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## Protection and management of cultural landscapes in Europe

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### Lakes within landscapes

Lakes as the focal points of :

- natural systems within water catchments; of
- the historic and modern culture, and the cultural heritage, of the area
- the visual landscape

## The well-being of lakes and landscapes

The health of the lake may depend upon :

- sound management of natural systems
- protection of the cultural heritage
- protection and management of the landscape.

Conversely, condition of a lake can affect the well-being of the wider landscape





## Two crucial points

Geographic scale of catchments –  
local, national or multi-national

The intimate link between landscape,  
nature and culture



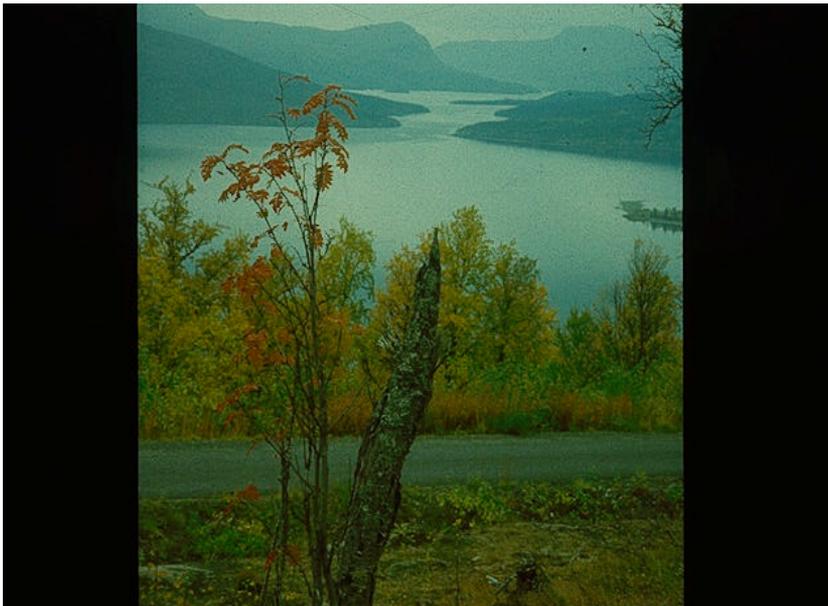
# Culture and nature

Separate global and national systems for :

- the natural heritage
- the cultural heritage.

Now coming together : **landscape** as the link

eg - UNESCO World Heritage Committee  
- pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy





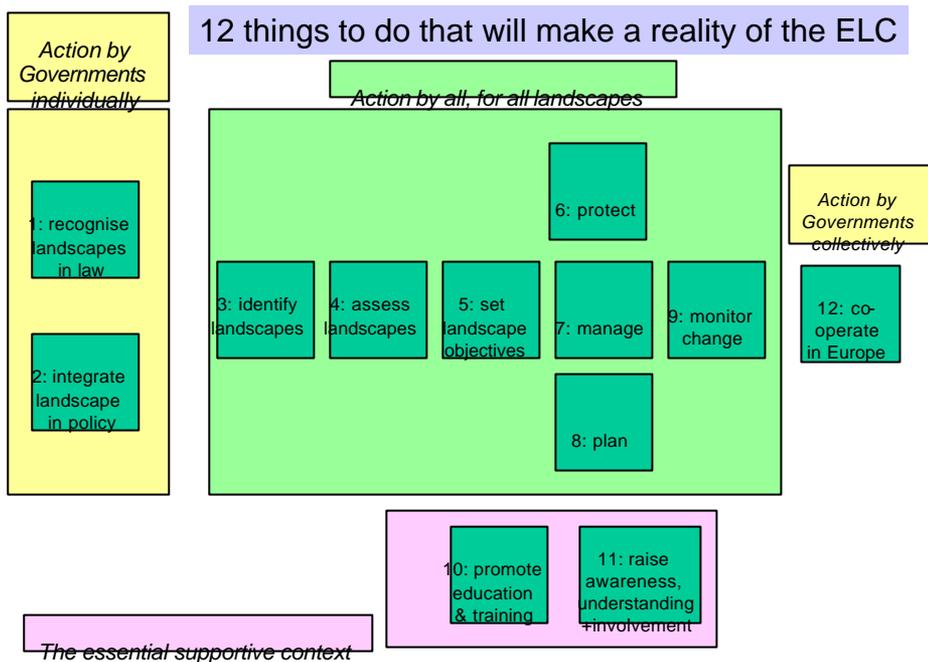
## European Landscape Convention

Protection, management and planning of Europe's landscape, and European co-operation on landscape issues

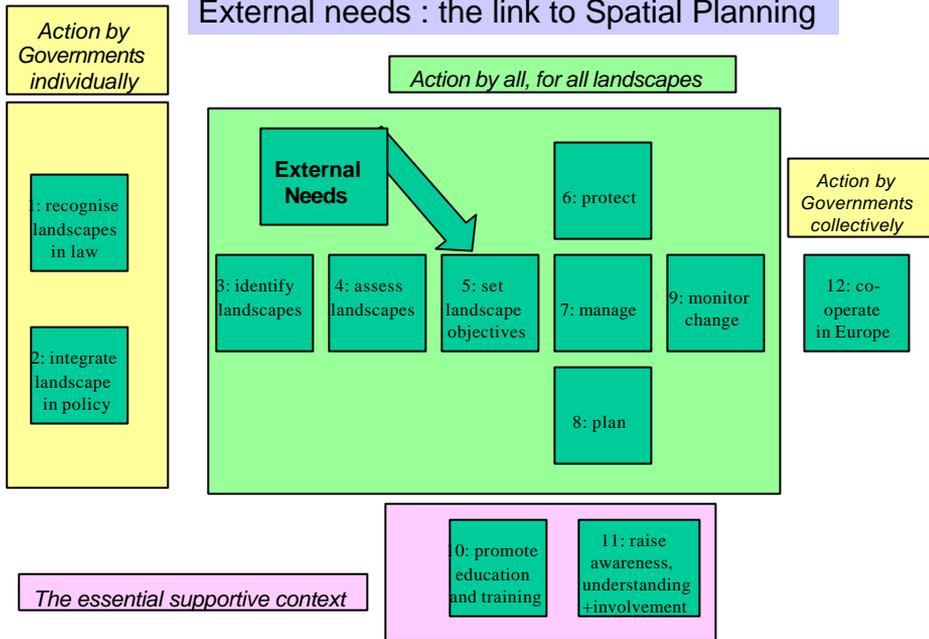
- **All landscapes – urban, peri-urban, rural; ordinary, despoiled and exceptional**
- **Active public involvement**
- **A common European heritage**
- **Action by public authorities at all levels to protect, manage and plan landscapes**
- **International cooperation**

