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Overview of Landscape Observatories in Europe

based on the LOD Project
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Background/networking

with the fundamental collaboration of the
European Landscape Networks
UNISCAPE, CIVILSCAPE and RECEP-ENELC

2011 DIST survey

2013 Seminar in Florence

2013 presentation at CoE Meeting

2014 Seminar in Torino

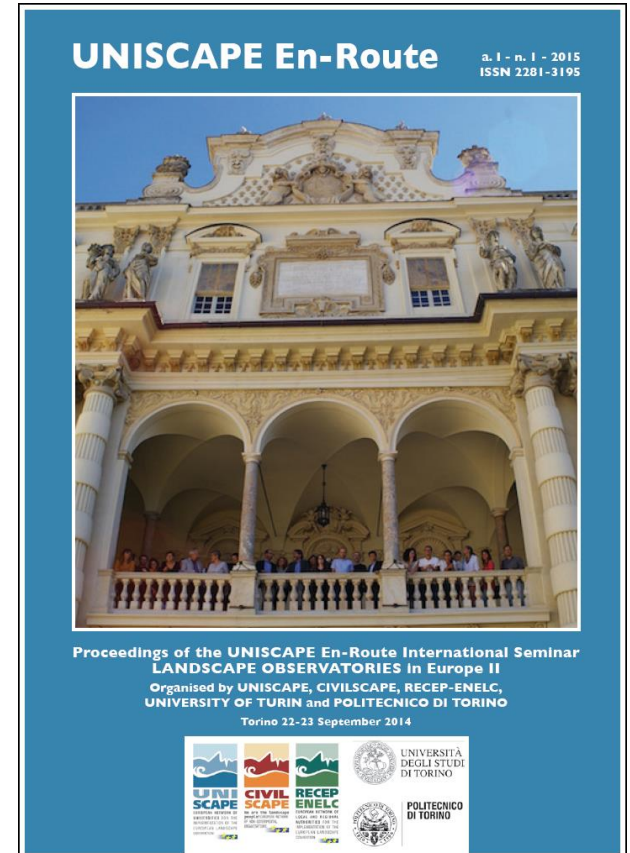
2015 **The Charter of Torino** for the
Promotion and Dissemination of the
Landscape Observatories in Europe at the
CoE Meeting in Strasbourg

2015 Seminar in Ancona

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2015 The LOD Project

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The LOD Project

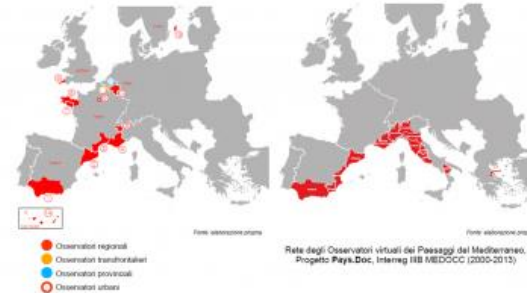
A networking platform

A self-mapping tool



Who and where
 Add your LO
 Italian LO

Landscape Observatories, Centres, Institutes / Who and where



The following list is based on reports and previous research activity. We kindly ask you to inform us about new LO to be added.
 Last update 12/2013 by Raffaele Germano

Country	Name	Web site / E-mail / (Last visit)
Spain, Italy, France, Cyprus, Greece	European Tank of Landscape Observatories (ETLO)	www.etlo-modeland.gr/en/ (26/11/13)
Spain, France, Italy	Osservatorio Europeo del	www.osservatoriopaesaggio.eu/

<http://areweb.polito.it/LOD/>

The LOD website is hosted by DIST
 Inter-University Department of Politecnico and Università di Torino

The LOD survey (may-nov. 2015)

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Network sampling
Research by participation

Web-survey

STILL OPEN!

ADD YOUR LO!

