

CALL FOR PARTNERS: European Landscape Masters course.

The European Landscape Convention (Florence, 2000), which has already been ratified by 30 European states, sets out in its article 6B, section a the requirement to develop “training for specialists in landscape appraisal and operations” and in section b the need to promote “multidisciplinary training programmes in landscape policy, protection, management and planning for professionals in the private and public sectors and other associations concerned”.

In order to discuss these objectives the *Centro de Estudios Paisaje y Territorio*, the *Universidad Internacional de Andalucía (UNIA)* and the *University of Sevilla*, together with UNISCAPE, organised the “*I International Meeting for Directors of Landscape Masters Courses in Landscape Studies*” (14-16 May, 2009), which brought together the representatives of various graduate and postgraduate landscape studies of 22 different universities. During this meeting a common basis for co-operation between the different Masters courses belonging to the UNISCAPE network was established and reflected in the “*Declaration of La Rábida for raising awareness and the training of specialists in landscape protection, management and planning*” published after the meeting.

Within this context, Carlo Magnani (president of UNISCAPE), Bas Pedroli (Director of UNISCAPE) and Florencio Zoido (Vicepresident of UNISCAPE and Director of the *Masters course in Landscape Protection, Management and Planning* based in Sevilla), urge all other UNISCAPE universities organising a Landscape Masters course focused on the protection and management of territory and landscapes to form a partnership to create a **European Landscape Masters course** fostered by UNISCAPE. This collaboration would open new possibilities for funding and imply an improvement in the contents of each individual Masters course through the development of a common approach and the exchange of teachers and students.

The main aim of the *Masters course in Landscape Protection, Management and Planning* is to provide students with the necessary concepts and tools for the identification, characterization and assessment of landscapes. It is structured as a two-year postgraduate course of 60 ECTS credits divided into 48 theoretical and practical credits during the first year and 12 research or training credits during the second year of the course. The theoretic contents of the course are structured into 8 thematic units:

Unit 1. The concept of landscape and its importance for management, protection and planning.

Unit 2. Landscape and land planning.

Unit 3. Identification and characterization methods.

Unit 4. Landscape assessment and public participation..

Unit 5. Protection of heritage landscapes.

Unit 6. Management of agricultural landscapes.

Unit 7. Management of urban landscapes.

Unit 8. The landscape project. Considering landscapes in planning, architecture and public works.

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