

IFLA EUROPE 4<sup>th</sup> Webinar on Agricultural Landscapes "Challenges and opportunities offered by The Nature Restoration Law for our landscapes" 21 February 2025, 13h CET

with Jurgen Tack, Secretary General European Landowners' Organization

- 13:00 Welcome by Katerina Gkoltsiou, IFLA Europe President
- 13:10 Introduction on webinar series by Francesca Neonato, Chair, IFLA Europe Agricultural Landscapes Working Group.
- 13:15 Presentation by Jurgen Tack, Secretary General, European Landowners Organization

### 13:30 Panel discussion

Jeremy Dennis, Landscape Architect, IFLA Europe, Danske Landskabsarkitekter, Denmark

Federica Romano, Program Coordinator UNESCO chair Agriculture Heritage Landscape Moderator: Linus Fredriksson, Landscape Architect, IFLA Europe Working Group Agricultural Landscapes, Sveriges Arkitekter, Sweden

- 14:00 Questions and Answers
- 14:30 Conclusions and closing

Jurgen TACK

Jeremy DENNIS



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Francesca **NEONATO** 

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Linus **FREDRIKSSON** 









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Jurgen Tack has been the Secretary General – CEO of the European Landowners' Organization since June 2023. He previously held the role of Scientific Director at ELO and served as CEO of Landelijk Vlaanderen and CEO of the Aanspreekpunt Privaat Beheer Natuur en Bos in 2016. Additionally, he was President of the International Riverine Commission River Maas/Meuse, a member of the European Commission's Expert Group on Nature Based Solutions and chaired the board of directors of the Botanical Garden Meise. He earned his PhD in Sciences after studying biology (marine ecology) at Brussels Free University.



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Jeremy Dennis, landscape architect MDL. Jeremy trained as a landscape architect at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University in Copenhagen Denmark and has 20+ years of experience in the landscape industry. Jeremy has worked both in private practices and in public administration. The projects span in many directions, parks, cemeteries, university campuses, schools, housing estates, coastal protection, nature restoration, storm water management, etc., but the importance of resilience, soil and plantings has always been a key factor. In recent years Jeremy has focused work on biodiversity, aiming to give pragmatic tools to both clients and maintenance crews to improve biodiversity in the built environment. Jeremy is part a thinktank in the Danish Landscape architect association, where topics such as biodiversity and the Nature Restoration Law currently are debated. Jeremy has been part of both IFLA Europe and IFLA World Executive Committees and is currently co-chair of the IFLA Europe Working group on climate change.

Federica Romano, Italian-Swiss, Bachelor and Masters' Degrees in Communication Science, Siena and Cagliari Universities. She initiated her working experience in international contexts concerning agri-food and rural development in the framework of EBRD project in Bosnia and Herzegovina and further specialized in this sector during the following years through experiences in food industry companies (Colussi Group Milan), foundations for the protection and valorisation of Denominations of Origin (Qualivita Siena), associations working on the olive oil natural and cultural heritage (Associazione nazionale Città dell'Olio), national and regional public institutions (ISMEA and Regional Government of Sardinia). More recently, she worked for UN Food and Agriculture Organization in support to the Secretariat of the GIAHS Programme and with the Italian Association of Historical Rural Landscapes (PRIS) where she served as director. Currently, she collaborates with the University of Florence, Department of Agricultural, Food, Environmental and Forestry Sciences and Technologies (DAGRI) where she holds the role of Programme Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair "Agricultural Heritage Landscapes" acting in support to research and project management activities concerning natural and cultural heritage, rural landscape, traditional agri-food systems, rural and local development, and with the National Olive Oil Towns Association where she serves as Head of International Relations & Project Management.





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### Katerina Gkoltsiou, IFLA Europe President/PHALA Greece

Katerina has a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Aegean in Greece, MA in Landscape Architecture from the University of Edinburgh, U.K., and BA Agriculture from the Agricultural University of Athens. She is President of IFLA Europe and member of the Geotechnical Chamber in Greece. In 1997, she founded her practice on Landscape Architecture in Athens (<u>www.katerinagoltsiou.gr</u>). She specializes in a wide range of services in the design, construction and research sector of landscape architecture. Her landscape expertise involves the landscape design of public and private projects, landscape assessment and landscape restoration projects. She is also a partner of AGRODESIGN (<u>www.agrodesign.gr</u>), in order to promote rural tourism and to provide innovative ideas concerning the landscape design of agrotourism farms and agricultural landscape.

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# Francesca Neonato, Chair IFLA Europe Working Group on Agricultural Landscapes/AIAPP Italy

Francesca is the founding partner of PN Studio PROGETTO NATURA which conducts environmental consultancy and landscape design, also in an international context, in particular parks, green facilities, ecological networks, regenerative agriculture and landscape restoration. She has developed a high experience in Healing gardens design. Francesca is a member of AIAPP (Italian Association of Landscape Architecture) member from 1992, she is delegating traditional rural landscapes. She is also Delegate to IFLA World WG "Landscape & Agriculture". Francesca is Visiting Professor at the Polytechnic of Milan of Applied Botany in Landscape Design Studio and in the postgraduate course in Healing Gardens. She has published over one hundred scientific papers and articles for specialized magazines, several books, among the last in 2019 "Green Gold. How much Nature is worth in the city" and in 2021 "The cost of nature: implementation, management and maintenance costs for NBS, in NBS for more sustainable cities".



**Linus Fredriksson** Linus is a practicing landscape architect and co-owner of Topia Landskapsarkitekter AB, where he also worked since 2014. Linus has a great interest in the breadth and potential of landscape architecture, which has partly contributed to the fact that for a number of years he was involved in organizing the Oyster seminar together with several other landscape architecture - both as a vital building block in community building and the creation of high-quality living environments, but also as a subject area with great theoretical and artistic depth and tradition.

To him, being a landscape architect is being part of a vibrant, proud and historically rich professional tradition that bridges national borders and links a rich web of subject areas, professional disciplines and cultures.



