



National Rules for the Application to the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

The Hungarian landscape award programs were carried out on national level in 2008, 2010 and 2012, according to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the Rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

The primary objective of the national level competition is to select the best project or programme. The national competition can also contribute in a great extent to accomplishing the objectives of European Landscape Convention and raising awareness of its importance.

The Ministries responsible for the implementation of European Landscape Convention in Hungary open a competition for selecting the national candidate for the Europe Landscape Award the year before the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

In 2012 the Minister responsible for rural development raised the status of the selection procedure in Hungary by establishing the Hungarian Landscape Award by the 14/2012 (VI. 25.) VM decree of the Minister of rural development on the tasks being connection with the awards honoured by the Minister of rural development. First in 2012, the participants of the competition also competed for the Hungarian Landscape Award. The Hungarian Landscape Award conferred first in 2013.

The 14/2012 (VI. 25.) VM decree of the Minister of rural development on the tasks being connection with the awards honoured by the Minister of rural development regulates:

- general conditions for participation,
- who can be honoured,
- content of the call for tender,
- course of the examination of applications,
- the fees may be awarded and its description (certificate, plaque),
- periodicity and time of the call and
- date of the ceremony.

The Award can be conferred on local governments, municipal associations or social organisations which have realised outstanding projects in the field of landscape heritage preservation, development and related planning, management, education and awareness-raising. There is also the possibility for governments and (local) NGO's to jointly submit their application.

The biennial prize is awarded by the Minister responsible for rural development in agreement with the Minister responsible for culture and in co-operation with the Minister responsible for regional development and the Minister responsible for regional planning.

The European Landscape Convention National Coordination Working Group examines and evaluates the tenders received involving experts. The members of the jury score the applicants using evaluation sheet.

Criteria are the followings:

- general criteria,
- sustainable territorial development,
- setting example,
- involvement the public and the community,
- increasing the susceptibility of the subject, education, training, dissemination, awareness raising,
- complexity.

The European Landscape Convention National Coordination Working Group ranks the applications based on the opinion of the members of the jury. Following the evaluation, the department responsible landscape protection makes a proposal to the Minister awarding the prize. The Minister of rural development makes the decision.

Applicants receive a certificate. Application with the highest score wins the Hungarian Landscape Award (plaque), and represents our country in the tender for Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. The Minister passes the Hungarian Landscape Award on a public ceremony organized in connection with the Earth Day.

The plaque of Hungarian Landscape Award is a 30 cm × 42 cm, bronze made plate decorated with stylised Hungarian landscape and the logo of nature conservation.

Applicants are entitled the certificate or plaque to be seen in public their headquarters or other suitable places. Programs of the tenders will be presented to the European Landscape Convention Hungarian language website. The year following the national competition the ministries in charge of the implementation of European Landscape Convention organise a mobile exhibition to showcase the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and the projects submitted to the national competition. The panels of the exhibition can be borrowed and exhibited at other places free of charge.

For further information on the completion the list of applicants and theirs programme is enclosed and available here: www.termesztvedelem.hu/tajvedelem/tajegyzmeny