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*Abstract*

**Protective provisions in UNESCO Vineyard Landscapes.  
Regulation proposal for “local landscaping Committee”  
in the Site of Langhe-Roero and Monferrato**

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What tools are put in place for the protection of UNESCO Vineyard Landscapes? How can they be strengthened? From these questions, it is elaborated the working methodology that focuses especially on the importance to provide appropriate architectural and landscaping protection measures for those World Heritage site related to cultural landscape, with a focus on the UNESCO World Heritage site of *Vineyard Landscape of Piedmont: Langhe-Roero and Monferrato*. Primary objective of the dissertation is the analysis of the architectural and landscaping protection tools of UNESCO Vineyard Landscapes, and the study of safeguard actions taken in case of strongly amending building interventions, such as the construction of new buildings or the interventions on typical architectural building characterizing the area. The methodology consists in the detailed analysis of 6 UNESCO Vineyard landscapes: *The Climats, terroirs of Burgundy and Champagne Hillsides, Houses and Cellars* (France); *Alto Douro Wine Region and Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture* (Portugal); *Lavaux, Vineyard Terraces* (Switzerland), and *Tokaj Wine Region Historic Cultural Landscape* (Hungary). They are linked by architectural, environmental and scenic similarities and it can be established a reliable comparison to understand what are the governance policies pursued by each country for the protection of the site and what type of national, regional and local policies are adopted to preserve the “Outstanding Universal Value”. In particular, the implementation of architectural and landscaping protection tools after the UNESCO nomination, and the current level of effectiveness of the safeguard network put in place are examined. From a global vision of protective measures, following the analysis of international case studies, it is possible to deal with greater awareness the analysis of *Vineyard Landscapes of Piedmont: Langhe-Roero and Monferrato*, UNESCO World Heritage site since 2014. Following a detailed analysis of the site, it has identified the field of action through which to act to implement the protective provisions: the so-called “local landscaping Committees”, which plays an important role in the issuance of landscaping authorizations. Starting from the analysis of the national legislation regarding the establishment of local landscaping Committees and their role in the context of authorization procedures are examined, in addition to Piedmont, 5 regional laws (Emilia Romagna, Liguria, Lombardia, Puglia, Veneto) that regulate their functioning. In this way, it is possible to formulate with a greater degree of awareness the regulation proposal for the functioning of local landscaping Committees in the UNESCO site of *Vineyard Landscapes of Piedmont: Langhe-Roero and Monferrato*. The regulation proposal can be adopted on an experimental basis by the municipalities within the UNESCO perimeter for the preparation of its Committee rules, and become an exportable model at regional scale. In formulating the regulation proposal I acted with the intention of making a concrete improvement of the tools of protection of the site: by regulating the mode of operation and appointment of local landscaping Committees, it is possible to develop coherent and structured safeguard criteria for entire territory, without burdening the bureaucratic process with further administrative proceedings but intervening in the terms established by the current Regional Law 32/2008, bringing added value to the path of protection and enhancement of the site.

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