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CONVENTION EUROPEENNE DU PAYSAGE
Prix du paysage du Conseil de l'Europe

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1. Council of Europe

Intergovernmental organisation founded in 1949

47 Member States- Headquarters in the Palais de l'Europe, Strasbourg

Statutes

- Promote **Human rights** **Democracy** **Rule of law**
- Seek **Common solutions** to the main problems facing European society



2. European Landscape Convention

First international treaty on **sustainable development** based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between **social needs**, **economic activity**, the **environment** and **culture**.

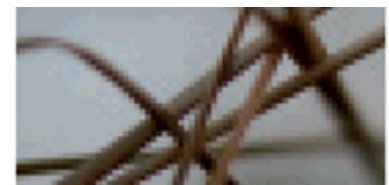
Its purpose is to promote **landscape protection**, **management** and **planning** of European landscapes and to organise international **co-operation**.



Parties to the Convention: Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom (38 ratifications).

Signatories states: Iceland, Malta (2 signatures).

Other Council of Europe Member States: Albania, Austria, Estonia, Germany, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Russian Federation.

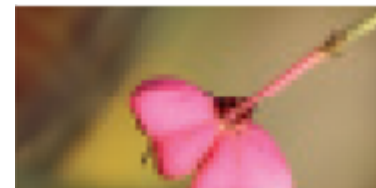


The Convention is extremely wide in its **scope**:

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**.

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.

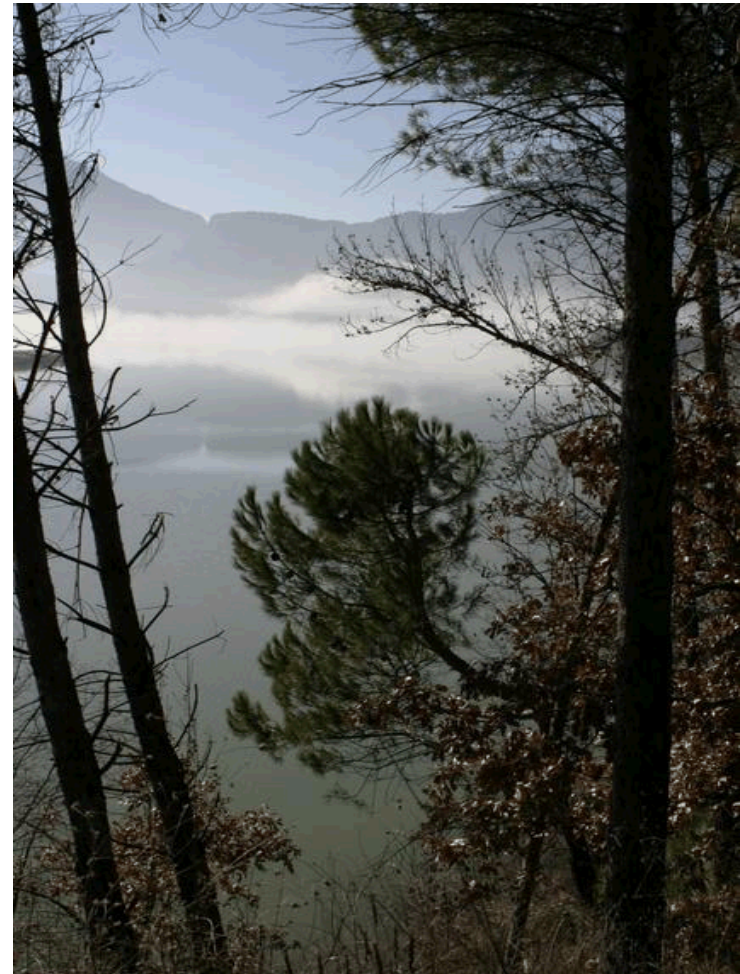
Many **rural and peri-urban areas** in particular are undergoing **drastic change** and deserve **greater care from the authorities and the public**.



Aims of the Convention:

To promote **protection, management and planning** of landscapes;

To organise **international co-operation** on landscape issues.

