



LANDSCAPE EUROPE Newsletter – December 2017

Dear Landscape Europe Network readers,

Here is a new issue of the Landscape Europe Newsletter with new information from the field of landscape ecology.

*In case, you would like to support us with new information for our next issue, please do so. We will be glad to **pass all relevant information** to the Landscape Europe community via our web page and through the LE-Newsletter.*

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

With kindest regards

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MODERNISM, MODERNISATION AND THE RURAL LANDSCAPE

10-13 JUNE 2018

TARTU, ESTONIA

<https://modscapes.eu/conference2018/call-for-papers/>



The conference is combined with the Baltic Landscape Forum 2018 which is an event in the upcoming **European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018**. The European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018 highlights landscapes and looks what we have shared and still sharing cross Europe in this field. Therefore it would be nice to emphasis also which actors, ideas and concepts have influenced each other when the modern movement implements new concepts of landscape planning and management forming our today's cultural landscape heritage.

Proposals may address modernist rural landscapes at any scale, ranging from the single building or site, to nation-wide policies, or transnational comparative approaches.

The period of interest is focused on the "short" 20th century, but may as well deal with case studies dating back to the "long" 19th century. Papers dealing with current issues, challenges, practices or experiments in planning, design, landscape architecture or stewardship, etc. for modernist rural landscapes are most welcome.

The geographical focus of the conference is mainly Europe, and its influences beyond its borders. However, proposals dealing with case studies in any geographic location are welcome.

Over and all, the conference aims at offering, probably for the first time at this scale, a broad overview of the wide range of experiments and conditions testifying of the engagement of modernism towards the rural question. In particular, it aims at verifying to which extent the concept of "modernist rural landscapes" can help to frame a multitude of local, regional or national episodes in the history of architecture, planning and landscapes, as a trans-national phenomenon.

Within this frame, successful proposals will focus on documenting concrete and well delimited case studies, but will also strive to develop their theoretical implications, related methodological issues, and current significance. In particular, participants are invited to elaborate on the three main concepts underlying the MODSCAPES project: "modernism", "reinvention", and "landscape".

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are invited on any of the above themes for oral presentations or posters. Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and should contain a short introduction, the research aim or question, a brief statement of the methods used and some main results and conclusions, supported by up to 4 references, and up to 2 images.

KEY DATES:**21 December 2017: Submission of abstracts**

January 31 2018: Feedback to participants on acceptance, rejection or revision

March 31 2018: Submission of full-text papers

April 30 2018: Feedback to participants on acceptance or revision from double-blind peer-review

May 14 2018: Submission of final papers

June 10 2018: Conference starts

THE 18TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LANDSCAPE DIVERSITY AND BIODIVERSITY

18 – 21 SEPTEMBER 2018

SMOLENICE CONGRESS CENTRE, SLOVAKIA

http://www.uke.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/1_announcement.pdf

The symposium is a three days scientific conference consisting of an oral and poster presentations of contributed papers related to landscape and biodiversity conservation, changes in current and past landscape structure and urbanization.



The conference provides an ideal academic platform for researchers to present latest research findings and directions in Natural Sciences issues. Therefore we would like to solicit your gracious presence as a speaker for the Symposium in one of **following sections**:

- Landscape structure changes and land-use
- Landscape protection and biodiversity conservation
- Changes of historical structures in the landscape
- Urbanization and settlements development.

Full texts of papers and posters presented at the conference can be published in peer-reviewed book of proceedings or in journals *Ekológia* (Bratislava) and *Ekologické štúdie* (Ecological Studies).

Please fill in and submit **the online registration form**:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhTfTm97GryQEPvVYyTG9a8lLkOHNK3fwWY9W98ww66ySzg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

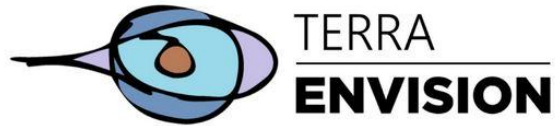
TERRAenVISION ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TODAY: SCIENTIFIC SOLUTIONS FOR SOCIETAL ISSUES

29 JANUARY-2 FEBRUARY 2018

PRE-CONFERENCE EXCURSION: 25 – 28
JANUARY 2018

BARCELONA, SPAIN

<https://terraenvision2018.eu/>



DEADLINE: 1 DECEMBER for EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION and ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

This conference is framed around themes. Each theme is kicked off by two plenary keynote speeches of 20 min, followed by a discussion. After the plenary session, a range of different parallel sessions will be organised.

