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Introduction

The European Landscape Convention adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 and opened for signature by its Member States in Florence on 20 October 2000, is an instrument devoted to the protection, management and planning of the landscapes in Europe.

The concept of landscape in the convention differs from the one that may be found in certain documents, which sees in landscapes an “asset” (heritage concept of landscape) and assesses it (as “cultural”, “natural” etc. landscape) by considering it as a part of physical space. This new concept expresses, on the contrary, the desire to confront, head-on and in a comprehensive way, the theme of the quality of the surroundings where people live; this is recognized as a precondition for individual and social well-being (understood in the physical, physiological, psychological and intellectual sense) and for the sustainable development, as well as a resource conducive to economic activity. (in Recommendation CM/Rec(2008)3 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the Guidelines for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 6 February 2008).

Within the spirit of the European Landscape Convention’s principles and purposes presented, this paper aims to discuss the role of identity and plasticity on the reshaping processes of urban landscapes, especially those related to the urban regeneration issues.

1. The European Landscape Convention – The main aims

The main aims of the European Landscape Convention are to promote landscape protection, management and planning, and to organize European co-operation on landscape issues (Chapter I – General provisions, Article 3 – Aims). Following the realization of the defined purposes, on Chapter I – General provisions, Article 1 – Definitions, the Convention establishes, in a very precise way, a set of fundamental definitions as follows:

- “Landscape” means an area, as perceived by people, whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors;
- “Landscape policy” means an expression by the competent public authorities of general principles, strategies and guidelines that permit the taking of specific measures aimed at the protection, management and planning of landscapes;
- “Landscape quality objective” means, for a specific landscape, the formulation by the competent public authorities of the aspirations of the public with regard to the landscape features of their surroundings;