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Results of the 2nd Session 2010-2011 of the Council of Europe Landscape Award and preparation of the 11th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – Sessions 2008-2009 and 2010-2011”

DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION

Item 5.5.1 of the draft agenda

The Committee:

- **noted** the results of the 2nd Session 2010-2011 of the Council of Europe Landscape Award and of the preparation of the 11th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on “*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – Sessions 2008-2009 and 2010-2011*”.

BACKGROUND

Fourteen projects were presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the occasion of the 2nd Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

On 12 October 2011, the Committee of Ministers' Deputies decided, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of Ministers CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and on the proposal of the Committee of Experts responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention, to:

1. Attribute the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe of the European Landscape Convention for the 2nd Session of the Award 2010-2011 to:

Carbonia: the landscape machine, Joint committee of the Municipality of Carbonia, Italy,

considering the exhaustive and multi-scale development of the project. This exemplary achievement which aims to regenerate a 20th century modernist, urban and mining landscape in a sustainable development perspective, fulfils all the criteria for the Landscape Award with ample force, proving that sustainable territorial development can be achieved by public participation on all levels and accompanied by extensive awareness raising. The use of its historical resources to create a new identity was, at the outset, the requalification of this urban landscape. The work on the mine was accompanied by a revival of the whole city with the restoration of public squares, roads and monuments. This regeneration of the urban fabric of Carbonia has fused a new cultural identity in the town. This achievement is a perfect example of sustainable development of urban landscape, with extensive international implications for the redevelopment of other urban and industrial degraded areas.

2. Attribute identical special mentions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe of the European Landscape Convention for the 2nd Session of the Award 2010-2011 to:

The grant programmes for local communities to shape their surroundings into a place where they are happy to live, Ekopolis Foundation, Slovakia,

considering that it constitutes an exemplary project considering the successful and unique results of the project, which has helped to mobilise the local population and provide them with financial resources to improve their own landscapes. Its effects have been extensive with project sites all over the Slovak Republic contributing to the sustainable territorial development. Public participation and awareness-raising are at the very core of this project, the local population undertaking a long term management of their landscape as surroundings where they are happy to live.

The project of education and awareness-raising: city, territory, landscape, Generalitat of Catalonia and Landscape Observatory of Catalonia, Spain,

considering that it is an exemplary achievement, aiming to forge a new territorial culture and a feeling of responsibility vis-à-vis the landscape. Considering its quality and scope, this creative educational project provides an excellent model for any other similar scheme. It acknowledges that landscape is in constant evolution and that educated citizens are better able to deal with future challenges. Its diversity and richness infuse responsibility in the citizens and creates an exemplary model for education based on public participation and awareness-raising;

The Durham heritage coast, Durham Heritage Coast Partnership, United Kingdom,

considering that it is an exemplary achievement of rehabilitation and regeneration of a coastal area previously marked by distinct degradation. Characterised by sustainable territorial development, exemplarity, public participation and awareness-raising the project achieved extraordinary results through mobilising local populations and creating a regenerated landscape and a new identity. It forms an excellent model for the regeneration of degraded coastal areas.

3. Acknowledge the great value of each project presented for the 2nd Session 2010-2011 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe of the European Landscape Convention and make them well-known to the general public as a source for inspiration:

The Landscape Route of the Escaut Plains Natural Park, Escaut Plains Natural Park, Belgium,

considering that it is an exemplary achievement of a landscape trail, which allows locals as well as visitors to discover the richness and diversity of the landscape before them and to make them aware of the important role it plays in the evolution of natural, cultural, economic and political developments of a territory;

The Hazel Orchards in the village of Polystypos, Polystypos Community Council, Cyprus,

considering that it is an exemplary realisation of a project to revitalise a rural landscape initiated by the local population, based on local natural and cultural resources and use of traditional techniques;

The Čehovice landscape, Prostějov district in Moravia, Regional Land Office Prostějov, Czech Republic,

considering that it is an exemplary project of rehabilitation of a degraded area and recovery of this landscape with its biodiversity, for the benefit of the local economy and the well-being of the population;

The management of endangered traditional biotopes and preservation of the traditional rural landscape, Finnish Association for Nature Conservation, Finland,

considering that it is an exemplary achievement of regeneration of a living traditional landscape, rich in biological diversity, and realised with the greatest respect for the environment and landscape values;

The Port aux Cerises open air leisure Centre, Joint committee for investigation, planning and management of the Port aux Cerises outdoor leisure Centre, France,

considering that it is an exemplary achievement of the planning of a degraded landscape and of its adaptation to the changing times for the well being and quality of life for the population;

The traditional stone culture of the Bükkalja landscape, Beehive Rock Nature Conservation and Cultural Association, Hungary,

considering that it is an exemplary achievement of a project of landscaping based on the accommodation of geological heritage, which has enabled a rebirth of a traditional landscape supported by new socio-economic forces, benefiting the local population;

The Landscape Manifesto of the Dutch landscape, Foundation Landscape Manifesto, the Netherlands,

considering that it is an exemplary project which enables the sharing of expertise, the education and mobilisation of citizen initiative, in order to support the sustainable territorial development of the landscape;

The Herand Landscape Park, County Government of Hordaland, Norway,

considering that it is an exemplary achievement of citizen initiative, deriving from the inhabitants of a rural village who took care to make use of their history and traditions in a dynamic perspective of their landscape;

The landscape of the Backi Monostor Village, 'Podunav' Backi Monostor, Serbia,

considering that it is an exemplary project, promoting the mobilisation of a community to support the development of resources and traditional crafts, in a large alluvial area;

'We are making our landscape', Slovenian Association of Landscape Architects, Slovenia,

considering that it is an innovative and exemplary project of educational promotion, and awareness-raising of young people from an early age, highlighting the importance of a sustainable territorial development of the landscape.

PROGRESS

The Award and the special mentions were presented by the representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, with the participation of the chairs of the CDPATEP and the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention at a public ceremony held in Evora, Portugal, on 20 October 2011, on the occasion of the 10th Council of Europe meeting of the workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention.

NEXT STEPS

The 11th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – Sessions 2008-2009 and 2010-2011*" will take place on (3), 4-5 June 2012, Carbonia, Sardinia, Italy.

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