%2002-09-2015.pdf)
- **Detailed information pack for applicants**  
[http://www.wageningenur.nl/upload\\_mm/0/6/1/a6d31fb4-5e04-4e4d-b246-b2b2a3da6deb\\_SUSPLACE%20information%20pack%2013-08-2015.pdf](http://www.wageningenur.nl/upload_mm/0/6/1/a6d31fb4-5e04-4e4d-b246-b2b2a3da6deb_SUSPLACE%20information%20pack%2013-08-2015.pdf)
- **Frequently Asked Questions (update 1-09-2015)**  
[http://www.wageningenur.nl/upload\\_mm/0/3/a/4c772e8f-6334-41a3-bf46-9ca2b9ec5d2d\\_FAQ%20for%20SUSPLACE%201-09-2015.pdf](http://www.wageningenur.nl/upload_mm/0/3/a/4c772e8f-6334-41a3-bf46-9ca2b9ec5d2d_FAQ%20for%20SUSPLACE%201-09-2015.pdf)

The following ESR positions are offered at the participating six host universities:

1. ESR 1. ***Sustainability awareness and agency***. Country: Belgium. Host: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven – Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences: [www.kuleuven.be/personeel/jobsite/vacancies](http://www.kuleuven.be/personeel/jobsite/vacancies)
2. ESR 2. ***Eco-villages and sustainable living***. Country: Finland. Host: Luke Natural Resources Institute Finland– Luke Economics and Society Research Unit: [www.luke.fi/en/3-esr-sustainable-place-shaping](http://www.luke.fi/en/3-esr-sustainable-place-shaping).

3. ESR 3. **Sense of Place**. Country: Finland. Host: Luke Natural Resources Institute Finland – Luke Economics and Society Research Unit: [www.luke.fi/en/3-esr-sustainable-place-shaping/](http://www.luke.fi/en/3-esr-sustainable-place-shaping/)
4. ESR 4. **Managing the commons**. Country: Portugal. Host: University of Aveiro – Department of Social, Political and Territorial Sciences: [uaonline.ua.pt/2-esr-sustainable-place-shaping](http://uaonline.ua.pt/2-esr-sustainable-place-shaping)
5. ESR 5. **Re-grounding of practices**. Country: Portugal. Host: University of Aveiro – Department of Social, Political and Territorial Sciences: [uaonline.ua.pt/2-esr-sustainable-place-shaping](http://uaonline.ua.pt/2-esr-sustainable-place-shaping)
6. ESR 6. **The Energetic Society**. Country: The Netherlands. Host: Wageningen University and Research centre – Rural Sociology Group, [www.wageningenur.nl/nl/Werken-bij/Vacatures.htm](http://www.wageningenur.nl/nl/Werken-bij/Vacatures.htm)
7. ESR 7. **Place ambassadors**. Country: United Kingdom, Wales. Host Institute: Cardiff University – Sustainable Places Research Institute: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/jobs/3-esr-susplace](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/jobs/3-esr-susplace)
8. ESR 8. **Connected Learning Spaces**. Country: United Kingdom, Wales. Host Institute: Cardiff University – Sustainable Places Research Institute: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/jobs/3-esr-susplace](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/jobs/3-esr-susplace)
9. ESR 9. **Leadership of Place**. Country: The Netherlands. Host: Wageningen University and Research centre – Rural Sociology Group: [www.wageningenur.nl/nl/Werken-bij/Vacatures.htm](http://www.wageningenur.nl/nl/Werken-bij/Vacatures.htm)
10. ESR 10. **Circular Economy**. Country: Belgium. Host: Katholieke Universiteit Leuven – Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences: [www.kuleuven.be/personeel/jobsite/vacancies](http://www.kuleuven.be/personeel/jobsite/vacancies)
11. ESR 11. **Place Branding**. Country: Latvia. Host: Latvia University – Faculty of Social Sciences: [www.lu.lv/eng/general/vacancies/susplace](http://www.lu.lv/eng/general/vacancies/susplace)
12. ESR 12. **Social economy, social entrepreneurship**. Country: Latvia. Host: Latvia University – Faculty of Social Sciences: [www.lu.lv/eng/general/vacancies/susplace](http://www.lu.lv/eng/general/vacancies/susplace)
13. ESR 13. **Nature as pathway**. Host: Luke Natural Resources Institute Finland – Luke Economics and Society Research Unit: [www.luke.fi/en/three-early-stage-researchers-esr-in-sustainable-place-shaping](http://www.luke.fi/en/three-early-stage-researchers-esr-in-sustainable-place-shaping)
14. ESR 14. **Sustainable city-regions**. Country: United Kingdom, Wales. Host Institute: Cardiff University – Sustainable Places Research Institute: [www.cardiff.ac.uk/jobs/3-esr-susplace](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/jobs/3-esr-susplace)
15. ESR 15. **Place-based policies and pathways**. Country: The Netherlands. Host: Wageningen University and Research centre – Rural Sociology Group, [www.wageningenur.nl/nl/Werken-bij/Vacatures.htm](http://www.wageningenur.nl/nl/Werken-bij/Vacatures.htm)

