

**Involvement of  
civil society  
in observing the landscape**



# CIVILSCAPE

Founded 2008 in Florence

122 members from 32 countries

Biggest network of civil society organisations and public bodies working on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention

Partnership with several more organisations

Landscape Observatories have a key role



# Changing in landscape policies

Roel Feringa:

Shift of administrative competence in landscape planning and management from national towards regional level

Berno Stootman:

Actual challenges (urban sprawl, biodiversity loss)

New societal frame-setting (energy-neutral landscape, fossil free, sustainable development and management)



**Civil Society  
an audience  
to be addressed?**



# Classic approach in transition

Civil Society as an passive audience

Expert presenting their planning and management plans to the public

Participatory planning and management

= Civil Society as a potential contributor or co-creator

Jan Jacob van Dijk:

Participation needs „Informed citizens“



**Civil Society  
brings in different  
perceptions?**



# European Landscape Convention

"Landscape" means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors;

Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons:

38 European countries have signed the European Landscape Convention and caused changes in landscape management, planning and protection



# **Civil Society engagement to landscape observatories**





# Examples

Pere Sala í Marti:

Wikipedra in Catalonia

Laurence le Du Blayot:

Observatories with Landscape Photos

Bas Pedrolí:

Overview on Landscape Observatories

Digitalisation: KulaDig and Kleks in Germany



# **Stakeholder-centered landscape planning and management**



# Reasons for new a approach

Landscape is a permanent choice and might be agreed in temporary societal constructions

Diversified society

Expert critical approach

Co-creation of management and planning processes



# **Regional policy development and Civil Society**



# Cultural heritage / landscape

Susan Lammers „Cultural heritage is landscape – landscapes are cultural heritage“

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# HERICOAST - aims

This project aims to improve regional policies for heritage management in maritime & fluvial regions by facilitating policy learning and supporting exchange of experience, in line with the EC's advice on participatory governance of cultural heritage.

In this way, the regions will achieve a better balance between exploitation & preservation measures when redeveloping coastal landscapes.



# HERICOAST - facts

Project partnership: 8 partners from 6 countries  
(NO,RO,ES,IT,NL,IE).

Duration: 1 April 2016 – 30 September 2020

Budget: 1.738.029 EUR



# HERICOAST – learning process

A 3-step interregional learning process:

- 1) Identification and analysis of heritage & territorial situations;
- 2) exchange of experience and good practice within heritage management;
- 3) development of regional action plans through participatory involvement of stakeholders.





# HERICOAST - outcome

A methodological framework and a tool-box for assessing & developing heritage will serve as the backbone to the learning process.

Regional policy instruments will be improved through new projects, improved governance and structural change.

7 MEUR in Structural Funds are estimated to be influenced by the project, as well as 1.030 MEUR of other funds.



**Landscape observatories  
provide a platform for all  
stakeholders including  
Civil Society**





# Thank you for your attention

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# Up-coming Landscape Forum events

Marinescape Forum Poole 2017,  
Poole (UK) 16-17 May 2017

Landscape Forum Berlin 2017,  
Berlin on December 2017

Marinescape Forum Burgas 2018,  
Burgas (RO) on 15-16 May 2018