We also want to stress that the conference is not only for scientists, but also warmly would like to invite people from outside the scientific world.

THE THEMES:

- Climate change: Mitigation and Adaptation
- Water Resources: Quality and Quantity
- Land Degradation and Restoration
- Nature based solutions
- Fire in the earth system, effects and prevention
- Ecosystem services and Health
- Science interface: with policy and public

CONSIDERING THE FUTURE OF SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE EU: ENSURING PRODUCTION AND PRESERVING BIODIVERSITY

22 FEBRUARY 2018

THON HOTEL BRUSSELS CITY CENTRE, BRUSSELS

The World Economic Forum listed **'biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse'** as one of the top 10 global risks in 2015. Among the causes of such decline, agriculture is considered one of the most substantial, and agricultural



biodiversity loss is usually linked to unsustainable intensification of agricultural activities on the one hand, and the abandonment of farming on the other.

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) includes various instruments to support biodiversity, considering the implementation of greening measures as a compulsory condition for farmers to receive part of their direct payments, and binding Member States to allocate at least 30% of their budget for rural development programmes for environmentally beneficial measures. However, in its mid-term review of the Biodiversity strategy, published in 2015, the European Commission concluded that the strategy was not fulfilling expectations with regards to the contribution of agriculture to maintaining and enhancing biodiversity. Furthermore, the first edition of the **Environmental Implementation Review (EIR)**, published by the Commission in February 2017, highlighted that three quarters of the habitats assessed indicate an unfavourable conservation status, blaming it, among others, on non-sustainable agricultural practices.

In April 2017, following a thorough evaluation of the Birds and Habitats Directives (the Nature Directives), the Commission published an **“Action Plan for nature, people and the economy”**, laying down four priority areas and 15 actions to meet the EU's biodiversity targets for 2020. **The four priorities** are: improving guidance and knowledge and ensuring better coherence with broader socioeconomic objectives; building political ownership and strengthening compliance; strengthening investment in Natura 2000 and improving synergies with EU funding instruments; better communication and outreach, engaging citizens, stakeholders and communities. Most actions will be launched in 2017 so that the Commission can report on their delivery before the end of its current mandate in 2019.

In light of these recent policy developments and the reiteration of the EU's **commitment to achieve its biodiversity targets for 2020**, this international symposium will provide an invaluable opportunity to engage with the debate on biodiversity at EU level and scrutinise the future of sustainable agriculture in Europe. It will also enable delegates to analyse different methodological approaches to sustainable agriculture and biodiversity preservation and get to know recent technological developments that could foster sustainability. The event will bring together representatives from the EU and national institutions, the private sector and the civil society to share best practice and provide a broad range of perspectives.

DELEGATES WILL:

- Discuss the latest developments in the EU policy framework on agriculture and biodiversity
- Evaluate the progress made in the implementation of the Action Plan for nature, people and the economy
- Analyse suitable strategies to prevent loss of ecosystems services
- Learn about the economic importance of preserving biodiversity
- Gain insight into environmentally harmful practices in agriculture and how they can be prevented
- Debate on different methodological approaches to wildlife conservation in agriculture
- Explore recent technological developments for sustainable agriculture

- Get to know practical examples of alternative farming systems
- Broaden their network and build constructive partnerships with stakeholders interested in reconciling agricultural production and biodiversity preservation

An offer for **a 20% early registration discount** off the standard delegate rates (subject to type of organisation and terms and conditions) **for bookings received by the 12th January 2018.**

For further details, please refer to the enclosed event brochure. Do feel free to circulate this information to relevant colleagues within your organisation.

In the meantime, to ensure your organisation is represented, please book online or complete and return the registration form at your earliest convenience in order to secure your delegate place(s).