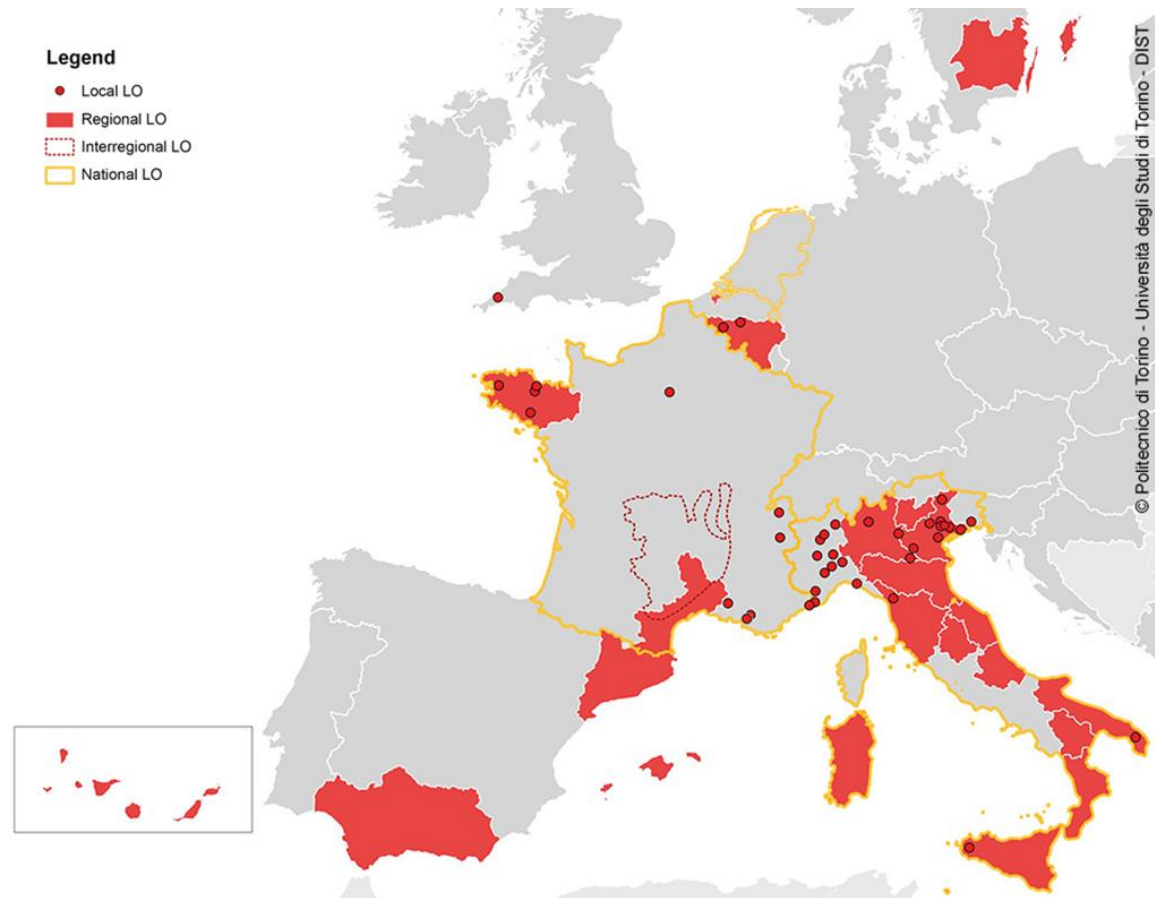
<http://areweb.polito.it/LOD/add.htm>

about 70 entities

Incl. Extra UE

Incl. Research Centers

- Sampling criteria:
- Explicit reference to ELC



The LOD survey

(may-nov. 2015)

Data relating to the Landscape Observatory

Name
Headquarters
Web site, e-mail
Year of establishment
Establishment law (if any)

Functions and activities

Documentation Assessment and monitoring
Policy making, advisory and guidance
Participation
Forum
Other

Territorial level (spatial scale of interest)

Local
Regional
National
International
Part of a Network

Type of entity (juridical person)

NGO, Private association
GO, Public body
Public/private consortium
University, research centre
Other