### Benefits

The ESR will be employed with normal social security coverage by the host institutions mentioned below and will have all benefits provided for in the Marie Skłodowska Curie ITN fellowships regulations, including a highly competitive remuneration, living allowances and mobility expenses.

### Formal eligibility criteria

- You are eligible as an Early-Stage Researcher (ESR) if you are, at the time of recruitment (i) in possession of a university degree, and (ii) have a maximum of four years of full-time research experience, including any period of research training. This is measured from the date when you obtained the degree which formally entitles you to embark on a doctorate, either in the country in which the degree was obtained or in the country in which the research training is provided. Selection is, thus, based on professional experience in research, not on age. **ESRs should not be PhD holders.**
- Candidates may be of any nationality.
- Because the Marie Curie schemes are designed to encourage researcher's mobility to improve career perspectives, a mobility criterion applies for recruitment: by the time of recruitment, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country where they apply for more than twelve months in the last three years. Short stays, such as holidays, are not included.

### Requirements

- We are looking for candidates which have affinity with the topic, are motivated to participate in SUSPLACE and who are interested in participatory research.
- The candidate should have proven skills in communication (including writing and presenting) and computer skills, be fluent in English and understand the rules and procedures of Marie Curie Initial Training Networks.
- Preferred qualifications for candidates include excellent grades, research talent (as proven by the master thesis, publications, participation in research projects) and personal ambition.
- You are required to undertake transnational mobility when taking up a position in the SUSPLACE project. ESRs will follow training in different countries and spend secondments for three months at two academic or non-academic institutes.
- An TOEFL or IELTS English language test may be required.
- The ESR should start 1-4-2016.

Applications should be sent **latest by October 1st 2015** to the host institute. Delayed applications will not be considered.

**For more information and links to contact persons see the General information document link.**

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## PhD Research Fellowship in Ecology

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A **3 year position as PhD Research Fellow** is available at the **Centre for Ecological and Evolutionary Synthesis (CEES)**, Department of Biosciences, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences.



UiO : Department of Biosciences  
The Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Starting date from 01.10.2015 and no later than 01.03.2016.

No one can be appointed for more than one fixed-term period at the same institution.

### Job Description

The successful candidate will work within the project “**MARine MAagement and Ecosystem Dynamics under climate change (MARmaED)**” (<http://www.marmaed.eu/>) an Innovative Training Network funded by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (The European Union's Horizon 2020) under grant agreement No 675997 for the period 2015-2019. MARmaED is an international and interdisciplinary network that unifies specific and complementary competences in marine sciences from Norway, Finland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany and France to investigate how the cumulative stress from biodiversity loss, climate change and harvesting will affect Europe's complex marine systems and the consequences for optimal resource management.

The project's main aim is to investigate how combined anthropogenic and climatic changes affect different harvested ecosystems (terrestrial, freshwater, and marine – particularly, but not only, in Arctic regions) and how management strategies can be improved to ensure sustainable exploitation and resilience. MARmaED will provide salary for 15 PhD projects.

