

Marinescapes as a Collective Challenge



Marinescapes a collective challenge?

European Landscape Convention

European Union policy fields and strategies

Mare nostrum

Get involved! Involvement and participation on
change processes of the marinescapes



CIVILSCAPE

Founded 2008 in Florence

114 members from 31 countries

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

Partnership with several more organisations

Organising – since 2013 – 18/23 Landscape Forum events all over Europe



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;

20 out of 21 EU countries with a coastline have signed the European Landscape Convention – plus other European countries which are not EU member (eg. Montenegro, Ukraine, Turkey)



Marinescapes?!

Marinescapes are marine and coastal landscapes as perceived by people

The marinescapes of the Baltic Basin are a shared cultural and natural heritage, fundamental to the life of communities on all levels, and a source of opportunities for secure and predictable renewable energy, future food needs, medicines, raw materials and sustainable economic activity and jobs in many sectors.



European Union

EU has no territorial competence, but a territorial agenda

- Blue Growth / Maritime Spatial Planning Directive
- Environmental Impact Assessment Directive / Green infrastructure
- Regional strategies / Urban agenda
- Sectoral policies like Energy
- Integrated Coastal Zone Management



Baltic Sea a mare nostrum

It is not a naturale divede, it is connecting people living on it's shores

Shared history and heritage – natural and cultural

Communities around the Baltic Sea facing similar or same challenges

Need for a transnational, Baltic Sea wide change process towards more sustainability which has to improve the living conditions



Challenges beside crisis

Economy: job loss, de-industrialization, increasing transport, energy transition

Ecology: biodiversity loss, effects on ecosystem level, impact from long-lasting pollutions, loss of natural heritage

Social: loss of cultural diversity, changing demography, immigration, gentrification, growing social inequality



Get involved: Looking for the best

The European Union promotes in general the competition for best ideas, best and sustainable practice in many fields.

CIVILSCAPE tries to promote this kind of competition for most promising ideas and practical actions in the field of marinescape planning, management and protection.

In this way we foster awareness for the diversity of ideas, approaches and solutions among our members and partners.



How people get involved

People must have a say on their marinescapes is the simple essence of the European Landscape Convention.

Today people are much more involved in planning and management processes which have been in the past the professional domain of experts.

As voters people make a choice that influence anyway many marinescapes issues.



Marinescape approach as a chance

CIVILSCAPE stated from the beginning that a **Collective Challenge on landscapes will need a Collective Answer.**

Key question:

How to involve an increasing number of people in a more sustainable marinescape protection, planning and management?

Dutch EU Presidency 2016: involve an increasing number is key challenge for marine spatial planning



Baltic Marinescape Observatory

1. Awareness raising and education
2. Monitoring and observation, analysis
3. Facilitating participatory processes on management, planning and protection
4. Recommendation and consulting

Following the Recommendation of the Council of Ministers on the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention



Baltic Marinescape Observatory

Observatory as potential joined project

Observatory could consist of a network of partners supported by an associated infrastructure

Observatory could support governments, non-governmental organisations and communities in the sustainable development, protection, management and planning of Baltic Marinescapes.



Thank you for your attention

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Up-coming Landscape Forum events

Southwest Landscape Forum 2015,
Porto on 10-12 October 2015

Landscape Forum Berlin 2015,
Berlin on 3-4 December 2015

Marinescape Forum Turku 2016,
Turku on 16-17 May 2016

Central European Landscape Forum 2016
Furth im Wald, 12-14 October 2016

Landscape Forum Strasbourg 2017