Financial resources

No financial resources (voluntary based activities)
Private resources, sponsorship
Public resources (governmental support on regular basis)
Occasional resources (projects funding)
Other

Human resources

Employees
Volunteers
Consultants
Other

Type of competences involved

Geographers
Historians
Planners
Landscape architects
Architects
Agronomists
Environmentalists, naturalists
Sociologists
Politicians, public officials
Other

Main projects realized

Main on-going activities

Networking activities

Comments

Data relating to the compilation

The LOD results

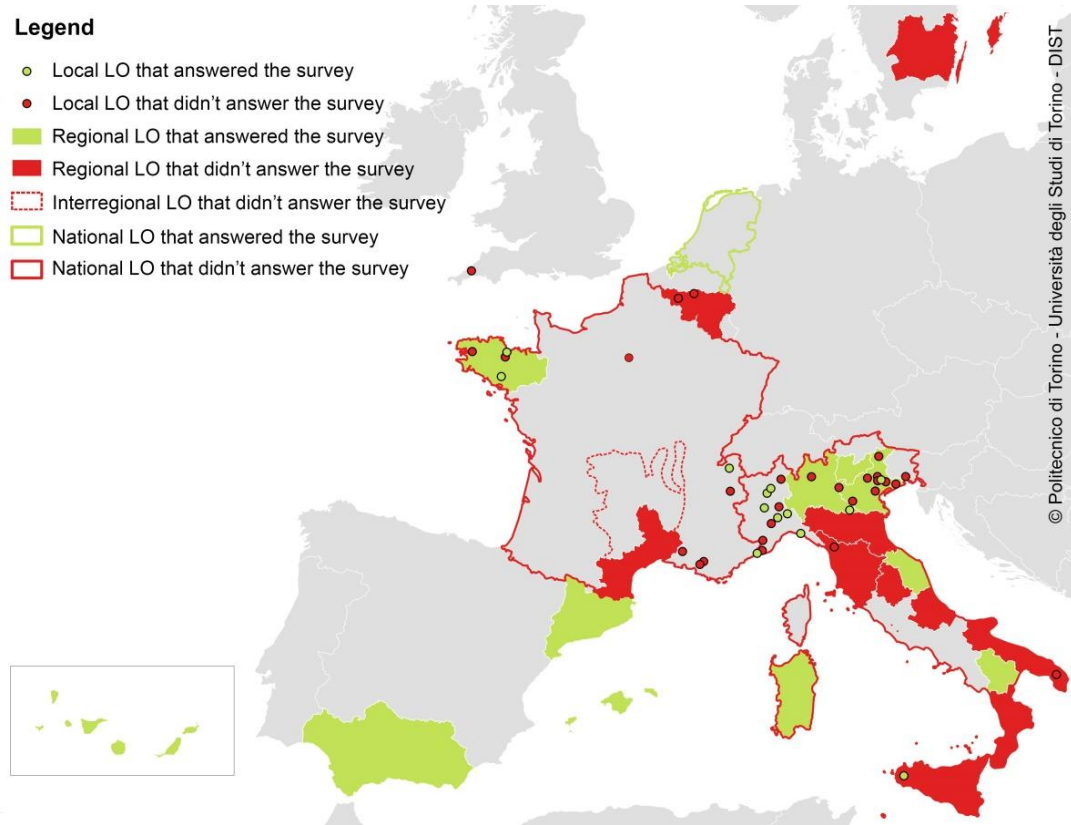
26 respondents
(38%)

The census is not exhaustive,
however:

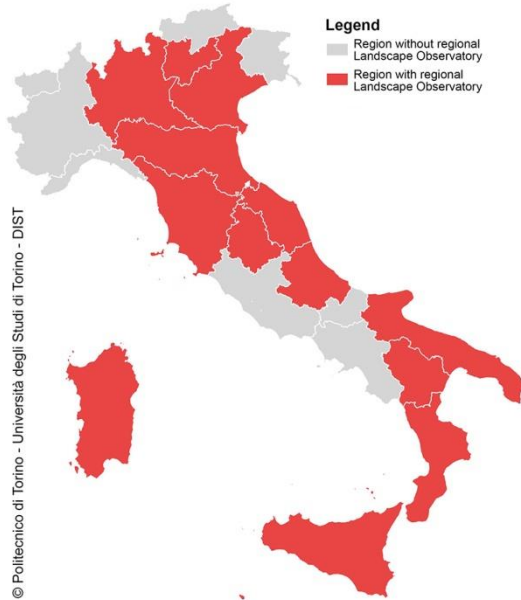
A geography emerges

Existing models

Can be discussed.

