

The General Assembly (GA) was attended by 10 participants representing eight LANDSCAPE EUROPE members. The programme of the meeting was focused especially on two main topics:

- reviewing the past 10 years of LANDSCAPE EUROPE'S existence and
- presentation of the Action plan for the development OF LANDSCAPE EUROPE over the next few years

Dirk Wascher, as former Network coordinator, gave a presentation about the history and key milestones of the network, its main activities, results achieved and lessons learnt. Participants of the GA agreed that the ambition of LANDSCAPE EUROPE is to go beyond running projects together and be coherent in the message on the landscape and bring it onto the research and policy agenda. On the other hand, the network is still very broad and not always focussed.

Peter Bezak, as new Network coordinator, gave suggestions for the further development of the network (the Action plan) over the next two years as perceived by the Institute of Landscape Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences (ILESAS) – new LANDSCAPE EUROPE Network office. The Action plan is briefly described in the following section. Fruitful discussion was held by the participants in order to express their own views on the presented ideas and to fine-tune details of activities which were accepted by the members.

The official transfer of the Network Office from Alterra (Bas Pedroli) to ILESAS (Peter Bezák) was carried out in between the above-mentioned presentations.