**Link for more information:** <http://uio.easycruit.com/vacancy/1491079/96871?iso=no>

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## SCIENTIFIC POSITION

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### Full Professor in Environmental Geography



**The Department of Environmental Science at Aarhus University, Roskilde, Denmark** invites applications for a position as full professor in environmental geography. The position is to be filled by 1 February 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to negotiation. For the right candidate the faculty will be able to provide a start package to ease the transfer of the research group.

**The selected candidate will be affiliated with the Section for Emission Modelling & Environmental Geography.** Expertise within the section includes:

- Landscape ecology, land use and landscape composition
- Spatial scenarios and modelling using GIS
- Ecosystem and landscape functions and services
- Environmental governance frameworks
- Analysis and risk assessment of resource flows and leakages
- Sector based emission inventories and scenarios

**Description of the position**

The selected candidate is expected to:

- Take a leading role in the establishment and consolidation of a strong externally funded research programme within environmental geography
- Develop and enhance interdisciplinary collaboration within the department, and bridge with other departments at the faculty as well as relevant national and international research communities
- Take part in a team work on advisory activities of relevant regulatory authorities (national and EU) and private organizations
- Take a leading role in the talent development within environmental geography by supervising graduate (Master and PhD level) students and post docs
- Contribute to the development of a new education in environmental science

**Qualification requirements**

The position requires a strong background in environmental geography or related discipline. Qualifications within quantitative spatial-environmental methodologies are necessary. The ideal candidate has experience in integrating human and natural science approaches, and has the ability to contribute to methodological and theoretical developments in relation to spatial/geographical analyses of environmental pressures and impacts for management and planning purposes, as applied to different environmental fields.

Applicants should as a minimum hold scientific qualifications equivalent to the Ph.D. graduate level and in addition have several years of highly productive post-graduate research and publication experience. A significant track-record of successful external research funding, as well as a significant publication record in high-level, international, peer-reviewed ISI journals are required.

A demonstrated research leadership and ability to attract large research projects and to successfully supervise PhD students and Master thesis /Bachelor projects is required. Experience in conducting consultancy/advisory projects as well as in delivering high-quality undergraduate/graduate teaching is desirable.

The successful applicant must have proven extensive international research collaboration (e.g. joint papers and proposals) and have an ability to provide inspiration and guidance for the colleagues at the department. Furthermore, the candidate is expected to be enthusiastic about working in an interdisciplinary academic environment. The position, therefore, requires a highly motivated scientist who is comfortable working in teams.

The qualifications of the applicants will be assessed by an expert panel according to the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Executive Order no. 284 of 25 April 2008.

**Work location**

The place of work will be at Aarhus University in Roskilde, Denmark. The city of Roskilde ([www.roskilde.dk](http://www.roskilde.dk)) is located close to Copenhagen. The area provides immediate access to a wealth of cultural and recreational pursuits. Within about 5 years, the department will move to Copenhagen.

**Filing of the application**

The application must be in written in English. Guidelines for filing the application may be found here. The application should contain a short letter of intent, a 2-3 page description of research expertise and future research plans.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Professor and Head of Department Carsten Suhr Jacobsen (csj@envs.au.dk; +45 87 15 87 01) or Head of Section Pia Frederiksen (pfr@envs.au.dk; +45 87 15 85 39).

### **Deadline**

All applications must be made online and received by: 15.11.2015

### **Please apply online here**

<http://www.peoplexs.com/Peoplexs22/CandidatesPortalNoLogin/ApplicationForm.cfm?VacatureID=715782&PortalID=5283>

### **More information:**

<http://www.au.dk/en/about/vacant-positions/scientific-positions/stillinger/Vacancy/show/715782/5283/>

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## **ROEM+**

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***ROEM+ (High resolution AppROach for ManagEMent of Surface Water EutroPhication in Rural areas of the DUero River BaSin)***

By **Raquel Luengo**



Eutrophication is a complex process caused by the excess of nutrients in the water reservoirs and which consequences are enormous development of certain types of algae (as cyanobacteria) that deplete oxygen in the water and that lead to the absence of life in it, and their impact is particularly severe when they affect waters destined for urban supply. It is estimated that eutrophication affects more than 50 percent of Europe's water resources and about 75% of cyanobacterial blooms are accompanied by toxin production. Toxins released by cyanobacteria induce damage in animals and humans by acting at the molecular level and consequently affecting cells, tissues and organs. Highlight nervous, digestive, respiratory and cutaneous systems affections highlight. Moreover eutrophication is related with pollution so it is an important and complex problem.

