



The coordination office for the LANDSCAPE EUROPE network has been changed after 10 years. During the General Assembly meeting in Brussels Alterra has passed the role of leader to ILESAS.

The work of the network so far, can be assessed by numerous activities initiated especially by Bas Pedroli and Dirk Wascher. In particular, contributing to the preparation of joint project proposals, input into the further development of the European Landscape Convention, active communication with policy makers or the production of many scientific outputs was evident during the lifetime of the network. The effect of LANDSCAPE EUROPE activities was not always easy to show, but there is a spin-off, an notable influence through being invited to participate in several initiatives. Coordinators stressed the ambition of LANDSCAPE EUROPE to go beyond running projects together and to be coherent in the message on the landscape and bring it into the research and policy agenda. The enlargement of the network over the past years caused the partial broadening of its main focus and demanded communication within LANDSCAPE EUROPE.



Further improvements, as expressed by the majority of members of LANDSCAPE EUROPE, tend primarily toward strengthening cooperation through common projects and publishing opportunities. Meanwhile the clear and uniform target of LANDSCAPE EUROPE as “*the interface of policy implementation, education and state-of-the-art science in support of sustainable landscapes*” must be kept in mind. The main challenge for ILESAS is to move forward with internal communication with, and between members and to constantly address landscape issues with policy representatives, decision-makers, scientists and the wider European public. Measures to achieve these objectives were presented by ILESAS during the General Assembly. Finally we would like to encourage all of you to not hesitate to share your knowledge, experience or simply to converse about the landscape.

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