

ESF-COST policy briefing

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The seminar “Landscape in a Changing World” organised with the support of ESF and COST and the help of UNISCAPE and LANDSCAPE EUROPE, was held on Friday 14 October 2011 at the COST Office in Brussels. Around 40 participants attended the event, including policy makers, researchers and other stakeholders. Several representatives of the UNISCAPE and LANDSCAPE EUROPE networks participated too. This action followed the ESF-COST Science Policy Briefing Nr. 41 published in October 2010 and launched in Florence at the tenth anniversary of the Council of Europe’s Landscape Convention. The main aim of the seminar was to interactively discuss opportunities and to define actions answering demands for the stronger impact of landscape research on European policy and society. The Action Plan drafted before the seminar was reviewed and intensively discussed and was grounded on the following selected themes:

- *Landscape as Universal Commons: a common good*
- *Roots and Routes: mobility & evolving lifestyles*
- *Reactions and Resilience: long-term transformations*
- *Road-maps: context for future change*



These themes have direct relevance for many current EU policy issues: The Common Agricultural Policy 2014-2020, Renewable Energy Directive, Climate Change Programme, Cohesion policy 2014-2020, Biodiversity Policy 2020 – these all inevitably touch on the landscape.

As well as comments and ideas which appeared during the seminar, communication has been further ongoing through email. Recently Bas PEDROLI and Graham FAIRCLOUGH have taken charge of revising the Action Plan and preparing the final document for the EU policy level.