In order to help to alleviate this problem, the ROEM + project, funded by the LIFE call of the European Union aims to demonstrate the efficiency and viability of an innovative approach for integral management of hydrographic basins. This is being implemented upon a high resolution system, in a way that a novel methodology can be used to deal with the increasing and extended problem of water masses eutrophication (and its associated toxicity in bathing and drinking waters). Furthermore, in the following stages, a plan of correction actions will be proposed and implemented towards the achievement of a "good ecological status", the main environmental objective established by the European Water Framework Directive (WFD).

The Project allows the deployment of an integral information and efficient management “e-platform”, based on cutting-edge remote sensor networks (high time and spatial resolution) connected to predictive simulation systems. This innovative tool will allow to put in order and to assign priorities in relation to areas (zones) and uses so the water mass can realistically absorb and buffer natural and human impacts and pressures, avoiding past management errors coming from an excessive uncertainty linked to more classical prospection and analytical methods, as it could be the case of wrong sewage treatment plant investments (location, size, need, etc).

ROEM+ represents the first COMPLETE SCALE application of the described system in a basin scenario, the Duero River Basin (Cuerda del Pozo, Spain), of a great relevance, as it's the head of the Duero Hydrographic Basin, the largest of the Iberian Peninsula, and with international character flowing into the Atlantic (Portugal). The main challenges and tasks in this project are related to the coherent and intensive identification and monitoring, at the hydrographic basin level, of the main processes that impact on the eutrophication and harmful bluegreen algae blooms that occur in the Cuerda del Pozo Reservoir (Soria, Spain). This water body represents an excellent case of study because many relevant uses converge in it: water supply to Soria city (100.000 inhabitants); recreational use; livestock water supply; etc.



On top of this, it can be stressed that this project empowers a new approach regarding freshwater management, and builds a direct bridge to an economic and environmentally sustainable development. As an immediate consequence of the results of ROEM+, an optimized management of eutrophication and pollution (toxic algae) will be obtained, due to the forecasting of the performance of the different combinations of correction actions, both at the basin and reservoir level, and the derived minimization of uncertainties and costs. As an added value, it can be stressed the fact that some of these measures could turn into new economic activities at the local level (rural areas) and enhance other environmental benefits derived from the recycling of materials and from an improvement of the energy consumption balance.



In the first two years of the project, the partners, ITG and ECOH have carried out an important effort that has led to the culmination of the complete installation of the monitoring network stations in the demonstration scenario of ROEM+ (Cuerda del Pozo – Soria). In this task it is important to highlight the development of a fully operative hybrid station, which has been designed to operate as mobile autonomous station (with batteries), as well as fixed station (with batteries and solar energy).

Also, the chemical and biological parameters sampling campaigns have been made in the tributaries and different reservoir stations, real-time data of dozens of variables are being registered with frequencies between 10 minutes and half an hour, configurable depending on the specific parameter and a functional version of the data and procedure manager (GIS-WEB platform) is already available.

Remark that field works are influenced by multiple and natural external variables so data of all seasons must be available for calibration of the different simulation modules in order to have an enough data series and be able to monitor the different situations that can occur along a hydrological cycle and generate enough data to feed simulation models. Highlight the hydrological and reservoir models, being of a vital importance the temporal series analysis in order to investigate tendencies and potential relations with climate change. So a real-time and continuous data during a complete hydrological year obtained in 2014 and 2015 is starting to be incorporated to the basin and 3D reservoir that guarantees the calibration and optimal validation of the models.

Next months, ROEM+ project will carry on monitoring the basin of Cuerda del Pozo and will continue with the simulator validation with data collected during the complete hydrological year (2014-2015), the design and implementation of corrective measures and monitoring of environmental impact of corrective actions. The partners will continue with dissemination and awareness actions of the eutrophication problem and methodologies and technologies available to address this problem.

