



The aim of public participation is for political decisions to be made with an awareness of the values and the interests at stake, with the aim of achieving social consensus around a common good – in this case, landscape – as defined through dialogue





Participation is a demand coming out of an increasingly diverse and complex society. In today's world, social cohesion and economic development are no longer sectorial issues as such





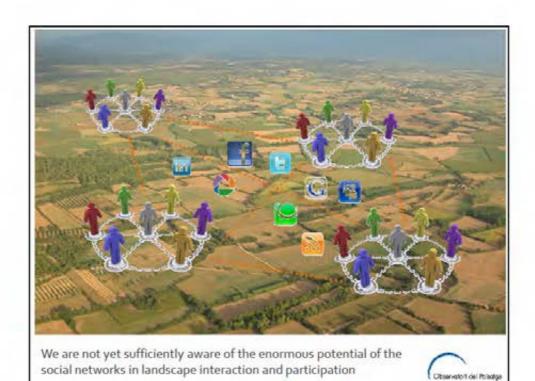
They are multi-faceted realities, challenges that have become increasingly interconnected on a global scale, which are hard to segment and approach from our traditional specialisations





These challenges oblige us to be more innovative in our methodology, and more open to new forms and new tools for managing local knowledge, citizen participation and cultural and heritage planning















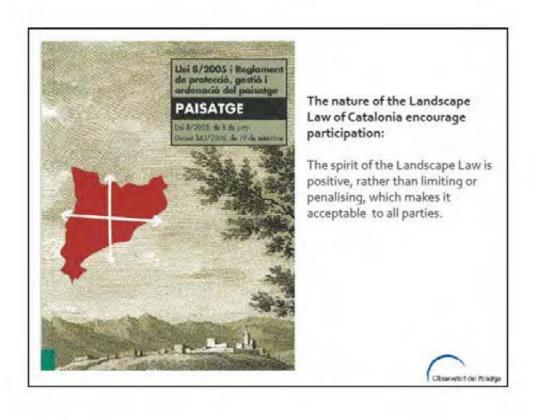
The current climate of disaffection within society towards conventional political structures has produced a rift, which is aggravated by the economic recession



Landscape can become an excellent way of reducing this rift . Landscape is an attractive concept, easy to grasp and with positive connotations for the population









The nature of the Landscape Observatory of Catalonia fosters interaction and participation:

Is open to creative and imaginative initiatives

Is able to move with a certain agility and independence

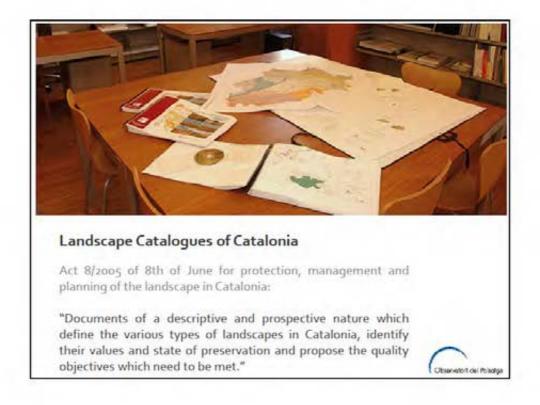
Acts as a **bridge** between civil society and the administration

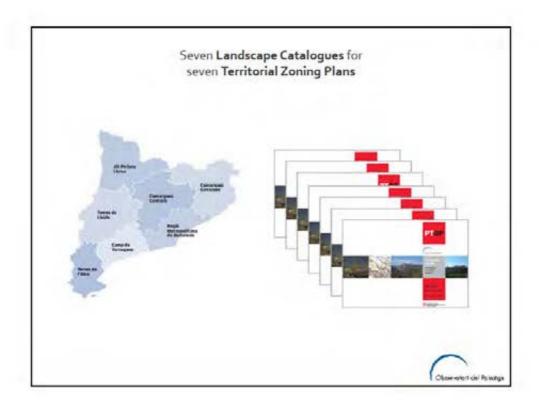
It's not a Network, but acts as a actor that **creates network** (generative and participant)



