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On 14 October 2015, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project and recommended making it well-known to the general public for its exemplary value, and as a source of inspiration.

Agricultural Park of Paduli

"Open Urban Laboratory", Italy

The rural project, led by the local communities, associations and inhabitants, made possible the creation of a multifunctional rural park allowing the restoration of the largely abandoned olive grove. The aim was to develop new methods to care for the land and to enhance the landscape's value in the minds of the local population. A collaborative work, co-ordinated by the "Open Urban Laboratory", involved the local stakeholders and a large number of experts from Italy. Using a bottom-up approach, the project has raised new awareness of the landscape's value in its inhabitants and persuaded young people to practise innovative management activities.

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Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General