



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

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OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION***

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*Vigadó Concert Hall, Vigadó tér 2,  
20.30 – 23.00*

### ***CEREMONY OF THE LANDSCAPE AWARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE***

***4<sup>th</sup> Session***

***The Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance***

***Official reception offered by the Government of Hungary***

*With the participation of the folk dance Hungarian FolkEmbassy  
and background music during the dinner of Hungarian FolkEmbassy*

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Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe*

*The European Landscape Convention is the first international treaty on sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity, the environment and culture, to be exclusively concerned with the valorisation of landscapes. Its purpose is to promote landscape protection, management and planning of European landscapes and to organise international co-operation on landscape issues.*

*The Convention is extremely wide in its scope: it applies to the parties' entire territory and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, including land, inland water and marine areas, and deals with degraded landscapes as well as those that can be considered outstanding. In other words, it recognises the importance of all landscapes, not just those of exceptional beauty, as having a crucial bearing on quality of life and as deserving attention in landscape policies. Many rural and peri-urban areas in particular are undergoing drastic change and deserve greater care from the authorities and the public.*

*The Convention provides for a 'Landscape Award of the Council of Europe', which recognises policy or measures that local or regional authorities or non-governmental organisations have adopted to protect, manage and plan their landscapes, and that have proven to be lastingly effective and can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe.*

*On 20 February 2008, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award. Every two years the Committee of Ministers makes the award, based on the proposal submitted by the committee of experts of the Council of Europe in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Convention.*

*Twelve 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 4<sup>th</sup> Session 2014-2015 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.*

*These significant achievements show that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the features of the landscapes that surround us and thus people's living conditions. They are part of the "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe", which gathers the achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention on the occasion of the Sessions of the Landscape Award.*

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**Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance of the European Landscape Convention**

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance>

**European Landscape Convention**

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

*On 14 October 2015, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe 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 recommendations of the jury and of the Committee of experts responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention, to:*

*1. attribute the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Award 2014-2015 to:*

***The borderless co-operation of local communities for the landscape heritage of the "Fabulous" Hetés, the villages of Bödeháza, Gáborjánháza, Szigártóháza and Zalaszentbátfa (Hungary), the villages of Genterovci, Kamovci, Radmožanci, Žitkovci, Mostje, Banuta (Slovenia), Greenways Methodology Association and the Iron Curtain Trail Association. Project presented by Hungary.***

*2. attribute identical special mentions for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Landscape Award 2014-2015 of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention to the following achievements:*

***The Service Tree, the tree of the Slovácko Region, Municipality of Tvarožná Lhota and NGO International Exchanges (INEX) – Voluntary Service of the White Carpathians, Czech Republic;***

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

***The Sénia Territory Millennium Olive Tree Landscape, Taula del Sénia Mancomunidad, Spain.***

*3. acknowledge and praise the great value of the other projects presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 2014-2015 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention, and to recommend making them well-known to the general public for their exemplary value, and as sources of inspiration:*

***The Enhancement of the natural site and landscape of Hof ter Musschen, Commission on the Environment of Brussels and its environs asbl, Belgium;***

***The Ecomuseum Blaca Hermitage, Cultural Centre of Brač, Croatia;***

***Development of the historical centre of Agios Athanasios Municipality, Municipality of Agios Athanasios, Cyprus;***

***"The Bull by the horns": grazing in nature and landscape management, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Central Finland, Finland;***

***The Agricultural Park of Paduli, Open Urban Laboratory, Italy;***

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

***The New Dutch Waterline, Board of the New Dutch Waterline, the Netherlands;***

***Biodiversity and natural resources management in the Camili Basin, Camili Environmental Protection and Development Association, Turkey.***

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**The Borderless co-operation of local communities for the landscape heritage of the “Fabulous” Hetés,**

Villages of Bödeháza, Gáborjánháza, Szijártóháza, Zalaszentbalázs (Hungary), villages of Genterovci, Kamovci, Radmožanci, Žitkovci, Mostje, Banuta (Slovenia), Greenways Methodology Association and the Iron Curtain Trail Association. Project presented by Hungary.

