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On 14 October 2015, the Committee of Ministers decided to attribute a Special Mention of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe to the project:

Liptovská Teplička: protection of unique types of historical landscape
Village of Liptovská Teplička, Slovak Republic

The project, jointly operated by the Agricultural Co-operative of Liptovská Teplička and the self-employed farmers of the village, made possible the preservation of a mountainous agricultural landscape with unique and significant features. The preservation of the character and functionality of this outstanding agricultural landscape has played a key role in the economic activity of the village, allowing it to remain inhabited despite its mountainous location, which renders access difficult. The combined use of traditional farming methods, still practised in the nearby village fields, and modern methods used on high altitude slopes, makes possible an efficient and sustainable practice of agriculture, respecting the history of these places. The preservation of innovative agricultural practices, and the efforts made by the ancestors of the villagers, is a source of inspiration for villages and small towns which wish to develop sustainably, by enhancing traditional landscapes.

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