**Link:** [http://www.roemplus-life.eu/?page\\_id=3055&lang=en](http://www.roemplus-life.eu/?page_id=3055&lang=en)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS 2015**

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### **Smart Cities: Supporting an Innovative and Sustainable Development of Urban Areas**

**Tuesday 27th October 2015**

**Thon Hotel Brussels City Centre, Brussels**

**Link:** <http://www.publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/FJ27-PPE2?ss=em&tg=1a>



According to a European Parliament policy study "*Mapping Smart Cities in the EU*" (January 2014), the core idea of Smart Cities is to better connect human capital, social capital and ICT infrastructures in order to generate greater and more sustainable economic development and a better quality of life for citizens.

This special international symposium will assess the challenges that lie ahead in creating smarter cities and moving towards improved and sustainable public services for citizens.

**Delegates will also:**

- Assess EU actions and objectives to support the *Smart Cities* concept
- Explore possibilities for increasing cooperation between institutions, local authorities and industries
- Discuss how cities are integrating citizen involvement into their development
- Examine ways of transforming the cities into better one through innovation focused on energy, transport and Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

For further details, please refer to the [enclosed event brochure](#).

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**Perth III: Mountains of Our Future Earth**

**4.-8. October 2015**

**Perth, Scotland, at the Perth Concert Hall**



**Link:** <http://www.perth.uhi.ac.uk/subject-areas/centre-for-mountain-studies/events/perth-iii-mountains-of-our-future-earth>

The Centre for Mountain Studies together with the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI) and the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA), all members of the Mountain Partnership, are organising a third conference – Perth III – on 'Mountains of Our Future Earth'. This is a contribution to the global Future Earth programme, a 10-year international research initiative that will develop the knowledge for responding effectively to the risks and opportunities of global environmental change and supporting transformation towards global sustainability in the coming decades.

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**CH-AT Roundtable at Perth III**

**Roundtable "Maximise the mountains' profile in Horizon 2020"**

**5 October 2015, 10.30 - 12.00**

**[Perth III: Mountains of our Future Earth](#)**



**Link:** <http://www.chat-mountainalliance.eu/en/events/102-ch-at-roundtable-at-perth-iii.html>

**Organizers:** **Claudia Drexler** and **Valerie Braun, CH-AT, the Swiss-Austrian Alliance for Mountain Research.**

### **Focus of the roundtable**

So far, mountains have been neglected in Horizon 2020. A group of researchers set off to develop a strategic research agenda "Mountains for Europe's Future" to lobby for the inclusion of mountain topics in future Horizon 2020 calls. The authors present drafts of their chapters, and this is your chance to add pressing topics from your field. A print-out of the draft agenda will be distributed.

Flash presentations cover chapters on (i) Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing, (ii) Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, (iii) Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy, (iv) Smart, green and integrated transport, (v) Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials, and (vi) Europe in a changing world. The audience will then split up in groups in order to discuss and amend the presented contents. We will use participants' feedback for the final version of "Mountains for Europe's Future" to be presented in Brussels in early 2016.

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### **Discussion groups at the roundtable**

- Background on "Mountains for Europe's Future"
- Key topics of the chapter Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing (Robert Kanka)
- Key topics of the chapter Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry (Thomas Dax)
- Key topics of the chapter Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy (Gaël le Roux)
- Key topics of the chapter Smart, green and integrated transport (Derek Christie)
- Key topics of the chapter Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials (Rolf Weingartner)
- Key topics of the chapter Europe in a changing world (Valerie Braun)

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**‘CEEweb Academy on Building Blue-Green Infrastructure. Restoring and protecting wetlands and their ecosystem services’**

**6-8th October 2015**

**Budapest, Hungary**



CEEweb for Biodiversity has been active in the field of biodiversity policy for over 20 years, including promoting Natura 2000, Green Infrastructure and advocating for ecosystem services assessment. Acknowledging the importance of cross-sectorial approach, we believe that successful implementation of Green Infrastructure cannot be done without a strong cooperation with the water sector. This is especially necessary in Central and Eastern Europe, where water management is still carried out through large-scale grey engineering projects rather than nature-based solutions.