**Presentation of the Award by:**

Mr Alfonso ZARDI, Head of Department, Democratic Institutions and Governance, Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe

**With the participation of:**

*Representative of the Ministry of Hungary*

Mr Sándor FAZEKAS, Minister of Agriculture

*Representative of the Ministry of Slovenia*

Mr Rok TOMSIC, Secretary, Embassy of Slovenia in Hungary

Mrs Jelena HLADNIK, Secretary, National Head of the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment, Slovenia

*Representatives of the Project*

Mrs Andrea BEDŐ, Representative of the Project Borderless co-operation of local communities for the landscape heritage of “Fabulous” Hetés

*and the participation of:*

Mayors of the Villages of Bödeháza, Gáborjánháza, Szijártóháza, Zalaszentbalázs, Hungary

Mayors of the Villages of Genterovci, Kamovci, Radmožanci, Žitkovci, Mostje, Banuta, Slovenia

Greenways Methodology Association

Iron Curtain Trail Association

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe attributed the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Award 2014-2015 to the organisers of the project. Won by the Hungarian villages of Bödeháza, Gáborjánháza, Szijártóháza and Zalaszentbalázs, and the Slovenian villages of Genterovci, Kamovci, Radmožanci, Žitkovci, Mostje and Banuta, with the support of the Greenways Methodology Association and the Iron Curtain Trail Association, the project helped, through work on landscape, to restore and strengthen transfrontier relations between the two populations separated in the past by the Iron Curtain. The joint process of rehabilitation of the areas concerned has developed favourably, thanks to awareness-raising campaigns on the need to protect, manage and sustainably plan a shared and valuable landscape. Appropriate local resource mobilisation and encouragement of local village authorities to play a central role in policy dialogue are important features of the achievement. The significant and characteristic natural and historical features of the landscape were surveyed, identified, assessed and documented, with the participation of the population. Local knowledge was used to highlight the different opportunities and potential of the landscape – not only environmental and cultural but also social and economic – so that the populations and visitors have the opportunity to appreciate it. The establishment of fora, workshops and a common area called the "Friendship Park" has helped restore closer relations between the populations concerned. The creation of a cross-border network of greenways for walkers and cyclists is another symbolic element of the project.

The most important added value of the project lies in the fact that, through the landscape, the people of ten Hungarian and Slovenian villages have co-operated on both sides of the border for the quality of their surroundings, as defined in the European Landscape Convention. They have thus fulfilled the ideals and values promoted by the Council of Europe and, for this reason, the award was attributed to all the villages concerned, from both Hungary and Slovenia. The award was also attributed to the Greenways Methodology Association and to the Iron Curtain Trail Association for the excellent work achieved.

**The Service Tree, the tree of the Slovácko Region,**

Municipality of Tvarožná Lhota and NGO International Exchanges (INEX) – Voluntary Service of the White Carpathians, Czech Republic

**Presentation of the Mention by:**

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Department of Planning, Norway

**With the participation of:**

*Representative of the Ministry*

Mrs Julia TOBIKOVA, National Representative of the European Landscape Convention, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic

*Representatives of the Project*

Mrs Martina BÍLOVÁ, Major of the municipality of Tvarožná Lhota, Czech Republic

Mr Vít HRDOUŠEK, Project Manager, Representative of the Municipality of Tvarožná Lhota and NGO International Exchanges (INEX) - Voluntary Service of the White Carpathians, Czech Republic

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe attributed a special mention of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Award 2014-2015 to the organisers of the project. It enabled the restoration of the cultural landscape of the Slovácko Region through the regeneration and promotion of the historical fruit tree species, the Service tree. Central to this effort is the participation of the local residents and community partners. The large and diverse number of activities emanating from this truly local project is a great example of how an idea can keep evolving. It demonstrates the power that awareness-raising campaigns, when supported by co-operation between local and regional authorities, can have for the restoration of a landscape, in a sustainable development perspective. Highlighting the contribution of traditional fruit tree species to the feature of landscapes in many territories, the project represents an important source of inspiration for promoting the protection of the diversity of the traditional fruit tree gene pool. It thus becomes an excellent example of grass root efforts to mitigate the negative effects on globalisation of landscape, standardisation and market commercialisation of agriculture.

