ACTION-RESEARCH PLAN_2019_Landscape Observatory of Finland

The Action & Research Plan of the Landscape Observatory of Finland for the year 2019 was structured according to the activities proposed by each member and was informed by the ranking of priority topics identified in 2018 (see slide 2). The Action Plan 2019 was voted and unanimously approved. in the meeting of the Steering Group that took place on the 14th of December 2018.

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT:

- The Ministry of the Environment will continue working in the follow up of ordinary and everyday landscapes (e.g. through Instagram and other photography based media)
- Finland will have a central role in the European Union (presidency between May 2019 and December 2019) and in the Council of Europe (Presidency November 2018-May 2019). This provides an exceptional opportunity to share the positive actions developed in Finland in the framework of the ELC and to contribute to the European discussion with new and relevant insights into the Convention and its implementation. The following ideas could promote actions of the Ministry of Environment and the Landscape Observatory of Finland in 2019:
  - The landscape could be connected with the 3 central mottos of the Council of Europe (Rule of Law, Democracy and Human Rights)
  - The incorporation of MTK and VYL expands the capacity of the Landscape Observatory to deal with topics of general European interest (e.g. landscape management, sustainable production, etc.)
  - Finland has not organized yet a ELC-Workshop. This kind of events last for 2-3 days and have a substantial cost (e.g. 100,000 €). A potential topic for the ELC-Workshop in Finland in 2021 or 2022 could be "Sustainable Landscapes", with a special emphasis in Sustainable Productive landscapes (e.g. agricultural, forests, touristic, etc.). The ideas from the ARGUMENTA application developed by the Observatory in 2018 and the increasing social/economic and academic capacity of the Landscape Observatory could be valuable assets in this endeavor.

FINISH HERITAGE AGENCY (FHA):

- FHA will continue working in the List/Inventory of Archeological Sites of Finland. This work is expected to inform the definition of National Land-Use Goals and policies
- FHA will define an internal network of researchers on the field of Cultural Environments. They will not concentrate in basic research but in policies that might be relevant for the activity of the Agency. In addition, this internal network will also facilitate the collaboration of the FHA in the research activities promoted by the LoF.
- FHA is planning to organize a set of Open Public Lectures. "Sustainability & Landscapes" might be one of the central topics for the lectures

SYKE:

- SYKE will continue its collaboration with the Ministry of Environment in the inventory of valuable landscapes of Finland (a 5 years project) and might organize a seminar in the future

UNIVERSITY of TURKU:

- UTU will concentrate in research activities and will work in the preparation of an application for the Academy of Finland on the topic of "New Landscape Characterization of Finland".

AALTO UNIVERSITY:

- Aalto will work in: CLIMATE-KIC project (if the AELCLIC_pathfinder application is successful), in the webpage of the Landscape Observatory, in the study of Landscape dynamics in trans-frontier landscapes (Karelia) and in the UTU will in the preparation of an application for the Academy of Finland on the topic of "New Landscape Characterization of Finland".

VIHERYMPÄRISTÖLIITTO:

- Viherympäristöliitto will work in the preparation of the EU_European Year of Greener Cities 2020 (The Finnish national Vihervuosi (Green Year) has been celebrated after the first Vihervuosi at 1985 every 5 years and has included different types of activities (seminars, conferences, etc.) The Finnish Green Year has been a model for the initiative of the European thematic year in 2020. In particular, Viherympäristöliitto is interested in working on the "Improvement of the quality of green infrastructure of urban environments", especially in areas that were created following the rapid urbanization of Finland and the high demand of housing during the sixties and seventies.
- In 2020 Finland will have a key role in the celebration of the European Year of Greener Cities and Viherympäristöliitto will use the year 2019 to start preparing the opening event in 2020.
- The European network ELCA (European Landscape Contractors Association http://elca.info/welcome/) has an office in Brussels and shall coordinate the preparation of the European Year of Greener Cities 2020
- Viherympäristöliitto supports the idea of using the landscape concept as a transversal tool to deal with complex spatial multidisciplinary issues.

MARK:

- MARK has recently decided to start developing a set of Finnish Landscape Architecture Guidelines or Policies which will respond to different frameworks (ELC, Finnish National Strategies, etc.)
- MARK will keep the LoF informed of the development of their work. The LoF is fully available to support and participate in the development of this work.

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Rranking of priority topics and actions identified by/for the Landscape Observatory of Finland in 2018 (see slide 2). The Action Plan 2019 was voted and unanimously approved. in the meeting of the Steering Group that took place on the 14th of December 2018.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS	Column1	Min. Env.	F.H.A (N.B.A.)	SYKE	Land. Arch.	Hel. Uni.	Uni. Jyv.	Uni Tu. 1	Uni. Tu. 2	Aalto Uni. 1	Aalto Uni. 2	TOTAL
1. NEW LANDSCAPE CHARACTERIZATION OF FINLAND:	Importance	5	5	5	5	3	4	3	5	5	5	**45**
3. PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE IN LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION	Importance	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	5	3	5	**42**
7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS EFFECT ON FINNISH LANDSCAPES	Importance	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	3	**41**
10. LANDSCAPE SUSTAINABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	Importance	4	3	4	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	**40**
2. LANDSCAPE INDICATORS AND MONITORING:	Importance	5	5	4	3	3	4	5	3	4	3	**39**
9. FINNISH URBAN LANDSCAPES	Importance	3	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	**38**
11. LANDSCAPE, PEOPLE, GOVERNANCE & POLITICS:	Importance	5	4		5	4	3	5	3	3	4	**36**
15. AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT WITH OTHER LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORIES	Importance	4	2	3	4	5	4	4	4	3	3	**36**
5. A NATIONAL/REGIONAL/LOCAL LANDSCAPE POLICY AND STRATEGY:	Importance	4	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	4	**35**
12. LANDSCAPE SERVICES	Importance	4	2	5	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	**35**
4. LANDSCAPE QUALITY OBJECTIVES:	Importance	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	**31**
6. A FINNISH LANDSCAPE LABORATORY:	Importance	5	2		5	5	4	2	3	2	3	**31**
13. LANDSCAPE AND NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS	Importance	3	2		4	5	3	3	3	3	4	**30**
8. RURAL FINNISH LANDSCAPES	Importance	3	2	4	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	**29**
14. DIDACTIC MATERIALS ABOUT FINNISH LANDSCAPES	Importance	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	3	3	2	**24**
	40 or more than 40: priority 1											
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