

## General programme of the UNISCAPE\* meeting 2026

*\*European Network of Universities for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention*



### **Presentation Press Conference**

Venue: Chamber of Deputies, Palazzo Montecitorio, Rome

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 19:00 – 20:00

Video recording available at: <https://webtv.camera.it/evento/31583>

### **International Conference: *Rural Heritage Landscape: Study, Observation and Development***

Venue: Polytechnic University of Turin, Valentino Castle

Thursday, June 25, 2026, 9:30 – 15:30

### **General Assembly of UNISCAPE**

Venue: University of Turin, Rectorate Building

Thursday, June 25, 2026, 17:30 – 19:30

### **Social Dinner**

Venue: Piazza Vittorio, Turin

Thursday, June 25, 2026, 20:00

Registration link (until seats are available):

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM2oMxbKnoxQuZbT1ZzkT79cEo\\_nOfjRNizXsyQPM6ho4Hjg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfM2oMxbKnoxQuZbT1ZzkT79cEo_nOfjRNizXsyQPM6ho4Hjg/viewform?usp=header)

### **Field Visit: *Knowledge, Management and Development of Historic Rural Landscapes: the Mombarone Experience***

Venue: Terraced Viticultural and Agricultural Landscapes of Mombarone

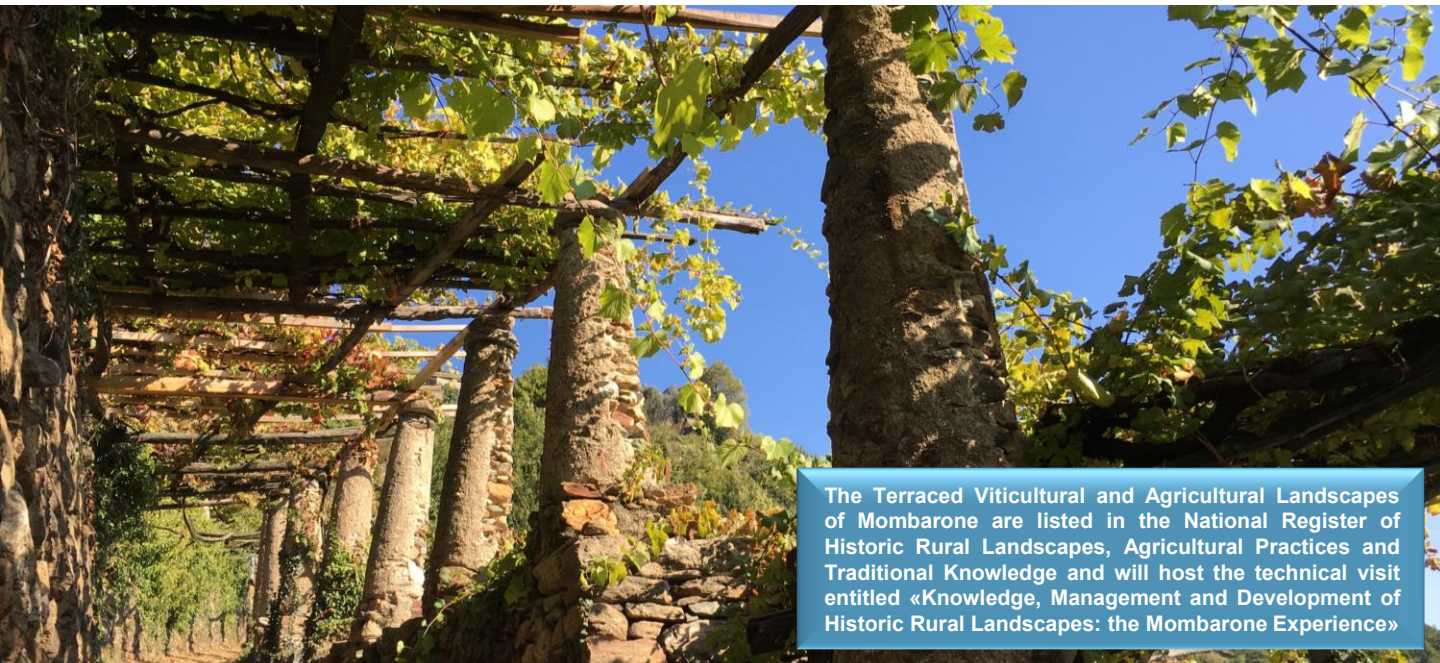
Friday, June 25, 2026, 10:00 – 18:00



## PRESS CONFERENCE

**The Terraced Viticultural and Agricultural Landscapes of Mombarone in Canavese host the technical visit of the UNISCAPE\* 2026 meeting**

