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5th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

Date: 30-31 March 2009

Location: Council of Europe, Palais de l'Europe, room 1 (Strasbourg)

Organised by: Council of Europe Cultural Heritage, Spatial Planning and Landscape Division, Directorate of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage

Description: Government officials, international governmental and non-governmental organisations and landscape experts among others will meet for the 5th Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention to take stock of progress made to date in the implementation of the Convention, and to deal with practical questions following its entry into force.

The [European Landscape Convention](#) was opened to signature in Florence on 20 October 2000 and came into force on 1 March 2004, to promote European landscape protection, management and planning, and to organise European co-operation in this area. It is the first international treaty exclusively concerned with all aspects of the European landscape and applies to the entire territory of the contracting Parties, covering natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas.

Indeed covering a broad range of categories – not just remarkable landscapes, but also ordinary everyday landscapes and blighted areas – the Convention represents an essential contribution to the Council of Europe: it takes into account landscape, cultural and natural values, to protect the quality of life and well-being of Europeans.

[Link to the Programme](#)

Practical information:

The entire Conference is **open to the press**. Please contact the press division to obtain accreditation and for any interview requests.

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