In order to address this issue, this year’s CEEweb Academy will focus on wetlands and their ecosystem services hosting scholars, decision-makers, local authorities, management bodies and NGOs.

**The Academy will be accompanied by a Natura 2000 Workshop on Integrating the Water Framework Directive with the Birds and Habitats Directives and a Green Infrastructure “Train the Trainers” Event.** It will also include a fieldtrip to a wetland restoration site. For more details, please find enclosed a draft agenda of the event.

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**TASTING THE LANDSCAPE  
53rd IFLA World Congress  
International Federation  
of Landscape Architects  
20 – 22 April 2016**

**Torino, Italy**

**New deadline for abstract submission: 10 October 2015**



The 53° IFLA World Congress will be held in Turin, Italy, from April 20th to 22nd 2016, organized by the Italian Association of Landscape Architecture (AIAPP). The present Call for Abstracts aims to solicit an exploration of the theme ‘Tasting the Landscape’ from various perspectives focusing on the landscape architecture project as the determinant of change towards achieving the best possible quality of spaces and places. We are calling for abstracts that show the diversity of approaches and experiences possible at every scale as evidence that professional skill and a deep understanding of environmental, economic and social realities can make all the difference and allow people to truly "taste" their landscapes.

Link: <http://www.ifla2016.com/registration/>

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## EVENTS 2016

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### European Geosciences Union General Assembly 2016

17–22 April 2016

Vienna, Austria

#### Aims & scope



The EGU General Assembly 2016 will bring together geoscientists from all over the world to one meeting covering all disciplines of the Earth, planetary and space sciences. The EGU aims to provide a forum where scientists, especially early career researchers, can present their work and discuss their ideas with experts in all fields of geoscience. The EGU is looking forward to cordially welcoming you in Vienna.

#### Milestones and deadlines at

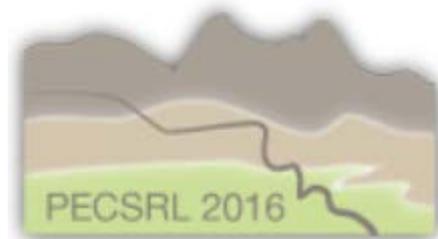
[http://egu2016.eu/information/deadlines\\_and\\_milestones.html](http://egu2016.eu/information/deadlines_and_milestones.html)

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### PECSRL 2016

5–9 September 2016

Innsbruck and Seefeld, Austria



#### 27th session of The Permanent European

**Conference for the Study of the Rural Landscape**, to be held 5–9 September 2016, with a post conference excursion from 9–11 September.

The PECSRL is organized biannually at different locations throughout Europe. This time, the conference is hosted by the Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, in Innsbruck, for the first time in a high mountain environment. As customary, the conference will be held at two locations and includes a full day of excursions throughout Tyrol, taking the participants from the capital of the federal state of Tyrol to the famous tourist village of Seefeld, situated at 1200 m a.s.l., on the Western edge of the Karwendel Nature Park.

The leading topic, which, we hope, will encourage a fruitful exchange of thoughts and research findings, is: ***“Mountains, Uplands, Lowlands – European Landscapes from an Altitudinal Perspective.”***

High mountain landscapes represent extreme and exposed locations of great diversity. As a result of recent climatic, socio-economic, and demographic changes, their sensitivity and vulnerability seems to increase, but also to open them up to new utilization opportunities. However, high mountains cannot be considered solely as closed landscape systems, but must be interpreted, in light of all their numerous and diverse interactions with their adjacent regions, e.g. their functions as suppliers of water and energy, and as providers of production-, culture-, settlement- and leisure space for the surrounding lowlands. Varied and intensive cultural and economic exchanges, as well as political influences, have always existed between the two spheres.

**Further information** is available at [www.pecsrl2016.com](http://www.pecsrl2016.com), including conference themes, format, topics and important dates. The site will be constantly updated.

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