



Special Session Proposal

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Landscape Plan: "A resilient territorial challenge in a time of pandemic crisis".

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The recent pandemic affecting the World has highlighted the strong criticisms of societies and territories in the resilience lack to promptly react and face the crisis. In such a context, spatial planning assumes a relevant role to protect and regulate the territory in order to improve its quality of life, in the view of sustainable development and in line with the integration and development processes of the European area, combating climate change and increasing competitiveness.

The special session aims to collect and explain the activities and the actions undertaken by Public Authorities in the preparation of landscape planning tools - also in the light of the current difficulties induced by the pandemic crisis - in order to provide both general and precise indications useful to meet social and environmental challenges underlying the landscape plan instrument.

The landscape, indeed, as emphasized by the EU "*European Landscape Convention*" represents a key factor for individual and social well-being, whose protection, management and planning deals with rights and responsibilities for every person.

The quality and diversity of European's landscapes are a common resource that needs concrete cooperation actions among several actors, which enable their effective implementation on a landscape plan.

Beyond the national obligations, the landscape plan (in Italy mandatory under D.Lgs. n. 42/04) represents a unique integrated and complex dynamic process in a wide prospective addressed to overcoming of the bias between territorial policies and individual communities instances. The LP represents a proactive process strongly characterised by participatory approaches and directly related to the strategic frameworks at different planning levels, whose priority axes identified by EU are resilience, competitiveness and sustainability.

In this regard, a comparison among the experiences gained at European level by the various public and private actors appears useful and fruitful in order to share and enhance good landscape governance practices even related to the emergency scenarios.