

## INVITATION

### ***"Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in the North Calotte Area municipalities"***



**We warmly Welcome You to a conference concerning the European Landscape Convention and its implementation in the North Calotte. The conference will be organized by the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment in Lapland. The project is funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers.**

Date: The conference will be organized in 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2011

Place: Sámi museum Siida, Inari, Finland

Preliminary registration Date is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

The final registration Date is 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

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The European Landscape Convention is adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2000 and opened to member states for signature in Florence on 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2000.

The regional land use planning is in the responsibility of municipalities and they are in key position in implementing the European Landscape Convention in practice. There are many challenges and cultural and historical characters in the North Calotte Area that need special attention. Sámi culture and reindeer herding are comprehensively in the landscapes. The main aim of the conference is to raise awareness of the European Landscape Convention in the target areas. Another goal is to strengthen the cooperation between the administrative authorities dealing with the European Landscape Convention and landscape management issues.

According to the European Landscape Convention landscape

- has an important public interest role in the cultural, ecological, environmental, economical and social fields,
- contributes to the formation of local cultures and is a basic component of natural and cultural heritage, contributing to human well-being
- is an important part of the quality of life for people everywhere (in urban areas, in the countryside, in degraded areas, in areas of high quality)
- is a key element of individual and social well-being, its protection, management and planning entail rights and responsibilities for everyone;

The development in agriculture, forestry, industrial, mineral and power production techniques, and in regional planning, town planning, transport, infrastructure, tourism and recreation and, at a more general level, changes in the world economy, are in many cases accelerating the transformation of landscapes.



## *Preliminary programme*

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of September**

Transportations from Sweden (Luleå and Kiruna?) and Norway (Troms?) by busses to Rovaniemi or/and Inari. The exact timetables, starting points and routes of the transportations will be defined according to the needs of the participants.

Participants who wish to take part to the bus transportation from Rovaniemi should arrive the city on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September to secure reaching the bus. Straight flight from Helsinki to Ivalo (30 kilometers from Inari) on 6<sup>th</sup> September departures at 10.40 (arrives Ivalo at 12.10).

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> of September**

#### **8.30**

- Transportation from Rovaniemi, Finland to Inari by bus (app. 6 hours).
- Transportation from Vadso, Norway to Inari by bus (app. 4 hours).

Afternoon:

- Arrival to Inari (15.00 at the latest)
- Check in to accommodations

Preliminary reservations have been made by the project to following hotels and holiday village;

- Hotel Inari ([www.hotelliinari.fi](http://www.hotelliinari.fi))
- Traditional hotel Kultahovi ([www.hotelkultahovi.fi](http://www.hotelkultahovi.fi))
- Holiday village Inari ([www.saariselka.fi/lomakylainari/fi/index.php](http://www.saariselka.fi/lomakylainari/fi/index.php))

We ask the participants to make the room reservations through us. We ask you to inform us in which hotel or holiday village you wish to stay, what type of room or cabin and how many nights. Please inform us also in case you have any allergies. Enquiries and reservations to email: [paivi.taavo@ely-keskus.fi](mailto:paivi.taavo@ely-keskus.fi)

Before the official opening of the conference participants can independently become acquainted with the cultural and natural exhibitions in Siida the Sámi museum.

#### **17.00**

Opening in Siida, conference room:

*Chairman; Erkki Kantola, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment in Lapland, Director*

Coffee

Opening speech;

Director Erkki Kantola, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment in Lapland



**17.30**

Maguelonne Dejeant-Pons, Head of the Cultural Heritage, Landscape and Spatial Planning Division, Cultural and Natural Heritage; "European Landscape Convention, 10 years international co-operation"

**18.00**

Tapio Heikkilä, Environment Counsellor, The Ministry of the Environment Finland; "European Landscape Convention in Finland"

**18.30**

Mikko Härö, President of the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP)

**20.00**

Dinner

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of September**

*Chairman: Tapio Heikkilä, Ministry of the Environment, Environment Counsellor*

**9.00**

Jean-Francois Seguin; The Ministry of the environment, France; " European Landscape Convention - International and transborder cooperation"

Jerker Moström, Senior advisor, Swedish National Heritage Board; subject still open