***Presentation of the \*European Network of Universities for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and of the planned activities***



The Terraced Viticultural and Agricultural Landscapes of Mombarone are listed in the National Register of Historic Rural Landscapes, Agricultural Practices and Traditional Knowledge and will host the technical visit entitled «Knowledge, Management and Development of Historic Rural Landscapes: the Mombarone Experience»

- **On. Alessandro Giglio Vigna**  
President of the XIV Committee on EU Policies of the Chamber of Deputies
- **Prof.ssa Claudia Cassatella**  
DIST Polytechnic University of Turin, representative of UNISCAPE
- **Prof. Fabio Di Carlo**  
Sapienza University of Rome, representative of UNISCAPE
- **Dr. Enol. Alberto Cugnetto**  
Settima Pietra Association of Settimo Vittone and Academy of Agriculture of Turin
- **Dr. Agr. PhD Enrico Pomatto**  
Doctor Agronomist specialized in Landscape Architecture, coordinator of the application to the National Register and author of the dossier, CSC and DISAFA UNITO
- **Moderator: Dr. Sara Garino**  
Head of the Legislative Office of the Presidency of the Committee on Productive Activities, Trade and Tourism of the Chamber of Deputies
- **Prof. Marco Devecchi**  
DISAFA University of Turin, representative of UNISCAPE, President of the Centre for Rural Development Studies of the Research Centre for Rural Development of Hilly Areas of UNITO and of the Academy of Agriculture of Turin

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**CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES  
Press Room  
Tuesday 9 June 2026  
19.00 - 20.00**

Access to the press room (Palazzo Montecitorio, Via della Missione 4, Rome) is allowed until the maximum capacity is reached and with appropriate attire, with a jacket and tie required for men. For accreditation, please send an email to [enrico.pomatto@gmail.com](mailto:enrico.pomatto@gmail.com) by Monday 8 June. The opinions expressed are the sole responsibility of the speakers and are not attributable to the Chamber of Deputies or its bodies. **The press conference will be held in Italian.**

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Rural Heritage Landscape. Study, Observation and Development AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UNISCAPE

Turin, Italy, 25 JUNE 2026

### FULL PROGRAMME



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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Rural Heritage Landscape. Study, Observation and Development

Venue: Politecnico di Torino, Valentino Campus – Classroom 1V and Hall of Columns (Sala delle Colonne)  
Viale Mattioli, 39 Torino

### 9.00 - 9.30 | Opening of the Registration Desk

### 9.30 - 9.45 | Welcome and Conference opening (Classroom 1V)

Marta Carla Bottero, Politecnico di Torino, Adjunct Deputy Rector for Governance Relations

Luisella Roberta Celi, University of Turin, Vice-Rector for Research

Andrea Schubert, University of Turin, Director of the Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences (DISAFA)

Saša Dobričić, UNISCAPE President

### 9.45 - 10.00 | Introduction

Marco Devecchi (University of Turin) and Claudia Cassatella (Politecnico di Torino)

### 10.00 - 11.15 | Session I - Framing the context of Rural Heritage Landscape studies

Chair: Federica Larcher, University of Turin

10.00 - 10.15| Rural landscape in Europe, *L. Scazzosi*, Politecnico di Milano

10.15 - 10.30| Rural landscape between conservation and development, *M. Agnoletti*, University of Florence

10.30 - 10.45| Observing landscape: knowledge, monitoring, and governance for rural landscape in a changing EU policy context, *A. Galli, E. Marcheggiani*, Università Politecnica delle Marche