PECSRL 2018



EUROPEAN LANDSCAPES FOR QUALITY OF LIFE ?

3–7 SEPTEMBER 2018

POST-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP: 7–9 SEPTEMBER 2018

IN CLERMONT-FERRAND AND MENDE, FRANCE

<https://pecsrl2018.sciencesconf.org/>

The 28 th session of the PECSRL biennial international conference – European Landscapes for Quality of Life? – will be held in 2018, at two locations: Clermont-Ferrand and Mende. This general theme encompasses the interactions between quality of landscapes, quality of food and quality of life, the importance of re enrooting food to place as an alternative to the globalization and Health and quality of life in connection with landscapes.

It will be hosted by the research group “territoires”, an interdisciplinary unit that gathers geographers, economists, agronomists, social and politic scientists from 5 institutions (Agro Paris Tech, Clermont Auvergne University, INRA, IRSTEA, VetAgro Sup).

PECSRL 2018 IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What are the connections between quality of Life and quality of landscape? In which conditions they can reinforce each other for a better sustainability?

- What are the interests/limits of re-enrooting food to place as an alternative to the globalization? What are the conditions of the success? What are the main levels that can be used and what are the main locks to be removed.
- What are the economic consequences for firms and local development to re-enrooting food to place, thanks to links to landscape?
- How Health, quality of life and landscapes are connected? What are the main driving forces? In which situations is it possible to better local situations?
- How Energy Landscapes can contribute (or not) to better the quality of life?
- Are Landscape quality, food identity and quality of life always positively correlated? For what consequences? If not, what are the reasons of negative interactions and is it possible to change?

IMPORTANT DATES

15/10/2017 – Call for sessions

30/11/2017 – Deadline for the call for sessions

15/12/2017 – Acceptation of sessions, call for communications and posters

15/02/2018 – Deadline for communications and posters

08/03/2018 – Acceptation of communications and posters

REGIORESOURCES 21-2018

GLOBAL MEGATRENDS AND LANDSCAPE

17-19 APRIL 2018

CONGRESS CENTRE OF THE SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, SMOLENICE CASTLE, SLOVAKIA

<http://regioresources21.eli-web.com/>



Aim of the conference is to develop creative discussion in the research of assessment of global megatrends and elimination of their negative consequences and impacts on the landscape and society.

TOPICS

- Mapping and assessment of ecosystem services and biodiversity - dealing with global trends and drivers
- Modelling and assessment of global change impacts on urban and rural landscapes
- Impacts of global changes on the sustainable provision of natural resources
- Regional, rural and urban development - future instruments and approaches
- Supporting decision and communication processes related to global change impacts on landscapes

SPECIAL ISSUE

We are pleased to inform that those abstract finally accepted will be invited to participate on a Special Issue of the journal "Change and Adaptation in Socio-Ecological Systems (CASES)" and journal Ekológia (Bratislava) – "International Journal for Ecological Problems of the Biosphere". Instructions will be sent together with the acceptance communication.

DEADLINES:

Abstract submission deadline: 31st January 2018

Notification of acceptance: 31st March 2018

Early-bird registration deadline: 30th November 2017

Deadline for conference registration: 31st March 2018

ENROUTE CONFERENCE

**BIODIVER-CITY: ENHANCING URBAN
BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES TO
MAKE CITIES MORE RESILIENT**

24 APRIL 2018

SOFIA, BULGARIA



<https://oppla.eu/enhancing-urban-biodiversity-and-ecosystem-services-make-cities-more-resilient>

OBJECTIVES

If we think about nature conservation or increasing essential ecosystem services we usually think of protected areas, conserving valuable ecosystems such as forest and wetlands, or maintaining rural landscapes. But can cities also help achieving biodiversity goals and targets? The potential of cities to help protect biodiversity and ecosystem services is likely underestimated.

This conference aims at delivering a set of key messages and principles of how cities can contribute to regional, national and European biodiversity policy, goals and targets.

THEMES

- What is our present knowledge of urban biodiversity? What indicators are used and what are the current patterns and trends reveal about urban biodiversity?
- Why is urban biodiversity important? What are the links between urban biodiversity and urban ecosystem services and with well-being?
- Is a high urban biodiversity important for citizens and other stakeholders? How can citizens monitor biodiversity?