# Commitment by Member States

- to recognise landscapes in law
- to establish + implement landscape policies
- to enable general public, local and regional authorities, and others to take part in defining and implementing landscape policies;
- to integrate landscape into regional and town planning policies and all other relevant policies

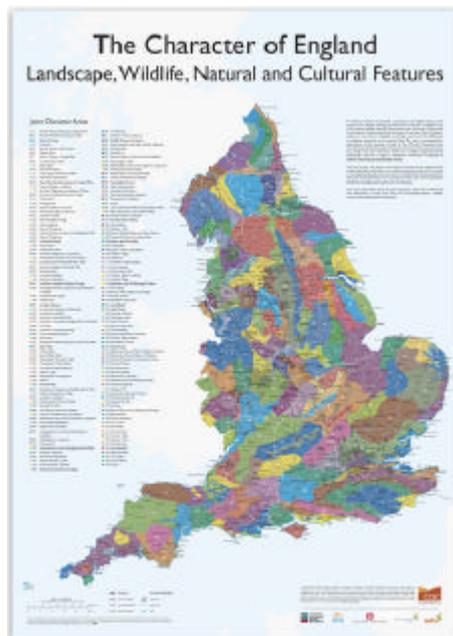


# External needs : the link to Spatial Planning



# Policy and practical action

- Surveys of landscapes
- Review of relevant policies
- Bringing landscape into territorial plans
- Landscape character
- Protection, management and planning





## Integration into policies

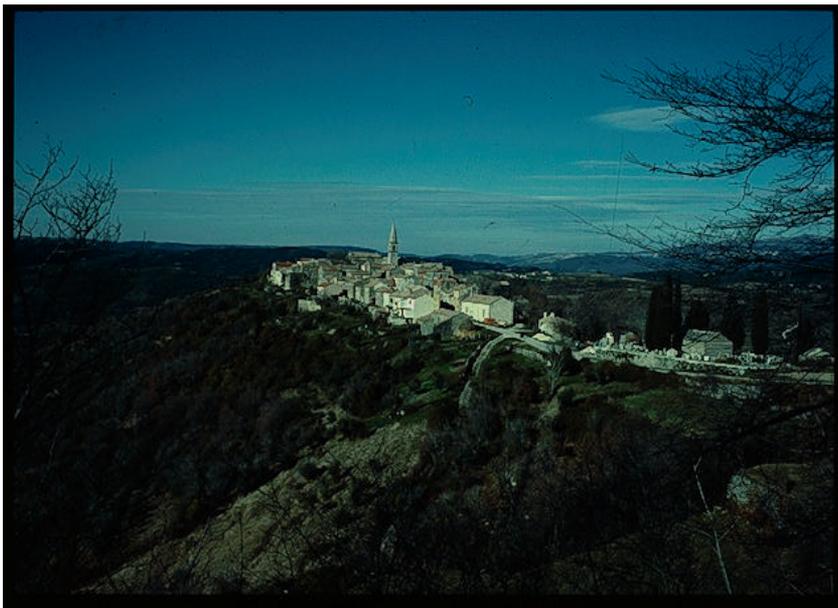
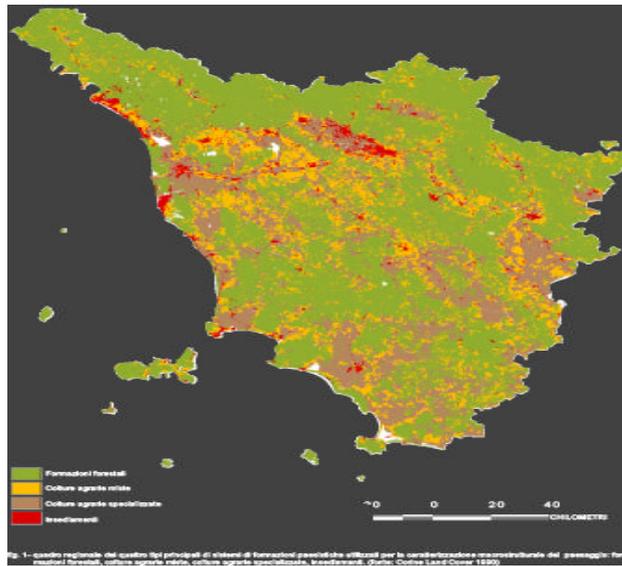
*“...to integrate landscape into its regional and town planning policies and in its cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies, as well as in any other policies with possible direct or indirect impact on landscape”*

(Article 5d of the Convention).





## Toscana Landscape assessment for Territorial plan







## “Protect, manage and plan”

Many landscape features, and some whole landscapes, need to be protected

Some landscapes need to be planned, with “strong, forward-looking action to enhance, restore or create” them

Almost all landscapes need to be managed