10.45 - 11.00| Agricultural Heritage: beyond recognition, *V. Ferrario*, Università luav di Venezia

11.00 - 11.15| Review the landscape definition for an upgrading of rural territorial planning with human health, *V. Ingegnoli*, University of Milan

### 11.15 - 13.00 | Session II – Research and case studies on rural heritage landscapes

Chair: Claudia Cassatella, Politecnico di Torino

11.15 - 11.30| Proximity Heritage Rural Landscape: A Comparative Study of Participatory Community Governance in China and Italy, *J. He, J. Shengqi, T. Guohang*, Henan Agriculture University; *W. Yue* Politecnico di Torino; *E. Marcheggiani*, Università Politecnica delle Marche (online)

11.30 - 11.45| Ligurian Rural landscape, *A. Gherzi*, Università di Genova

11.45 - 12.00| It' not just wine that builds the landscape, *J. M. Palerm Salazar*, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

12.00 - 12.15| The RURITAGE Atlas: insights on rural heritage as a local resource, *R. Tamborrino and F. Aliakbari*, Politecnico di Torino

12.15 - 12.30| Reconstructing the historic rural landscape as cultural heritage: the case study of Staffarda Abbey (Piedmont, Italy), *P. Gullino, M. Devecchi, E. Pomatto, F. Larcher*, University of Turin

12.30 - 12.45| Nature Restoration and Landscape Restoration: matches, mismatches and opportunities for action in heritage landscapes, *E. Gottero, C. Cassatella*, Politecnico di Torino

12.45 - 13.00| Landscape change driven by digital agriculture, what future scenarios for heritage landscapes, *F. Huang*, Politecnico di Torino



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**13.00 - 14.00 | Lunch - Hall of Columns ([Sala delle Colonne](#))**

**14.00 - 15.00 | Poster Session - Rural Heritage Landscape: Research, Teaching, and Public Engagement in the UNISCAPE Network - Hall of Columns ([Sala delle Colonne](#))**

**15.00 - 15.45 | Session III – Landscapes of Recognized Value: Case Studies ([Classroom 1V](#))**

*Chair: Marco Devecchi, University of Turin*

**15.00 - 15.15 | The Resilience of Cultural Landscapes. Perspectives from UNESCO World Heritage Sites, F. Aimar, Texas A&M University**

**15.15 - 15.30 | The Terraced Viticultural and Agricultural Landscapes of Mombarone listed in the National Register of Historical Rural Landscapes. An introduction to the field visit, E. Pomatto, University of Turin**

**15.30 - 15.45 | Conclusion of the Conference. Contemporary vision of Rural Heritage Landscape: Terraced landscape, J. M. Palerm Salazar, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria**

## UNISCAPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Venue: University of Turin, Rectorate Building – [Main Hall](#)  
Via Giuseppe Verdi, 8 Torino

**16.00 - 17.00 | Transfer to the University of Turin**

*Walking (approx. 30 minutes) - Public transport (approx. 20 minutes)*

**17.30 - 19.30 | UNISCAPE 2026 General Assembly**

**20.00 | Social dinner**

*Venue: Restaurant “Il Tabisca”, Piazza Vittorio Veneto 16, Turin*

### Menu with typical Piedmontese dishes

#### **Antipasto conviviale**

*Vitello tonnato, Ballottine di Salsiccia tipo Bra con granella di Nocciole, Insalata Russa Tonnè*

#### **Primo**

*Agnolotti di Brasato al sugo d'Arrosto della Casa*

#### **Secondo**

*Cosciotto di Maialino Arrosto con Patate al Forno*

#### **Dessert**

*1 dolce a scelta a persona tra Bönèt, Panna Cotta, Sorbetto al Limone*

#### **Drink\***

*1 a scelta a persona tra: 1 Bevanda Media o 1 Bottiglia di Vino ogni 4 Persone o 1 Cocktail dalla Nostra Lista*