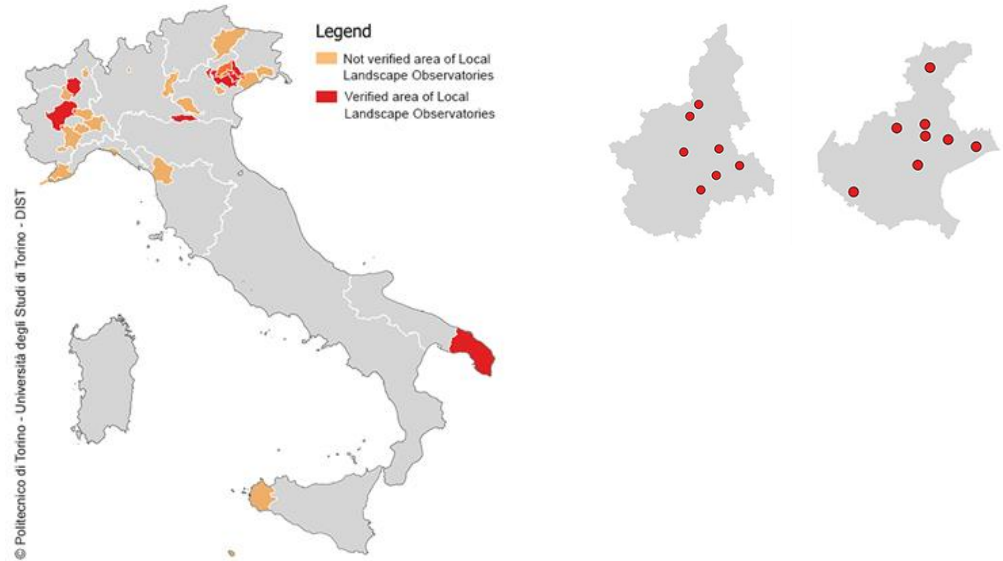


Focus on Italy



n. 2 **National Observatories** (!)

A number of **Regional LOs**
(established by law)

