

FLORENCE CHARTER

on the **COORDINATION OF EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORIES**

under the auspices of

UNISCAPE – RECEP-ENELC – CIVILSCAPE

The undersigned, on the occasion of the 5th Careggi Seminar on “LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORIES IN EUROPE: FROM ELC RECOMMENDATIONS TO LOCAL INITIATIVES 2000-2013”, which took place in Florence, at Villa Ruspoli on the 27-28 June 2013,

CONSIDER THAT:

- 1. The EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION is the cultural reference point for all activities to be carried out;*
- 2. the guidelines of the Committee of Ministers of the Member States of the COUNCIL OF EUROPE, of February 2008, expressly provide for (Art. 10) the establishment of LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORIES, research centres and institutions dedicated to landscape;*
- 3. the knowledge, management, safeguarding and enhancement of landscapes must be realised through concrete and innovative forms of participation by the populations in Europe;*
- 4. LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORIES (whether institutional or independent) in the various European countries have, for many years, played an active and decisive role in involving and ensuring the participation of the populations and the authorities in landscape issues;*

INTEND

today, Friday 28 June 2013 in Florence at Villa Ruspoli,

TO FORMALLY RECOGNISE

the establishment of the **COORDINATION OF EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE OBSERVATORIES** to actively contribute to the full implementation of the EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION.

The undersigned of the present CHARTER, commit themselves to convening a meeting before the end of 2013 to approve the establishment of the coordination board. The Executive Board of UNISCAPE invites the POLYTECHNIC OF TURIN and the UNIVERSITY OF TURIN to take charge of the following steps of action.

Villa Ruspoli, Florence, Friday 28 June 2013