

Dear EUCALAND members and friends,

A very busy but also productive year 2016 draws to a close!

EUCALAND is contacted by more and more persons and organisations, mostly due to its book and the glossary. This shows that the work was worth it and shall be continued. With the new **project FEAL** (see more explanation below) we will finally have the opportunity of creating our online database on European Agricultural Landscapes. A fact that might give your personal investment a new incentive ;-) Every participation is welcome!

You will find the minutes and board presentation of **our GA**, held in September in Innsbruck, soon on our homepage. We are really sorry for the delay.

From 6 to 8 March will be **the next EUCALAND workshop**, close to Bratislava (Slovakia) with two main topics: Hay making structures as landscape element 2017 and EAL-database within FEAL. Certainly we will also have a Members Assembly. Our host will be Jana Spulerova from the Slovak Academy of Sciences. The official invitation will follow soon, but you can already express your interest towards Alexandra.

For 2017 we hope that you will stay with us – as active members! We need your support more than ever and there are many – **even small tasks** – that can be spread to different shoulders ;-)

We have quite a high number of **belated members**. A new (and final) reminder will be circulated soon. It would be nice if you could prepare your payments as the association needs your member fees urgently to keep projects and association running.

**We wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Yours

**Alexandra, Martina, Hans & Michael**

## Project FEAL

We are pleased to announce the successful evaluation of the project FEAL: multifunctional Farming for the sustainability of European Agricultural Landscapes (EAL), N°: 2016-1-SK01-KA202-022502. It has started since 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and the Kick-off meeting was held at the Technical University in Zvolen (Slovakia). The project is funded by the Erasmus+ grant, Key Action 2 (Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices, Strategic Partnerships for vocational education and training), its duration is 30 months (31<sup>st</sup> May 2019) and totally approved budget is 374,951 €.



EUCALAND is one of the partner organisations as well as currently the following EUCALAND members are involved within the project: Alexandra Kruse, Johannes Dreer, Bénédicte Gaillard, Maurizia Sigura and Martina Slámová, who is also the contact person of the coordinating organisation – Technical University in Zvolen.

The FEAL project aims at providing young farmers, young rural entrepreneurs and family farmers a training system about conceptualisation and implementation of sustainable/multifunctional farming practices linking the diverse interests of farmers and rural society within European Agricultural Landscapes - highlighting positive external effects on EAL of their genuine production.

Main expected outputs are:

- O1. A report about the State of the Art of the relation between multifunctional/sustainable farming practices and European agricultural landscapes.
- O2. Case Studies showing best practices of multifunctional/sustainable farming over European countries in different landscape types and socio-economic situation.
- O3. Complementary Open educational resources (OER) (**interactive e-atlas of EAL** + training modules).
- O4. A training system gathering the previous output in a digital format compatible with OER repositories and e-learning platforms. The training system will be based on the OER methodology thus guaranteeing a totally free access to a wide audience and especially to the project primary target group: young farmers, young rural entrepreneurs and family farmers. Due to the flexibility and the availability free of charges of the training materials even trainees in structural disadvantaged areas or who cannot leave their farms will have barrier-free access to them. The training materials will be edited in English and then translated into the partners languages.

## Conferences

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### **International Scientific Conference: Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services – Science in Actions**

Location: Sofia, Bulgaria  
Date: 6 -7 February 2017  
Web: <http://www.metecosmap-sofia.org/>

### **Green Infrastructure: Nature Based Solutions for Sustainable and Resilient Cities**

Location: Marseille, France  
Date: 4-7 April 2017  
Web: <http://www.greeninurbs.com/finalconference/>

### **Landscape and Life**

Location: Lisbon, Portugal  
Date: 5 - 7 May 2017  
Web: <https://landscapeandlife.wordpress.com/>

### **The 6<sup>th</sup> Le:Notre Landscape Forum, Inclusive Landscapes**

Location: Freising-Weihenstephan, Germany  
Date: 16 - 20 May 2017  
Web: [http://ln-institute.org/public\\_ini/news\\_show\\_details.php?news\\_id=647](http://ln-institute.org/public_ini/news_show_details.php?news_id=647)

### **18<sup>th</sup> International Carpathian Control Conference - ICCC'2017**

Location: Sinaia, Romania  
Date: 28 -31 May 2017  
Web: <http://ace.ucv.ro/iccc2017/index.php>

### **IUFRO 8.01.02 Landscape Ecology Conference, The Green-Blue Nexus: Forests, Landscapes and Services**

Location: Antalya, Turkey  
Date: 11-16 June 2017  
Web: <http://www.iufrole2017.com/>

### **The European Society for Environmental History (ESEH) 2017 conference**

Location: Zagreb, Croatia  
Date: 18 June - 2 July 2017  
Web: <http://eseh.org/event/next-conference/2017-conference-program/>

### **UNISCAPE conference on Landscape Futures**

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark  
Date: 19-21 June 2017  
Web: <http://ign.ku.dk/landscape-futures>

### **12<sup>th</sup> INTECOL International Congress of Ecology**

Location: Beijing, China  
Date: 20-25 August 2017  
Web: <http://www.intecol2017.org/dct/page/1>

