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LANDSCAPE AS A COMMON GOOD

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European Landscape Convention

- The Convention aims to promote landscape protection, management and planning, and to organise European co-operation on landscape issues.
- Landscapes affect our identity and quality of life. They also play an important role from the perspectives of culture, social well-being and the economy.
- Estonia aims to join this Convention by the time we assume the Presidency of the European Union.



Implementation

Implementation of the Convention:

- local / regional level
- national level

We must also address education and awareness-raising, as well as identification and assessment.

The URBANCOWS project (Pärnu) is an example of a successful regional project, which received funding from EU's LIFE+ Nature programme in 2011.





National implementation

- **The Ministry's** activities in the area of landscape protection are mainly related to protected areas, where the emphasis is on the protection of high nature value. The Ministry is also involved in the shaping of landscape through the areas of forestry, waste management, mineral resources, etc.
- Administrative agencies: Environmental Board, Land Board, and State Forest Management Centre.



At the national level, there are four ministries that are directly involved in the implementation of the Convention – the ministries of the Environment, Culture, Finance and Rural Affairs. There are also several related administrative agencies with their own areas of competence. Within this institutional framework common objectives are attained through cross-sectoral collaboration.



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Scope of the Convention

- The Convention covers different themes from **nature protection** and **waste management** to **spatial planning**.



Themes:

forestry # agriculture # spatial planning # waste # heritage protection

economy # mineral resources # water # architecture # nature protection



Activities

- **Nature Protection:** safeguard maximum natural diversity, and favorable conditions for habitats and species via practical efforts.
- **Waste:** foster efficient waste management and recycling, as well as the reduction of littering and illegal waste disposal.
- **Forestry:** promote sustainable forest management.
- **Mineral Resources:** ensure sustainable landscape use. Mining has a major visual and ecological impact on landscape quality.
- **Water:** protect aquatic biodiversity. The condition of water bodies, as well as the landscaping and use of waterfronts, have a significant effect on the appearance and quality of landscapes.



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