- How can urban green infrastructure be designed and managed to maintain and enhance urban biodiversity and ecosystem services?

Do you want to share your ideas or are you interested to participate?

Unsolicited abstracts for presentations in plenary or break-out sessions are accepted in case you are interested in presenting your work on urban biodiversity and ecosystem services.

For questions or unsolicited abstract submissions contact: jrc-enroute-project@ec.europa.eu

REGISTRATION: <https://oppla.eu/user/register?destination=node/17995%23comment-form>

NEW STUDY

“IS THE CAP FIT FOR THE FUTURE OF FARMING?”

FITNESS CHECK OF EU COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Scientists of the **iDiv consortium** presented in Brussels a Fitness Check assessment of the EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The study “Is the CAP fit for the future of farming?” was carried out by a team of researchers including scientists

from iDiv, the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), Leipzig University (UL), the Friedrich Schiller University Jena (FSU) and the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (MLU). Among them are first author Guy Pe’er (iDiv, UFZ, UL), Aletta Bonn (UFZ, iDiv, FSU) and Bernd Hansjürgens (UFZ, MLU, iDiv).



The study was commissioned by the non-governmental organisations BirdLife Europe & Central Asia, European Environmental Bureau, and NABU (BirdLife Germany).

The results of the study suggest that the current CAP that accounts for almost 40% of the EU budget is not fit for purpose.

LINK FOR THE REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

https://www.idiv.de/news/news_single_view/news_article/new_study_f.html

MORE EVENTS IN 2018

ICEFC 2018 : 20th International Conference on Ecology and Forest Conservation

25-26 January 2018

Paris, France

<https://www.waset.org/conference/2018/01/paris/ICEFC>

ICSHGE18 — 2nd International Conference on Sustainability, Human Geography and Environment 2018

28 Feb 2018 - 04 Mar 2018

Cracow, Poland

<http://www.icshge.org>

EcoBio: Challenges in Building a Sustainable Biobased Economy 2018

04 Mar 2018 - 07 Mar 2018

Ireland, United Kingdom

<https://www.elsevier.com/events/conferences/eco-bio>

SMARTGREENS 2018 — 7th International Conference on Smart Cities and Green ICT Systems

16 Mar 2018 - 18 Mar 2018

Funchal, Madeira, Portugal

<http://www.smartgreens.org/>

ICWERC 2018 : 20th International Conference on Wildlife Ecology, Rehabilitation and Conservation

22-23 March 2018

Prague, Czech Republik

<https://www.waset.org/conference/2018/03/prague/ICWERC>

AES — Architecture and Environmental Studies

10 Apr 2018 - 12 Apr 2018

Netherlands, Netherlands

<http://www.ierek.com/events/architecture-environmental-studies>

ICWERC 2018 : 20th International Conference on Wildlife Ecology, Rehabilitation and Conservation

24-25 April 2018

London, United Kingdom

<https://www.waset.org/conference/2018/04/london/ICWERC/home>

Environmental Impact 2018

4th International Conference on Environmental and Economic Impact on Sustainable Development

20 - 22 June, 2018

Naples, Italy

<http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2018/environmental-impact-2018>

POLLEN Biennial Conference 2018

Second Biennial Conference of the Political Ecology Network (POLLEN)

POLLEN18: Political Ecology, the Green Economy, and Alternative Sustainabilities

20-22 June 2018

Oslo and Akershus University College, Oslo, Norway

<https://politicalecologynetwork.com/pollen-biannual-conference/>

AED — Architectural And Environmental Design

18 Jul 2018 - 20 Jul 2018

Netherlands, Netherlands

<https://www.ierek.com/events/architecture-environmental-design/>

International Statistical Ecology Conference

2 - 6 July 2018

University of St Andrews, Scotland

<http://www.isec2018.org/home>

Urban Regeneration and Sustainability

05 Nov 2018 - 06 Nov 2018

London, United Kingdom

<http://www.ierek.com/events/urban-regeneration-sustainability-2/>