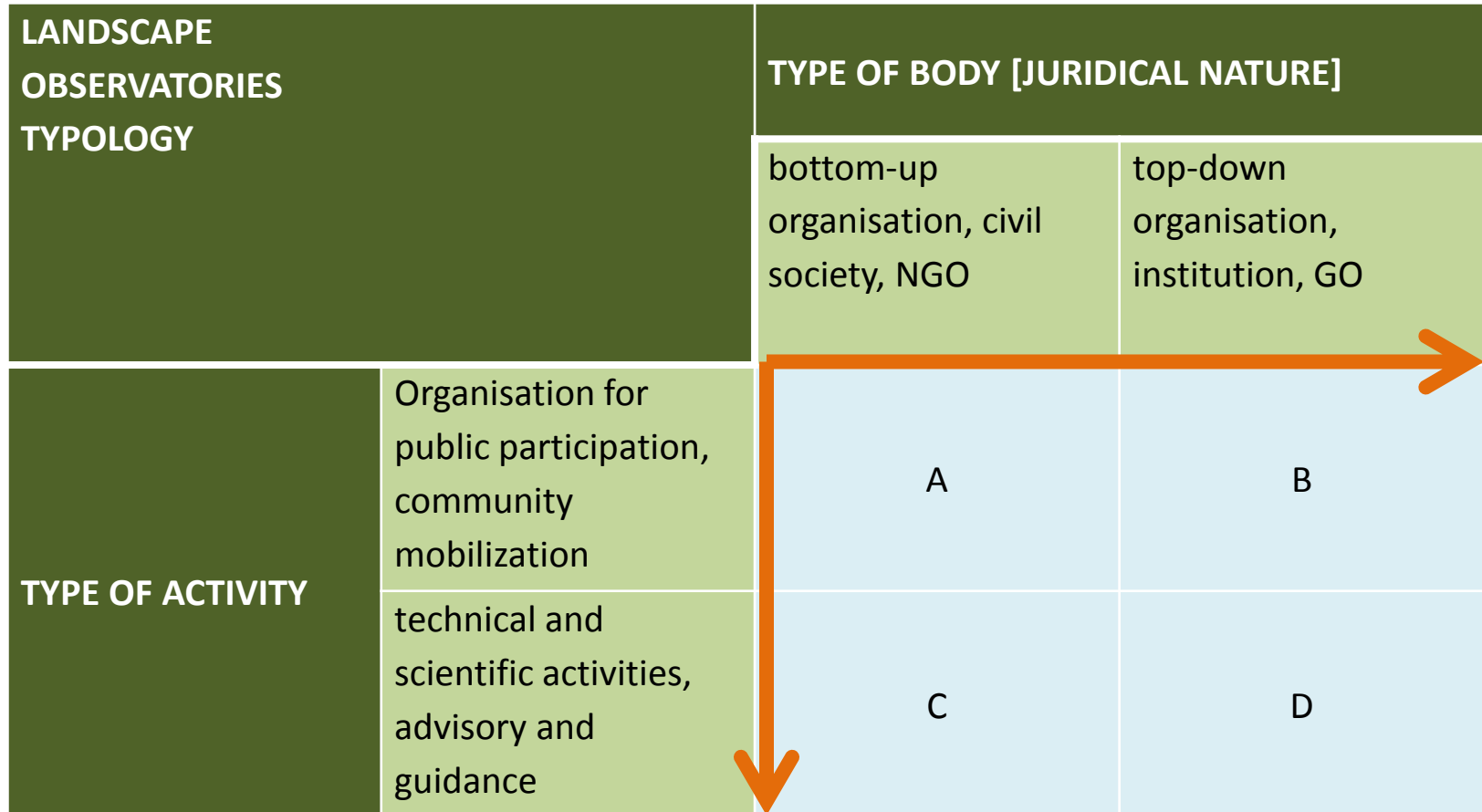


Many **local and bottom-up LOs**

Networks of local observatories

LO models

LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORIES TYPOLOGY		TYPE OF BODY [JURIDICAL NATURE]	
		bottom-up organisation, civil society, NGO	top-down organisation, institution, GO
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Organisation for public participation, community mobilization	A	B
	technical and scientific activities, advisory and guidance	C	D



LO models

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The diagram illustrates the relationships between different LO models based on their body type and activity type. A solid orange arrow points from the top-left cell (A) to the top-right cell (B), indicating a transition from bottom-up to top-down organizations. A solid orange arrow points from the top-left cell (A) to the bottom-left cell (C), indicating a transition from public participation to technical/scientific activities. A dashed green arrow points from the top-left cell (A) to the bottom-right cell (D), indicating a transition from public participation to technical/scientific activities in a top-down organization.

LO models

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		bottom-up organisation, civil society, NGO	top-down organisation, institution, Gov.
TYPE OF ACTIVITY	Organisation for public participation, community mobilization	Piedmont LOs	Catpaisatge
	technical and scientific activities, advisory and guidance		Catpaisatge Italian regional LOs

The diagram illustrates the relationship between Landscape Observatory (LO) models based on their typology and activity type. A solid orange arrow points from the 'bottom-up organisation, civil society, NGO' column to the 'top-down organisation, institution, Gov.' column, indicating a shift in the body type. A dashed green arrow points from the 'Organisation for public participation, community mobilization' row to the 'technical and scientific activities, advisory and guidance' row, indicating a shift in the type of activity. The matrix shows that Piedmont LOs are bottom-up organizations for public participation, while Catpaisatge and Catpaisatge Italian regional LOs are top-down organizations for technical and scientific activities.

