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### **EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION LANDSCAPE AWARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

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Item 4 vi) of the Agenda

The Bureau is invited to:

- take note of the fact that the Committee of Ministers will adopt a decision concerning the landscape award at its meeting to be held in principal on 16 October 2013, and after the meeting of the GR-C on 8 October 2013.

The European Landscape Convention provides for a Council of Europe Landscape Award. It states that, on proposals from the committees of experts supervising the implementation of the Convention, the Committee of Ministers shall define and publish the criteria for conferring the Landscape Award, adopt the relevant rules and confer the award (Article 11).

The Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe on 20 February 2008. The Award is in keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development and promotes the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by acknowledging the importance of measures taken to improve the landscape features of people's living conditions.

The Award was launched in 2008 and three sessions of the award have been organised: 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013.

According to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and in the framework of the organisation of the 3rd Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, the Parties to the Convention were invited to present through the Permanent Representatives of the Parties to the Convention the applications to the General Secretariat of the Council of Europe.

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe received 18 application files from the following Parties: Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom.

The international Jury being set up as a subordinate body of the committees of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention met in order to examine the applications and propose the award and possible special mentions.

At its 2nd Meeting (Strasbourg, 27-29 May 2013) the CDCPP examined the proposals of the Jury and forwarded its proposals concerning the award winner, and, wherever appropriate, special mentions, to the Committee of Ministers.

The Committee proposed attributing the award to: "Preserving ecological value in the landscape of the Szprotawa river valley, Lower Silesian Association of Landscape Parks, Poland" and decided to propose that the Committee of Ministers attribute identical special mentions to the following three nominations:

- i) The rebirth of Alto Belice Corleonese through the recovery of land confiscated from the mafia organisations, Libera Association names and number against the Mafia, Italy (Special mention for strengthening democracy);
- ii) U-parks. U-turn we love, Utena district Municipality, Lithuania (Special mention for giving attention to the urban landscape as a common good);
- iii) The Gate of Gornje Podunavlje, NGO "Podunav" Backi Monostor, Serbia (Special mention for contributing to European ideals).

In the light of the proposals of the CDCPP, the Committee of Ministers shall adopt a decision concerning the award and any special mentions at its meeting of 16 October 2013. The award shall be presented in 2014 on the occasion of a Convention event. The award and the special mentions shall be presented by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, with the participation of the Chair of the CDCPP and the President of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, or their representatives at a public ceremony.

A presentation of the applications appears on the Council of Europe Website of the European Landscape Convention:

<http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention>

Council of Europe Landscape Award

[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/Prix/Session2013\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/cultureheritage/heritage/Landscape/Prix/Session2013_en.asp)

The applications which were awarded or recognised with special mentions will be presented at the next Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops on the European Landscape Convention "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - Sessions 2012-2013".