

The town of Kuldīga in the Venta Valley: preserving a unique landscape for future generations,

Kuldīga Municipality

The project illustrates the solutions adopted by the city of Kuldīga to promote and preserve its landscape, for the benefit of present and future generations. The exceptional value of the town results from the fact that it is a meeting point of nature and culture. Its centre, on the banks of the River Venta, is both the site of Natura 2000 and registered on the Tentative List of UNESCO. The project primarily aimed to improve the landscape and especially the ecological condition of the river, reducing pollution and conducting cleaning operations of its banks. It sought to restore and enhance the natural and cultural landscape of the city and increase public awareness. It contributed to the promotion of the image of the city and the Venta Valley as a landscape of great value.



The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4th Session 2014-2015 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention and recommended making it well-known to the general public for its exemplary value, and as a source of inspiration. The project has promoted the image of the city of Kuldīga in the Venta Valley. The work done by the municipality, with the support of local and European partners and appropriate planning and management, thus enhanced an exceptional landscape. Depollution and cleaning of the river and its banks contributed to the preservation of the natural and cultural values of the urban landscape. As a result, the quality of life of the local population and the ties that bind them to their city have been strengthened.