

# **EucaLand** **European culture expressed in** **Agricultural Landscapes**

**Sibiu 2007**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Workshop for the implementation of**  
**the ELC**

## A new Network...

- EucaLand is a network on the European Agricultural Landscape
- New
- Collecting of knowledge
- Networking
- Rise awareness
- Collecting of arguments



## The underpinning Vision

### EucaLand

To make the agricultural landscapes of Europe,  
visible and invisible,  
both tangible and intangible,  
legible and accessible to a  
wider audience that will be able  
to consider and make use of them.



## Background

- Cultural Landscapes are considered in the European Landscape Convention, UNESCO World Heritage Convention, other cultural landscape directives
- However there are still gaps on knowledge and inventories especially thinking of the Agricultural Landscapes
- People often link their identity with the agricultural landscapes; However their knowledge is limited
- Agricultural Landscapes are still seen as production places, often connected to EU-subsidies
- Agricultural Landscapes are very much endangered by the EU-enlargement
- People and politicians still act isolated, while matters related to agricultural landscapes do not have any borders

## History

- Idea in September 2005 at UNESCO, Paris
- 2 Workshops: Cologne 2006 (20 participants/12 countries) and Cambridge 2007 (24/17)
- 2 Meetings in 2006 (Berlin, Girona)
- Several working meetings (Cambridge, Paris, Trieste)
- Applications and Participation in calls
- 1 June 2007: Formalizing the network, common effort of BfLS and CCLP

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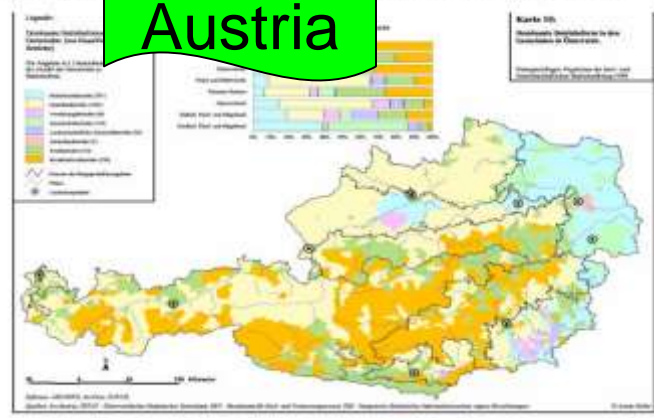


## EucaLand Goals

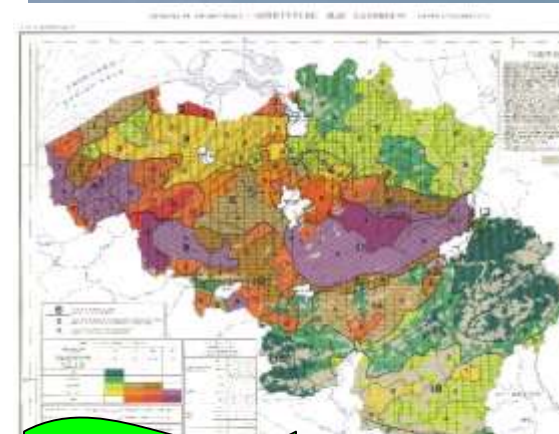
- Methodological approach to a common description, history, classification, assessment, planning & policy of cultural heritage in European agricultural landscapes
- Toolkits for the description, history, classification, assessment, planning & policy of cultural aspects of European agricultural landscapes
- Dissemination of the findings (methods & toolkits) to the different groups (UNESCO, CoE, IUCN, WWF, FAO, NGO, research institutions and politicians)

# Examples for material on Agricultural Landscapes

Fig. 6: Dominant agricultural enterprises in Austrian communities (Heller, 2001)



Austria



Belgium



Italy



CZ



Estonia



Croatia

## Sometime in the future...

- A common classification of European Agricultural Landscapes linked with their past, present and future heritage
- Guidelines for the consideration of Agricultural Landscapes in planning processes and in policy
- “Red list” of both valuable and endangered landscapes that should be taken into account by the European countries
- Raise awareness, building capacity and providing support to the people to enable them, to be part of the process in developing their agricultural landscape



## Tasks planned in the near future

- Strengthen the link between European Landscape Convention and UNESCO World Heritage
- Working group for the analysis of the cultural values of European agricultural landscapes
- Working group for a common classification and nomenclature of European agricultural landscape types
- Network implementation in partnership for projects and dissemination related to agricultural landscapes
- Preparing various toolkits for different users: planners, politicians, scientists, citizens

## EucaLand Values

EucaLand will assist in improving awareness and understanding of the values of our agricultural landscapes on three levels:

1. International (UNESCO, IUCN, FAO, WWF and other international organisations),
2. European (Council of Europe, Ecovast)
3. National (country groups)

The project will raise the European perspective of agricultural landscapes among the following groups:

- International organizations
- Scientific experts
- Cultural operators
- Governmental Authorities
- NGOs
- Participating countries
- Local economy groups
- European citizens

## EucaLand Benefits for the members

- Unique European network on Agricultural Landscapes within a framework of international organisations
- Good variety of data by different countries
- Member contacts for common activities and projects
- Increasing exchange between scientists, technicians and policy-makers
- Network publications
- Updating on conferences, calls and key issues concerning the topic
- Applications within European research programs

# Thank you for your attention!



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