**Liptovská Teplička: protection of unique historical landscape types,**  
Village of Liptovská Teplička

**Presentation of the Mention by:**

Mrs Maria José FESTAS, Chair of the Jury of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and Honorary Chair of the Council of Europe Conference of the European Landscape Convention

**With the participation of:**

*Representatives of the Ministry*

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Mrs Lucia VAČOKOVÁ, Senior Officer, Environment Agency, Slovak Republic

Mrs Eva MIHOVÁ, Senior Officer, Slovak Environment Agency, Slovak Republic

*Representative of the Project*

Mr Slavomir KOPAC, Representative of the Liptovská Teplička Municipality, Slovak Republic

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe attributed a special mention of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Award 2014-2015 to the organisers of the project. 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.

**The Sénia Territory Millennium Olive Tree Landscape,**  
Taula del Sénia Mancomunidad

**Presentation of the Mention by:**

Mr Phaeton ENOTIADES, Senior Officer, Department of Town Planning and Housing, Member of the Jury of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

**With the participation of:**

*Representative of the Ministry*

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*Representatives of the Project*

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Mr Rhamses RIPOLLÉS PUIG, President of the Taula del Sénia Mancomunidad, Spain

Mr Jaume ANTICH BALADA, Director of the Taula del Sénia Mancomunidad, Spain

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe attributed a special mention of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Award 2014-2015 to the organisers of the project. It enabled the conservation of the millenary olive trees and the management of the "sea of olive trees" landscape they created. The know-how, traditional agricultural practices and the natural and cultural heritage for the cultivation of olive trees have thus also been preserved. The concerns expressed by the local population about the fate that more than 4,800 ancient olive trees – threatened by economic pressures, speculation and classified as "at risk" – has led the authors of the project to establish a partnership between local and regional administrations, individuals and enterprises. This strong co-operation between the public and private sectors has led, through restoration and sustainable territorial management, to the protection of the olive trees and the preservation of an exceptionally characteristic landscape. Awareness-raising initiatives have helped strengthen the understanding of stakeholders of the inestimable value of these historic trees. Favorable economic prospects have also resulted. This achievement is thus a major source of inspiration for the traditional Mediterranean landscape of olive groves.

**The enhancement of the natural site and landscape of Hof ter Musschen,**  
Commission on the environment of Brussels and its environs asbl

**Presentation of the Acknowledgement by:**

Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention,  
Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape, Council of Europe

**With the participation of:**

*Representative of the Ministry*

Mrs Isabelle LEROY, Senior Officer, Ministry of the Region of Brussels-Capital, Belgium

*Representative of the Project*

Mr Michel MOREELS, Commission of the Environment of Brussels and its environs asbl, Belgium  
(apologised)

The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 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 helped preserve an ancient rural landscape threatened for years by the urbanisation of the surrounding areas. Playing a key role in the sustainable development policy in the region, it owes its existence to the initiative of residents eager to save the Hof ter Musschen and to protect its important landscape values, both historical and biological. Since 1990, the Commission on the Environment of Brussels and its environs, in partnership with local and regional actors, has supported the sustainable management of the site and conducts awareness-raising campaigns among the school population and the general public. The outstanding achievements and actions performed will thus protect, manage and plan the landscape for the benefit of present generations and pass it on to future generations.



