

## **Minutes EucaLand-network meeting (bi-annual meeting) 5 Sep 2008, Óbidos, Portugal**

### **Participants**

Gloria Pungetti (UK) (chair), Alexandra Kruse (DE) (network coordinator), Anu Printsman (EE), Paola Branduini (IT), Paola Mazarati (IT), Toma Elena (RO), Veerle van Eetvelde (BE), Marc Antrop (BE), Michael Roth (DE), Yves Michelin (FR), Matthias Buchecker (CH), Bill Doolittle (USA)

### **Schedule**

1. Opening by Gloria Pungetti (Chair) and Alexandra Kruse (Network Coordinator)
2. Welcome of old and new members
3. Report about the last years activities
4. Next activities
5. Election of the board members
6. Miscellaneous

### **Top 1: Opening**

Alexandra Kruse and Gloria Pungetti welcome the participants and give a short overview over the history of the EucaLand-Network and the activities of the last month.

### **Top 2: Report about the last years activities**

- 131 persons have been in one way or another associated to the Network in the past
- 12 Institutions have signed the member form
- The Network is cooperating with the following institutions:
- UNESCO, CoE, ICOMOS (Italy and sev. country members), ECOVAST (DE, AU), Civilscape, German Forum Cultural Landscapes – just to name the most important
- The cooperation has mainly the nature of informing each other, give support for the common goals (like UNESCO world heritage convention and European Landscape Convention), provide a forum for speakers (e.g. at the workshops of the Council of Europe) and expert exchange. Furthermore, UNESCO, CoE, ICOMOS and ECOVAST are foreseen to act as observers in the EucaLand-Project.
- Marc Antrop points out, that it is very important to have good relationship with national ICOMOS representatives
- Together with Civilscape and the German Forum Cultural Landscapes there are several project ideas under development (see also Top 4)

### **Top 3**

- Network meetings:
  - 2006
    - Cologne (host: LVR)
    - Paris
    - Girona (at 5th Workshop of the CoE of implementing ELC)
    - Berlin (at PECSRL-Conference)
  - 2007
    - Cambridge (host: UCAM, funds: Lower Austrian Government)
  - 2008
    - Óbidos (at PECSRL-Conference)
- Presentation at conferences etc.
  - 2007
    - IALE-World Congress (Wageningen/NL)
    - IGU/LUCC Central Europe Conference (SL, AU, SK, CZ)
    - AKRUM, Annual meeting (Utrecht/NL)
    - CoE, 6th Workshop for Implementing the ELC (Sibiu/RO)
  - 2008
    - 1st German Forum Landscape Research (Kassel/DE)
    - PECSRL with a EucaLand-Session (Lisbon, Óbidos/PT)

- “Studying, Modeling and Sense Making of Planet Earth”, Mytilene/Lesvos/GR
- Cooperation
  - German Forum Cultural Landscapes – Founding member (2007, Berlin/DE)
  - CIVILSCAPE – Founding member (2008, Florence/IT)
  - UNESCO – WHC Training Workshop (2007, Riomaggiore/IT)
  - COST/ESF-Workshop: (2008, Stockholm/SE)
- Projects and project proposals
  - Culture 2007-2013, Eucaland-Project (15 Nov 2007 – 14 Nov 2009)
  - Questionnaire on „How to communicate Cultural Landscapes“ – to be presented on a homonymous conference in Germany
  - FP7, ALADIN, failed, re-submission planned when feasible
  - COST, EILAND, failed, re-submission Sep 2008
  - COST, Holler Colonies, failed, re-submission Sep 2008

#### Discussion on this last point “projects and projects proposals”

- Gloria gave a presentation on the project yesterday (4.09.2008) in the special “Eucaland-Session”
- Some of the participants did not understand quite well the background and aim of the questionnaire “How to communicate Cultural Landscapes” which was circulated by Alexandra. Decisions:
  - More and better explanation with the circulation what the questionnaire will and how it will be used
  - Analysis: Point out clearly, which members have participated and where the material comes from
- COST, Eiland, decision:
  - We don’t submit the proposal with the same content for a third time. It is too closely connected with the Eucaland-Project, funded by Culture2007-2013. Risk that it will be seen as additional funding (not appropriate). The network will develop a new proposal for the spring call 2009. Any ideas are welcome. Only members who participate in writing the proposal can participate in the project.
- COST, Holler Colonies – shall be submitted again, either September 2008 or Spring 2009. The proposal has to be improved. Any ideas are welcome.
- In General:
  - Any ideas and help for proposals are welcome! Also examples for successful COST-applications are needed.

#### Top 4 – Next activities

- Enlargement of the Network
  - Proposition: The network needs also economists and more anthropologists
- The Eucaland-Network is cooperating closely with CIVILSCAPE and the German Forum Cultural Landscapes. Several project proposals are therefore under development
  - The Network has already contacted some of the members and will contact others in order to set up the adequate groups
- Project cooperation with the ESF
  - The Network will try to go for a real network project funded by the ESF
- Book: „Cultural Landscape as a worldwide phenomenon: Agricultural Character Landscapes“ together with ICOMOS-Austria (contact: [kruse@eucaland.eu](mailto:kruse@eucaland.eu) or [a.spiegler@reflex.at](mailto:a.spiegler@reflex.at))
  - Suggestions by the members:
  - Define the target group of this book
  - The Eucaland-Network should write the part on Europe
  - People who are interested can contact either Alexandra or Anton Spiegler (ICOMOS Austria)