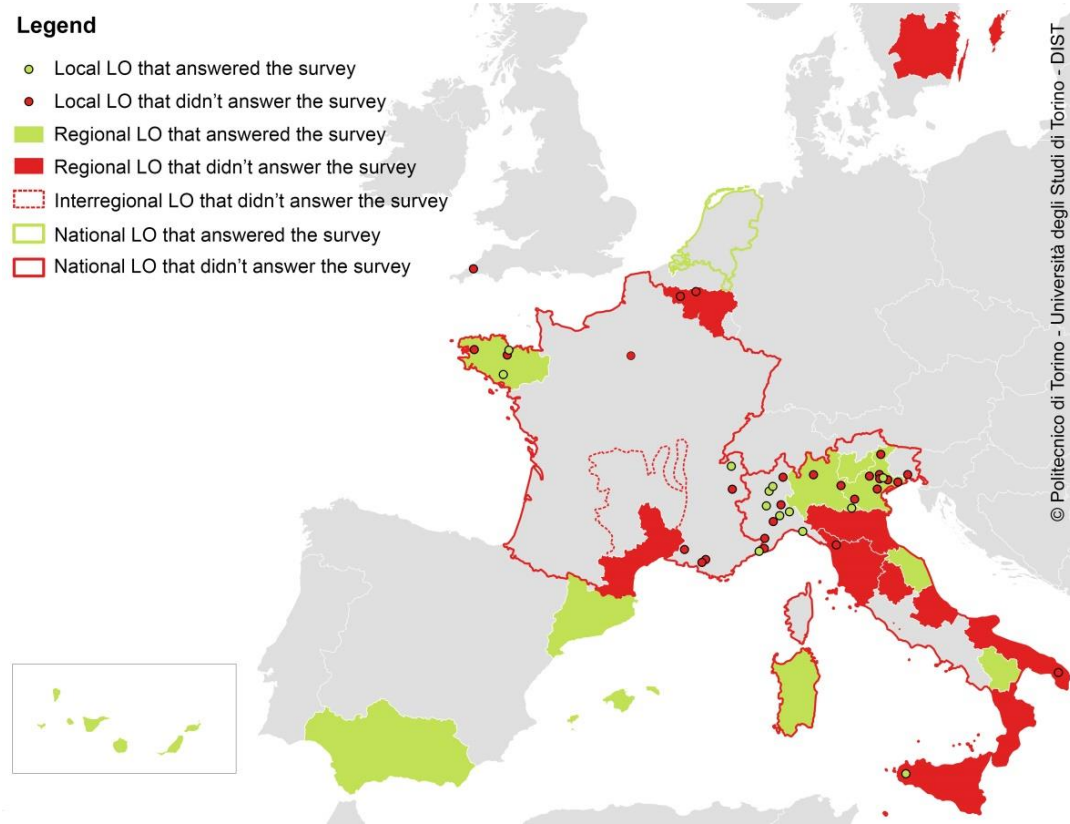
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Date
Territorial level
Organization
Resources
Expertises
Functions

Legend

- Local LO that answered the survey
- Local LO that didn't answer the survey
- Regional LO that answered the survey
- Regional LO that didn't answer the survey
- ▭ Interregional LO that didn't answer the survey
- ▭ National LO that answered the survey
- ▭ National LO that didn't answer the survey



What a LO is, and what is not

PLACE – BASED
PEOPLE - BASED

Function:
Observation, monitoring

Reference to ELC

A website

A database

A research center

An administration's office

A scientific committee

What a LO may be

The IN-BETWEEN space of action
Not already covered in the specific territorial context
(no universal model)

a MEDIUM-organization between Communities and Institutions

Next meeting / See you in Ghent

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europe.eu/iale2017](http://www.iale-europe.eu/iale2017)



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