#### **Caffè**

*\* Coperto incluso, esclusa eventuale acqua aggiuntiva o altre bevande*

**€35 per person to be paid directly at the restaurant.**



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## FIELD VISIT

### Knowledge, Management and Development of Historic Rural Landscapes: the Mombarone Experience

Terraced Viticultural and Agricultural Landscapes of Mombarone (TO)

26 JUNE 2026

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*La visita tecnica è in fase di accreditamento per il riconoscimento dei CFP (SDAF15) per i Dottori Agronomi e i Dottori Forestali che parteciperanno.*

# FIELD VISIT

## Knowledge, Management and Development of Historic Rural Landscapes: the Mombarone Experience

Venue: Terraced Viticultural and Agricultural Landscapes of Mombarone (TO), 26 June 2026

### 8.00 | Meeting point to take the bus\*: Torino Porta Nuova, square in front of the train station, on the Decathlon side

\* The bus transfer Torino Porta Nuova to Mombarone and return is reserved for those who registered within the required deadline. There are only a few seats left, and they will be allocated in the order reservations are received. It will still be possible to reach Mombarone independently using your own vehicle. Bus service: "Giachino".



### 8.15 | Bus departure\*

\* The bus will depart at the scheduled time with all participants present, and no roll call will be carried out. Please be punctual.

### 9.30 | Arrival in Carema (TO) and start of the field visit.

### 9.30 - 10.00 | Visit to the Carema wine-growing landscape walking along the "Sentiero dei Vigneti".



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**10.00 - 10.45 | Visit to the Carema Viticulture and Wine Promotion Center with its multimedia museum (Gran Masun, medieval fortified house in Carema).**



**10.45 - 11.00 | Visit of the historic centre of Carema and return to the bus.**



**11.00 - 11.15 | Bus transfer from Carema to Settimo Vittone, Hamlet Cesnola.**

**11.15 - 16.15 | Spectacular walk\* through the terraced vineyards from Settimo Vittone to Carema.**

*\* The tour includes a walk through terraced landscapes with moderately challenging slopes, especially during the uphill section to Cesnola. The lunch break, featuring typical products, will be held on a panoramic terrace in a terraced valley not accessible by bus.*

**Please take into account the high temperatures forecast and wear light, comfortable clothing (informal). Bring water to stay hydrated, as well as appropriate sunscreen.**

**11.15 - 12.45 | Visit of the terraced vineyards, chestnut groves, traditional stone lime kiln, and historical wine press between the Hamlet Cesnola and Torredanele.**

**12.45 - 14.00 | Lunch with typical products offered by "Associazione Settima Pietra di Settimo Vittone".**

**14.00 - 15.30 | Visit to the terraced vineyards in the Sengie area of Settimo Vittone, traditional rural architectures, and arrival in the hamlet of Airale in Carema.**

**15.30 - 16.00 | Visit to the Sorpasso Winery in Airale, Carema.**

**16.00 - 16.15 | Final stretch of the walk to reach the bus in Airale, Carema.**



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16.15 - 16.30 | Bus transfer to the historical cellars “Balmetti” of Borgofranco d’Ivrea.

16.30 - 17.30 | Visit to the Balmetti of Borgofranco d’Ivrea and final toast at the “Balmetto Mercado”.



17.30 | End of the visit: bus pick-up and return to Turin.

18.45 | Arrival at Torino Porta Nuova, traffic permitting.



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## Involved local experts during the visit:

Prof. Marco Devecchi – University of Turin

Dr. Enrico Pomatto – University of Turin

Dr. Oenologist Alberto Cugnetto – Accademia di Agricoltura di Torino and Associazione Settima Pietra

Adriano Borgesio – President of the Associazione Settima Pietra

Gianmarco Viano - Member of the Carema Municipal Council and local winegrower

Dr. Oenologist Vittorio Garda – Local winegrower, Sorpasso Winery, Carema

Gianluca Martusciello – Balmetto Mercando

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- Application dossier for the "Terraced Viticultural and Agricultural Landscapes of Mombarone" to the National Register of Rural Landscapes of Historical Interest, Agricultural Practices, and Traditional Knowledge can be viewed:  
<https://www.reterurale.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/26379>

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