



**IFLA EUROPE**

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

## **UNLIMITED LANDSCAPES**

**In the last years the World has been subject to the greatest migration of all times, in which hundreds of millions of citizens have been displaced globally. Conflict and economic inequalities have grown presenting a challenge to nation states and especially to the European Union. We understand that landscape has a fundamental role in multi-culturality and that it will help put into practice common transnational policies reinforcing the relation between countries and establishing an equilibrium for sustainable development for all.**

The undersigned, as representatives of the 34 National Associations of the European Region of the International Federation of Landscape Architects, having considered the Resolution on *Unlimited Landscapes* at our General Assembly in Bucharest 2017, wish to contribute to the prevention and resolution of these concerns.

**We therefore make the following statement:**

### **WE BELIEVE,**

that Landscapes are cumulative, peoples actions have woven a richness of events over centuries that inspire diverse social spatial identities;

that landscapes reflect our identity and are our living natural and cultural heritage. Landscape are a fundamental part of the quality of peoples lives;

that understanding the long histories of migration which lie at the heart of nation and state identities are now challenged in the context of globalisation;

that landscape is also an ecological continuum with no limits and is fundamental, for the planet's biodiversity and to sustain life;

that frontiers challenge cultural diversity, which does not lie in the addition of national identities but in their interrelationships and plurality;

that careful management will prevent environmental degradation and increase food security, which can help reduce conflicts and thus control migration;

that consideration of holistic landscape solutions deliver quality places which more than anything else will address the impacts of climate change;

## WE URGE,

the Council of Europe, the European Union, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and all IFLA Europe Member States to give weight to landscape and the role of its design in their decision making; and use a holistic vision with ecological integrity, economic development, and social justice across political and other borders, thus:

**Committing to moving** from a national based identity to a European one established on diversity and plurality, avoiding social segregation. Landscape with its culture and history, is part of our sense of place, so the preservation of its characteristics is important and can prevent rootlessness, offering the opportunity of a shared sustainable future.

**Ensuring cohesive planning** and design which deals with dynamic landscape protection, management and planning programmes and takes the form of measures in which migrants and refugees will be involved in its planning and development processes.

**Setting common goals** so that States agree on a common management model, which recognise the diverse dimensions of landscape avoiding isolated answers so that a harmonious balance between social, economic and environmental needs is achieved.

**Assisting states and communities** on the implementation of transfrontier projects which integrate territories and encourage local and regional authorities to work together to draw up joint landscape-enhancement programmes.

**Promoting landscape knowledge** as it will be necessary to combat the degradation of development and design that is a likely outcome of landscapes under contemporary population and migration pressures. Our knowledge, skills and experience together with experts and stakeholders can bring together research, knowledge, practical experience in landscape planning and development to provide advice to Administrations, NGOs as well as other agents.

**Following** other international and European texts on the matter such as:

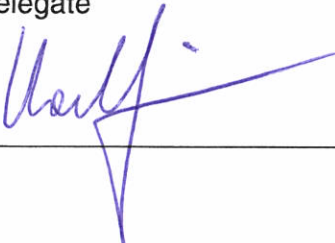
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- *The European Social Charter*, Council of Europe (1996).
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- *Territorial Agenda 2020*, European Union (2011).
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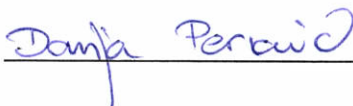


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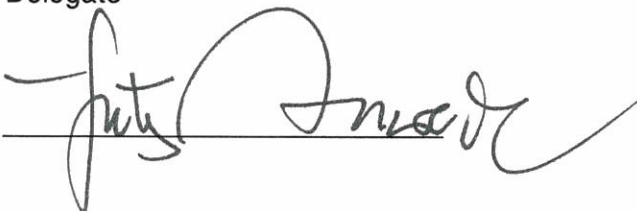


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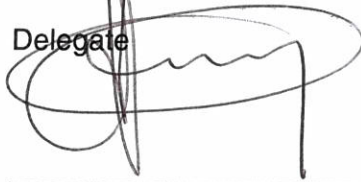


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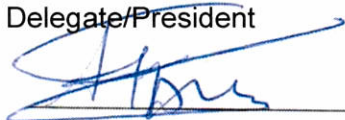


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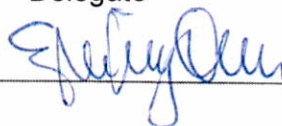


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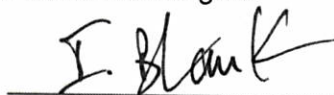


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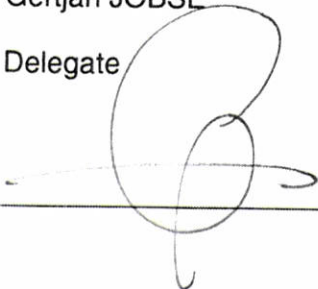


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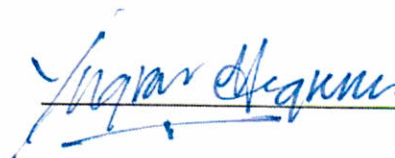


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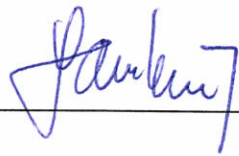
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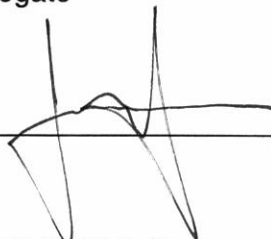
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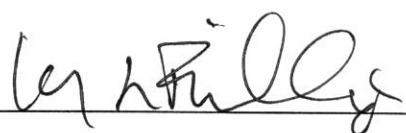
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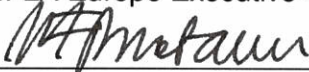


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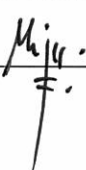


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