**Ecomuseum Blaca Hermitage,**  
Cultural Centre of Brač

**Presentation of the Acknowledgement by:**

Mr Jean-François SEGUIN, Chair of the Jury of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and Honorary Chair of the Council of Europe Conference of the European Landscape Convention

**With the participation of:**

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Mr Radoslav BUŽANČIĆ, Head of the Conservation Department of Split, Ministry of Culture, Croatia

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The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 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. Because of its great cultural value, the Ecomuseum Blaca Hermitage, a former monastic settlement, has powerfully strengthened local sustainability and inhabitants' sense of belonging to a place. The measures taken to facilitate access to the site during its renovation led to the development of walking trails and bike paths, allowing the enjoyment of the landscape. The project is thus a particularly positive experience of enhancement of a landscape surrounding a historical monument.

**Development of the Historical Centre of Agios Athanasios Municipality,**  
Municipality of Agios Athanasios

**Presentation of the Acknowledgement by:**

Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Chair of the Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges Committee of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe, Member of the Jury of the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

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The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 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 main aim of the project, central to the municipality's sustainable development policy, made possible the improvement of citizens' quality of life through the renovation of the municipality's historic centre. Some of the major interventions led to improved safety of the road network in the area and the provision of a pleasant space with useful amenities for both young and old to enjoy. A lively public discussion took place around the project design, to enable the public to take ownership and build consensus on which plans to adopt. The public use of the new central place attests to the effectiveness of collaboration in improving urban landscapes.

**“The Bull by the horns”: Grazing in Nature and Landscape Management,**  
Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Central Finland

**Presentation of the Acknowledgement by:**

Mr Jean-François SEGUIN, Chair of the Jury of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and Honorary Chair of the Council of Europe Conference of the European Landscape Convention

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The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 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 provides landscape management to guide the development of highly valuable natural areas across a number of regions. It includes a wide variety of partners (authorities, associations and citizens) and has forged co-operation networks. These steps have led owners of valuable sites to make agreements with grazing livestock owners and to management arrangements being established for more than 200 hectares of threatened traditional rural biotopes. Operations aimed at preventing overgrowth and subsequent degradation of landscapes, have also been conducted. The project demonstrates the importance of involving all stakeholders concerned, and notably local people, in the appropriate management of the landscape and in their commitment to carry on the aims of a project even after termination of its initial financing.

**Agricultural Park of Paduli,  
“Open Urban Laboratory”**

**Presentation of the Acknowledgement by:**

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The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 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 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 practice innovative management activities.

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

**Presentation of the Acknowledgement by:**

Mr Enrico BUERGI, Chair of the Jury of the 1st and 2nd Landscape Award of the Council of Europe  
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**With the participation of:**

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The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 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.

**National Project: New Dutch Waterline,**  
Board of the New Dutch Waterline

**Presentation of the Acknowledgement by:**

Mrs Sanja LJESKOVIC MITROVIC, Deputy Minister for Spatial Planning, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Member of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) of the Council of Europe

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*Representative of the Project*

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The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 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 transformed a military line of defence, stretching a total of 85 kilometres, into a quality landscape highly valued by the population and visitors. It provides for multiple activities, including agriculture, leisure and tourism. The project is a very interesting and innovative example of landscape restoration by the reinstatement of old abandoned military structures and preservation of historical and cultural heritage.

**Biodiversity and Natural Resources Management in the Camili Basin,**  
Camili Environmental Protection and Development Association

**Presentation of the Acknowledgement by:**

Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention,  
Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape, Council of Europe

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*Representative of the Project*

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The Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe acknowledged and praised the great value of the project presented for the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of 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. As a result of the project, an inter-sectoral, participatory and sustainable management plan has been prepared and is being implemented. Training, education and awareness-raising programmes have also been carried out for local people and schoolchildren. In addition, technical and financial assistance has been provided to involve the local population in the landscape-related projects, offering new economic prospects. The project illustrates how the precautionary management of natural resources and biodiversity contributes positively to enhancing the landscape, which is considered an essential component of people's surroundings.

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