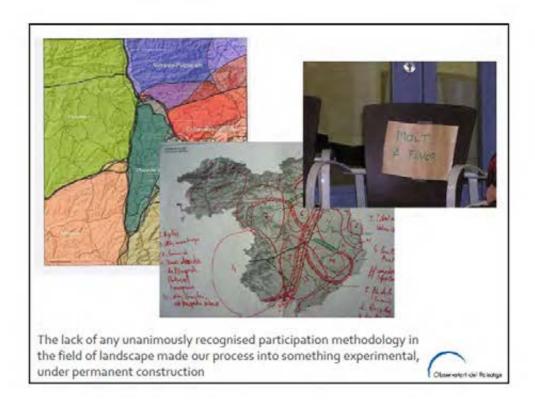


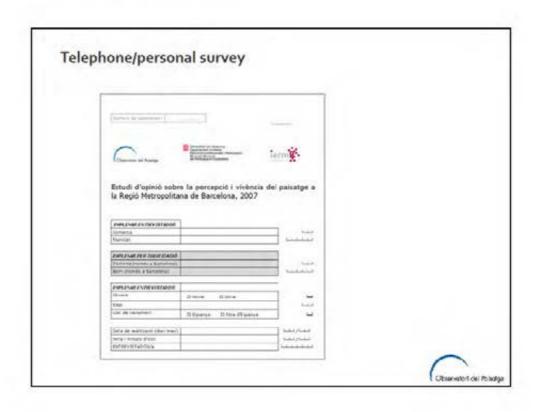
Some citizen participation experiences in landscape management and planning Government of Catalonia Local administration Civil society Landscape catalogues Landscape charters Wikipedra Priorat Transfrontier landscape plan Land Stewardship Network



















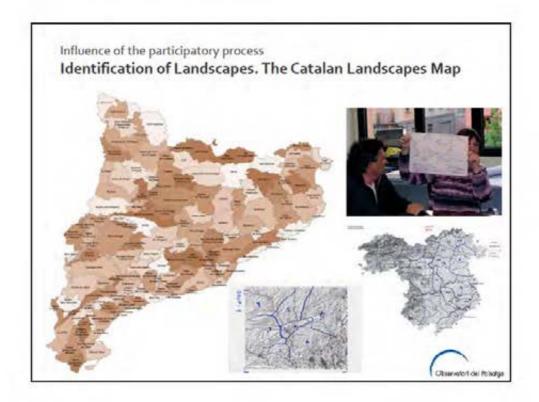
Information, communication & feedback

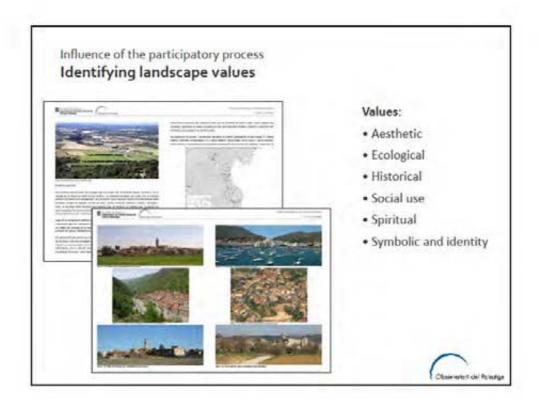
The whole process is accompanied by information and communication efforts:

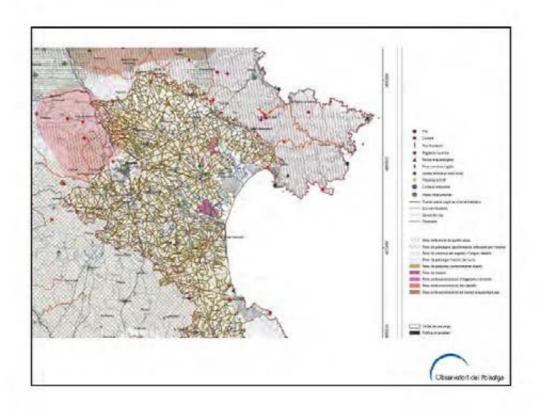
- Calls for participation
- · Publicity of internet participation
- Information meetings in several towns
- Participation mailbox catalegsdepaisatge@catpaisatge.net
- · Feedback of the results of the process