**IALE European Congress 'From pattern and process to people and action'**

Location: Ghent, Belgium  
 Date: 12-15 September 2017  
 Web: <http://www.iale2017.eu>

**IUFRO 2017, Nature & Society Launches**

Location: Freiburg, Germany  
 Date: 19-22 September 2017  
 Web: <http://iufro2017.com/>

**Wooded Rural Landscapes of Central and Eastern Europe: Biodiversity, Cultural Legacy and Conservation**

Location: University of Rzeszów, Poland  
 Date: 20-22 September 2017  
 Web: <http://www.ur.edu.pl/wydzialy/biologiczno-rolniczy/wooded-rural-landscapes-of-central-and-eastern-europe-biodiversity-cultural-legacy-and-conservation>

**6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium for Research in Protected Areas**

Location: Salzburg, Austria  
 Date: 2 – 4 November 2017  
 Web: <http://www.nationalparksaustria.at/de/pages/6th-international-symposium-for-research-in-protected-areas-2017-d-95.aspx>

**10<sup>th</sup> IALE World Congress**

Location: Milano, Italy  
 Date: 1-7 July 2019  
 Web: To be announced later.

## News

**Interesting web page 'Landscapefor Atlas: a tool for an active landscape - Project Under Scrutiny'**

President of the Cultural Association Landscapefor: Paolo Castelnovi (Torino, Italy).

Landscapefor is a cultural association that considers the meaning of the landscape and culture of the place, as a vital and organic form of knowledge and collective sense that is the basis of democracy. Landscapefor Atlas is a digital platform that can be explored as a georeferenced database: a map which highlights the points of interest of the landscape (historical documents and projects, films, songs, activities of excellence, local initiatives). A smart tool, to be used in tablet and smartphone, to add knowledge and emotions to travel and to study, systematically reporting the productive actions of knowledge and flavors that make it a unique experience to live or visit the thousand places within the Italian territories.

Web: <http://www.landscapefor.eu/>



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**Trois initiatives d'intérêt international**

Un Atlas des paysages actifs une vitrine des initiatives des autorités locales et du tiers secteur pour la valorisation du paysage en Europe

Le Prix Faire paysage, institué par la Province Autonome de Trento étendu aux territoires alpins italiens, français, suisses, allemands, autrichiens et slovénes

La participation aux initiatives Alcotra pour la mise en valeur des paysages abandonnés de la moyenne montagne, avec la nouvelle association Campobase1000.

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## Publications

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### European agricultural landscapes, traditional land use and farmlands

#### Digital Atlas of Traditional Agricultural Practices and Food Processing

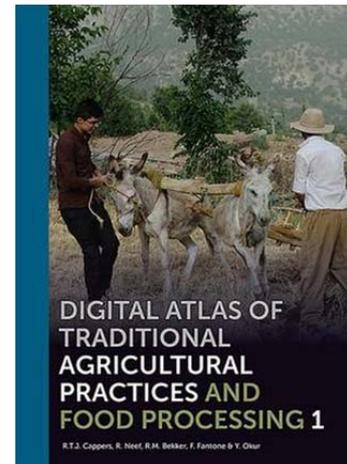
Authors: R.T.J Cappers , R. Neef , R.M.Bekker , F.Fantone & Y.Okur.

Publisher: Barkhuis

Date of publication: 5 August 2016, 3 Vol., 1,990 pages, ISBN 9789492444004.

The Digital atlas of traditional agricultural practices and food processing documents the various processes involved in the food production - from working the fields through to processing the crops for food, fodder, and other purposes. The atlas aims to define and describe these various processes unambiguously by using a standardized vocabulary and by explicitly taking into account the intention behind each process. Illustrated with more than 3,000 photographs and numerous films documenting 20 years of field observation in the Mediterranean area, the Middle East, and the Indian subcontinent, the atlas also includes detailed case studies of the practices and processes involving grapes, olives, date palms, barley, and wheat. Many of these processes are part of the intangible cultural heritage of agriculture that is now rapidly disappearing.

Web: <http://www.plantatlas.eu/daf.php>



#### Historic landscapes without history? : A reconsideration of the concept of traditional landscapes.

Authors: Hans Renes

Publisher: Stockholm University Press

Date of publication: 8 July 2015, Rural Landscapes, Vol. 2, Issue 1, pp. 1-11. E-ISSN: 2002-0104.

In the recent extensive literature on European cultural landscapes, much attention is given to regional variation. Less interest seems to be given to history. Ecologists in particular often use the 'traditional landscapes' model, which suggests a slow and gradual development of the man-made landscape, leading to a 'climax' during the 19th century. In that vision, landscape change sped up around 1900, after which time most landscapes underwent a process of rapid transformation. In this paper, I criticise the distinction between a stable pre-1900 and a dynamic post-1900 history, particularly by emphasising the flawed vision of a stable past. Developments in the past could be - and have often been - quick and intensive. The paper highlights the importance of historical research in landscape studies.

Web: <http://www.rurallandscapesjournal.com/articles/10.16993/rl.ae/>

