

## Press invitation to "Landscape and driving forces" in Sweden 8–10 October

**What are the current developments in the field of climate change, globalisation, social transformations, production systems and consumption patterns? What impact do these driving forces have on landscape in an international context? What are the new activities for designing adequate policies and measures?**

These questions, among many others, are to be discussed during Landscape and driving forces – the Eighth Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Malmö/Alnarp, Sweden, 8–10 October 2009. The meeting will focus on a range of burning issues facing Europe in order to relate these to landscape governance.

The goal of the meeting is to combine and exchange insights, perspectives, practical and theoretical approaches from the European, national, regional and local levels. It also gives an opportunity to explore the Swedish practices and methods as well as to encourage national Swedish public debate on the impact of "driving forces" on the Swedish landscape.

Among the participants are government officials, representatives of European local and regional authorities, scientists, independent experts, public and private organisations as well as NGOs working on landscape and sustainable spatial development.

As a journalist or media representative you are welcome to participate in the meeting or parts of it. The working languages are English and French.  
For special arrangement or interviews, please contact us (see below).  
Press credential needed.

When and where:

8–9 October 2009 Malmö/Alnarp, Sweden

10 October, Study visits by bus

See program for more details

More information and the program at:

[www.raa.se/landscapeanddrivingforces](http://www.raa.se/landscapeanddrivingforces) (website of the Swedish National Heritage Board)

[www.se2009.eu/en/meetings\\_news/2009/10/8/landscape\\_and\\_driving\\_forces](http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/10/8/landscape_and_driving_forces) (website of the Swedish presidency of the European Union)

Welcome to Alnarp and Landscape and driving forces, the Eighth Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention!

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The Council of Europe Meetings of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention have been organised on a regular basis since 2002. The meetings take a detailed look at various practical aspects of the Convention. Special emphasis is given to the experience of the state hosting the meeting. Landscape and driving forces is the 2009–years

edition of the meeting.

#### The European Landscape Convention

The aim of the convention is to promote landscape protection, management and planning as well as to organise the European co-operation in the area. This is the first international treaty that focuses on all aspects of European landscape and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas. The ELC does not enter into force until a country has ratified it. Ratification is an act of giving official sanction or approval to a treaty or convention. Sweden has not yet ratified the ELC, however in 2006 the National Heritage Board was commissioned by the government to prepare a proposal for implementation of the ELC.

*The Swedish National Heritage Board is a governmental agency responsible for heritage and historic environment and with a commission to work for a sustainable management and development of the landscape.*