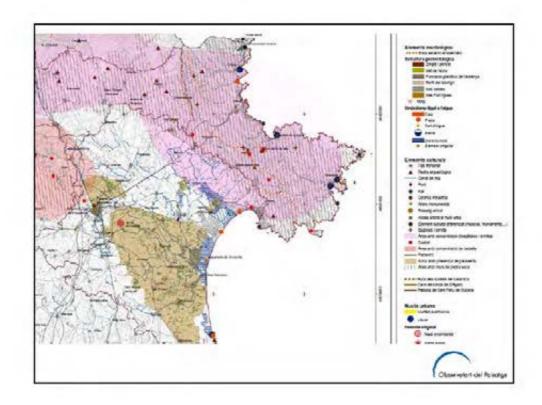
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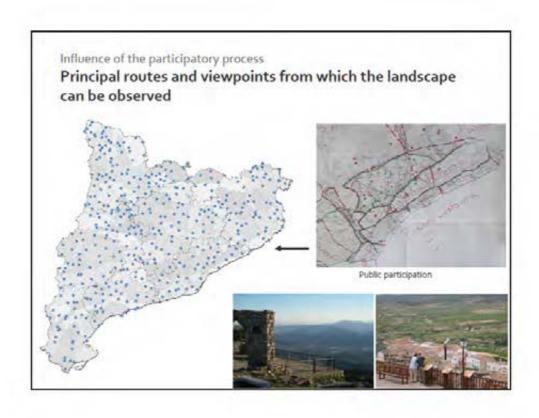


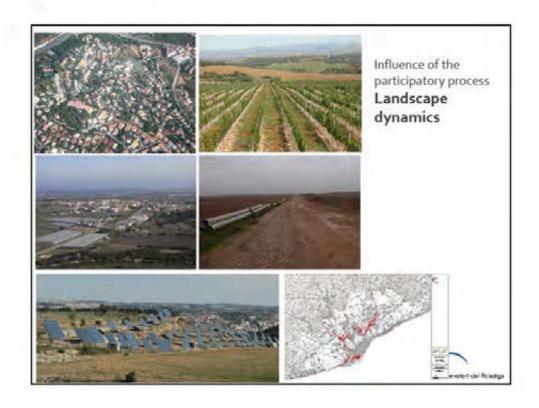


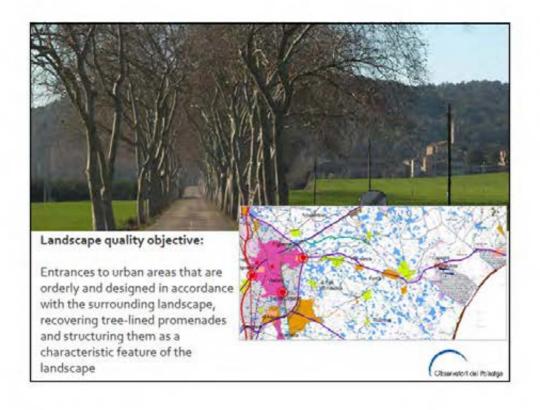








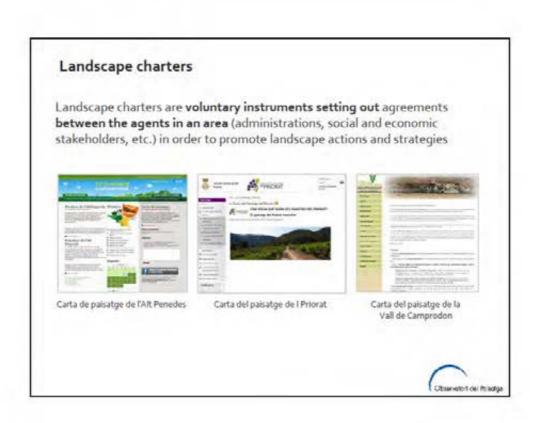












Landscape charters Some examples of agreements

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The participation in a Landscape Charter needs...

A strong leadership

A clear consensual road map shared by all the agents involved

A high level of commitment from all parties

Perseverance from the local agents and authorities in carrying out the tasks involved











