

“We are making our landscape”, Slovenian Association of Landscape Architects



The project “We are making our landscape” was established in order to disseminate information about landscapes in the period just after the European Landscape Convention entered into force in Slovenia. In order to achieve this goal, it intended to change the way that people perceive landscape. The project focused on education, and through education changing how people experience and relate to their environment. Through teaching workshops and training, the project promoted landscape awareness in children as well as in adults, taking into consideration that our lifestyle and our attitude towards the environment directly influence the landscape where we live. An art and photography competition was held among primary schools and kindergartens, which encouraged the children to become aware of their surroundings. This competition involved an exhibition and several prizes were awarded which encouraged awareness of and reflection on landscape. Through education, the project validated long-term benefits, such as sustainable development and the reinforcement of measures tending to achieve as well as maintain quality landscapes.

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe recognised the great value of the project: it is an innovative and exemplary project of educational promotion, and awareness-raising in young people from an early age, highlighting the importance of a sustainable territorial development of the landscape.

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