- Re-submission of the 3 failed project proposals (s. above)
- Invitation to the Island of Vilm for a working meeting with funds from the Federal Agency of Nature Protection (BfN) Germany
  - The Network first has to define a subject for the next Network-Workshop – Any ideas welcome!
- Updating and extension of the homepage
  - Improving the Network linking: Ask the members, that they put the EucaLand-Network-link on their homepage
- Improving the download section (literature data base, network presentations, photo data base)
  - Suggestions:
  - It is important to keep the copyright. Members, who agree to put their photos (or other information) on the homepage of the network, agree automatically, that these photos (or other information) can be downloaded by other members.
  - The photos shall have a localisation and comments/explanation (= added value)
  - Michael Roth points out, that there is free software available to do so
  - Repeat the demand to the members of providing photos with explanation and location every 6 month
  - Provide the photos to the members only (password protected) as an added value for their membership
  - Or take fees for download for those people, not belonging to the network
- Improving the member administration
- Improving the member-project-contact data base
- Concentrating the efforts on the upcoming proposals / setting up new projects – Examples?
- Concentrating on the already named activities with other networks and especially with ESF
- Shall we create a newsletter? What would YOU like to be informed of?
  - Suggestion
  - Links of existing newsletter etc. instead of creating a new / additional one. People have only limited time!
- Publication out of the Cambridge-meeting: Hungary has offered a publication space in their journal
- Proposals, questions?
  - Proposal: To create a EucaLand Blueprint with projects, outcomes, aims etc. It can be taken by members when they apply for funding or in search for new members

**Request of the participants:**

- The EucaLand-Network should have a legal formal basis (association etc.) and a statute. Good example: ECLAS (simple), long example: IALE
- Marc Antrop has offered to provide the statutes of ECLAS and IALE to the task force (see below)
- In order to point out the difference clearly between the EucaLand-Network and the EucaLand-Project, we should have a kind of graphic on the homepage (and in the blueprint)

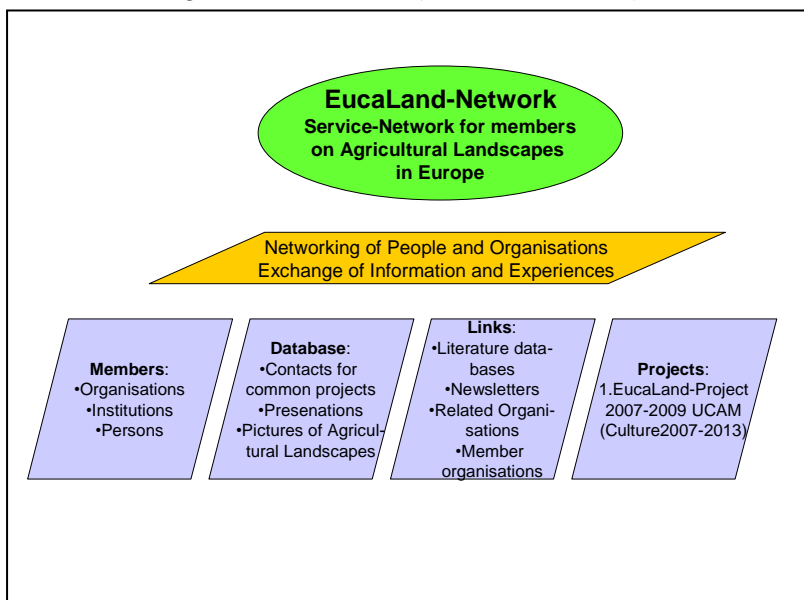


Fig. 1: The EucaLand-Network

### Top 5: Elections

- Chair and Network-Coordinator are set for the first five years (2007-2012)
- Board: 5 members from different countries
- Open positions:
- Chair (Gloria Pungetti is resigning at this meeting)
- 5 board members

Gloria Pungetti explained why she has to resign as a chair. She was asked by the University of Cambridge and the board of CCLP to resign in order to keep the confusion between the EucaLand-Network and the EucaLand-Project as small as possible. There was some confusion after this opening as most of the participants were of the opinion, that it is quite normal to have projects out of a network, especially with a short lasting project of two years. But certainly the decision of Gloria Pungetti was accepted. Alexandra thanked her also on behalf of the members for her vulnerable and motivated engagement during the last 2 years.

After some discussion, the decision was taken not to vote today, for two reasons :

- The Network is not ready yet – no legal formal basis, no statutes
- Therefore, the elections might not fulfil the conditions of a democracy.

A **taskforce** was set up in order to support the network coordinator to work on

- formalisation
- statute
- organisation of the network and
- to undertake the necessary works during the next months.

The task force shall finish by December.

Members:

- Anu Printsman, Michael Roth, Matthias Buchecker, Hans Renes, Thanasis Kizos
- Gloria Pungetti will figure out (with the cclp-board) if she is able to work in the task force and especially later be a member of the board.

Further support was offered by:

- Marc Antrop and Yves Michelin
- Paola Branduini, Paola Mazorati, Lionella Scazzosi, Veerle van Eetvelde, Toma Elena (all (after the meeting)

Further comments (Marc Antrop)

- Why five board members? Chair, network coordinator and treasurer would be sufficient.
- It must be defined very clearly, who has the write to vote (members only?)
- It must be defined very clearly, who can be voted (members only?)
- E-elections are possible (like IALE)
- Organisations have to define one person who has the right to vote (on behalf of the organisation)
- Yves Michelin: To constitute an association in France is very easy and uncomplicated and he offered his help

### Top 6: Miscellaneous

- The EucaLand-Network should think about the topic “Emerging energy and Landscapes” (fuel landscapes, energy landscapes etc.
- Build up a contact with EEL (Emerging energy and landscape)