

# **Spatial Planning and Diversity in the Landscape**

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# Role of the Landscape

- *quality and diversity of European cultural identity, ecology, environment and society*
- *contributes to the economy of all cities or regions (territoires) through its protection, management and planning*
- *relates to perception by people*
- *character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors.*
- *(The Charter of European Planning, ECTP-CEU 2013, p. 19).*

# The Four Landscape Values

- *Cultural - heritage*
- *Environmental - biodiversity*
- *Social – leisure and visual beauty*
- *Economic - tourism*
- *An integrated approach to landscape in planning policies is essential*

# Cultural - Heritage

- Not always objectively defined – perception
- Important for local identity and European diversity
- Heritage protection ('museum')

# Environmental - Biodiversity

- Threat to biodiversity is a challenge
- Natura 2000 network shows variation in habitats across Europe
- Linking of habitats important (ecological network)

# Social – leisure and visual beauty

- Urban development can create mono landscapes
- Access to the landscape
- Landscape is defined by perception

# Economic - Tourism

- Risk of honeypot concentration
- Carrying capacity of the landscape
- Role of infrastructure incl. interpretative centres

# Spatial Planning Response

- *An integrated approach to landscape in planning policies is essential*
- *needs to be integrated into any policy which has possible direct or indirect impact on landscape.*
- *Active public involvement in the development of landscapes necessary.*
- *The Charter of European Planning, ECTP-CEU 2013, p. 19.*

# Spatial Planning: Examples

- Reduce urban sprawl
  - Clear demarcation between urban and rural
- Protect pristine areas
  - National parks
- Avoid fragmentation
  - Bundling of infrastructure e.g. roads
- Creative policies
  - Create synergies combined roles for biodiversity, tourism, water management