Liv-Kirstine Mortensen (not confirmed), Senior Adviser, The Ministry of the Environment Norway; subject still open

**10.30**

Coffee

**11.00**

Marie Roué, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris; "A reindeer herder landscape: landscape of senses, memory and ethics"

County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, Sweden

Timo Jokelainen, Head of the land use planning Unit, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment in Lapland; "Landscape in land use planning and wind power in northern landscapes"

Pere Sala, The Landscape Observatory of Catalonia; "Experience of the Catalonia Region on local participation and co-operation in implementing the ELC"

**13.00**

Lunch

**14.30**

Field trip to Lake Inarijärvi, Pielpajärvi church and Ukonkivi, outdoor clothing  
Participants have two options on carrying out the field trip;

**Option 1;**

After lunch; Walking 4,5 kilometers to Pielpajärvi church by nature trail and 2,6 kilometers from the church to Pielpavuono. 18.00 from Pielpavuono to Ukonsaari island and back to Inari by boat. Back to Inari at 20.00. Packed lunch will be served during the field visit.

**Option 2;**

After lunch participants can independently become acquainted with the cultural and natural exhibitions in Siida the Sámi museum.

16.30

From Inari to Pielpavuono by boat. Participants (option 1) will come on board and journey continues after an hour break to Ukonsaari island and back to Inari. The boat arrives back to Inari at 20.00. Packed lunch will be served during the field visit.

More information about the field visit targets below the programme.

The lecturer on boat:

Eija Ojanlatva, Archeologist, Sámi cultural heritage unit project; "Local Sámi landscapes and their history"

**21.00**

Dinner

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of September**

Chairman; Jukka Jokimäki, Senior Scientist, Arctic Centre

**9.00**

Jukka Jokimäki, Senior Scientist, Arctic Centre; subject still open

Bas Pedroli, Associate Professor, Land Dynamics Group, Wageningen University (not confirmed)

Audhild Schache, Sámi parliament, Norway; "Nature and culture in Sami landscape perceptions"

**10.30**

Coffee

**11.00**

Asbjørg Fyhn, Advisor, Troms County Council; "Examples where we/ the planners/ decision makers failed to implement landscape-values"



Klemetti Näkkäljärvi; Sámi parliament, Finland

Merja Lipponen, special planner, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment in Lapland; "Kairala-Luio and Saija Landscape areas in Finnish Lapland"

Lars Ove Johansson; Sámi parliament, Sweden

### 13.00

Lunch

### 14:00

Departure

This program is provided as a guide and may be modified. The timetables are finalized. Conference language will be English.

More information about the arrangements, programme, dress codes and the bus transportations will be sent to the participants later this summer. We kindly ask you to inform us about the accommodation need and, if you are interested to take part to the bus transportation from Rovaniemi, Luleå, Kiruna, Troms or Vadso to Inari. Please inform us also, which field visit option you are interested to join.

### Field visit targets:

#### *Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church*

Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church's location is in Finland Northern Lapland Inari ([www.inari.fi](http://www.inari.fi)), Inari Hiking Area. The management of the Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church is the responsibility of the Inari parish and the hiking structures in the destination are managed by Metsähallitus.

Pielpajärvi is the old centre of Inari. In former times, there was a winter village of Inari by the shore of this wilderness lake where people gathered to stay for the winter months. The church, built in the winter village in 1760, is one of the oldest buildings in northern Lapland. The reddish church stands on a stone field lined by a beautiful birch wood. A natural-state meadow now grows on the church grounds.

The wooden wilderness church of Pielpajärvi is the second church in this very spot. All the remains of the first church, which was completed in 1646, have disappeared, and only the decaying foundations of a few buildings are left from the winter village. The Pielpajärvi Wilderness Church and the nearby areas form a nationally valuable cultural heritage area. It has also been classified as a regionally valuable landscape area.

#### *Ukonsaari Island*

In the middle of Ukonselkä open water area on Lake Inarijärvi, about 11 km east-northeast from the village of Inari, there is a strange-looking rocky island, tall and hunchbacked. It is called Ukonsaari or just Ukko, which means "an old man" in Finnish. The island is only 300 metres long, 100 metres wide and 30 metres high. Its eye-catching looks have made it a famous natural sight in Inari. Originally, it is a well-known and worshipped, sacred place for the Sámi people.