Having regard to Recommendation CM/Rec (2008)3 on the Guidelines for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, “landscape observatories, centers and institutes” are one of the main instruments for the implementation of landscape policies (II.3.3). They allow collection, exchange of information and study protocols between states and local communities.

In some cases national and regional bodies have established institutional centers for landscape observation, which show a varied panorama of missions and relationships within the activities of spatial and landscape planning. In Italy, for example, Regional Observatories, created by a national law, collect geographical data, accompany the landscape planning process, and rarely, carry out participation experiments. In Spain too, the Regional Observatories are actively involved in the elaboration of landscape planning instruments. At the same time, a substantial number of “spontaneous” initiatives from civil society to local organizations, which carry out awareness raising, participation, and sometimes, elaborate projects and concrete actions on the territory. This seminar promotes an international overview of the activities of landscape observatories, as well as reflecting on their mission and effectiveness with regard to the ELC objectives, and the relationships between the different subjects.

With the participation of institutional bodies, public officials, researchers and representatives of civil society, the seminar will discuss the following themes:

- Awareness, education and participation
- Documentation, assessment and monitoring
- Relationships with landscape and spatial policies, planning, and design
- Landscape Observatories Networks
- Research in progress
- Problems and actions to be taken: a “Landscape Observatories Agenda”

The seminar includes a workshop focused on the Italian case (Italian Regional Landscape Observatories Workshop, in the Italian language); where Landscape Observatories are established in each region and at the national level by law.

Recent publications will be presented in occasion of the seminar.

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h. 9:30 Welcome and introduction
Carlo Magnani, President of UNISCAPE
Anna Marson (Regione Toscana)
Roberto Gambino (Politecnico di Torino), On behalf of Scientific Committee

h. 10:00 Awareness raising, education and participation
Moderator: Marco Devecchi
Louise Andersson, Caroline Dahl, Anders Larsson, Ingrid Sarlöv Herlin, The landscape observatory of Scania, a new means for landscape dialogue in Southern Sweden
Benedetta Castiglioni, Knowledge, awareness and sharing as keywords for a local landscape observatory: the experience of Canale di Brenta (Northeast Italy)
Simonetta Zanon, The project «Luoghi di valore» (Outstanding places)
Benedetta Castiglioni, Launch of the fourth edition of UNISCAPE’s International photo competition People’s Landscapes 2013

h. 11:30 break

h. 11:45 Landscape Observatories Networks
Moderator: Massimo Morisi
Valerio Di Battista, Landscape Observatories of the Piedmont Network
Adalgisa Rubino, Towards an observatory of the regional landscape: an hypothesis of the Tuscan network
Dirk Gottzmann, Recent European Year of the Citizens and the ELC

h. 12:30 lunch break

h. 14:00 Documentation, assessment and monitoring
Moderator: Claudia Cassatella
Maggie Roe, How can policy change be monitored? Developing a Monitoring Framework for policy change in relation to implementation of the ELC in the UK
Andrès Caballero, Landscape Observatory and Archive of Andalusia (OAPA)
Mariella Zoppi, Landscape Observatory in times of crisis
Massimo Morisi, Anna Marson, Observing landscape with a comparative perspective, Tuscany Region

h. 16:00 Workshop degli osservatori del paesaggio regionali e nazionali italiani
(regional landscape observatories in italy workshop (*)
*the language of the Workshop is Italian/ in lingua italiana

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h. 9:30 Research in progress
Moderator: Federica Larcher
Giulia Carlone, Landscape Observatories: perspectives for the Urban Landscape?
Roberto Amatobene, Eugenia Errante, Raffaele Germano, Carmine Nigro, Bianca Maria Seardo, Landscape Observatories and participation in landscape planning processes. An experimental method to include community evaluation.
Letteria Calvo, For protection, restoration and enhancement of Mediterranean landscapes: the role of the Landscapes Observatories.
Luca Di Giovanni, Italian Landscape Observatories between rules and practises.

h. 11:00 break

h. 11:15 Relationships with landscape and spatial policies, planning and design
Moderator: Roberto Gambino
Pere Sala, Landscape Observatory of Catalonia, Director of The Landscape Observatory of Catalonia
Juan Manuel Palerm, Landscape Observatory of the Canary Islands, Director of the Landscape Observatory of the Canary Islands, UNISCAPE Vice President
Eduard Rosell, The landscape in territorial governance, Director RECEP-ENELC, European Network of Local and Regional Authorities for the Implementation of the ELC

h. 12:45 Problems and actions to be taken: a “Landscape Observatories Agenda”
Moderator: Bas Pedroli
Representative Tuscany Region (to be appointed)
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