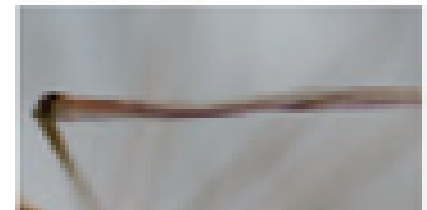


3. Article 11 of the European Landscape Convention

Institutes the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

Article 11 de la Convention européenne du paysage

Institue le Prix du paysage du Conseil de l'Europe.

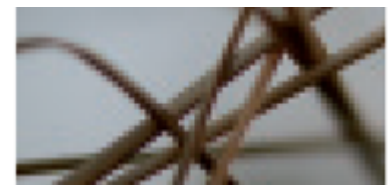


Rules governing the Landscape Award: Resolution of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe CM/Res(2008)3

“Considering that the award is in keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development and that it promotes the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by acknowledging the importance of measures taken to improve the landscape features of people’s living conditions;”

Règlement relatif au Prix du paysage du Conseil de l'Europe : Résolution du Comité des Ministres du Conseil de l'Europe CM/Res(2008)3

« Estimant que le prix s'inscrit dans la lignée du travail accompli par le Conseil de l'Europe en faveur des droits de l'homme, de la démocratie et du développement durable, et qu'il met en valeur la dimension territoriale des droits de l'homme et de la démocratie, en reconnaissant l'importance des mesures prises pour améliorer les caractéristiques paysagères du cadre de vie des populations ; »



Criteria for conferring the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

Criterion 1 – Sustainable territorial development

Criterion 2 – Exemplary value

Criterion 3 – Public participation

Criterion 4 – Awareness-raising

Critères d'attribution du Prix du paysage du Conseil de l'Europe

Critère 1 – Développement territorial durable

Critère 2 – Exemplarité

Critère 3 – Participation du public

Critère 4 – Sensibilisation

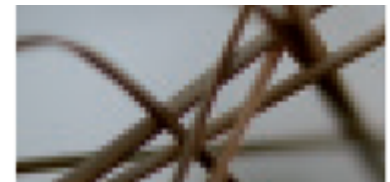


4. Sessions of the Landscape Award

Every two years **the Committee of Ministers** confers 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.

The Award was launched in **2008** and four sessions of the award were organised: in **2008-2009**, **2010-2011**, **2012-2013**, and in **2014-2015**.

The **5th session (2016-2017)** is under way: the Parties to the Convention are invited to present an application to the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe by 30 January 2017.



5. 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2014-2015)

On 16 January 2014, the Parties to the Convention were invited to present, by 30 January 2015, the applications to the General Secretariat of the Council of Europe, according to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

Twelve projects were presented to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe by the following States' Parties to the European Landscape Convention: Belgium, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, The Netherlands, Slovakia, Spain and Turkey.

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award>

Belgium / Belgique

The Enhancement of the natural site and landscape of Hof ter Musschen,
Commission on the Environment of Brussels and its environs asbl /
La mise en valeur du site naturel et paysage de l'Hof ter Musschen
Commission de l'environnement de Bruxelles et environs asbl



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Cyprus / Chypre

The Development of the historical centre of Agios Athanasios Municipality,
Municipality of Agios Athanasios /
L'aménagement du centre historique d'Agios Athanasios
Municipalité d'Agios Athanasios



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Croatia / Croatie

The Ecomuseum Blaca Hermitage,
Cultural Centre of Brač /
L'Ecomusée de l'ermitage de Blaca
Centre culturel de Brač



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Czech Republic / République tchèque

The Service Tree, the tree of the Slovácko Region”,
Municipality of Tvarožná Lhota and NGO International Exchanges (INEX)
and Voluntary Service of the White Carpathians /

Le Sorbier domestique, l'arbre de la région de Slovácko
Commune de Tvarožná Lhota et ONG Echanges internationaux (INEX)
et Service volontaire des Carpates blanches



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Finland / Finlande

The “Bull by the horns”: grazing in nature and landscape management,
Centre for Economic Development, Transport and
the Environment for Central Finland /

*Le « taureau par les cornes » : pâturages naturels et gestion des paysages
Centre pour le développement économique, des transports et de
l'environnement de Finlande centrale*



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Hungary / Hongrie

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

Villages of Bödeháza, Gáborjánháza, Szijártóháza and Zalasombatfa (Hungary),
Villages of Genterovci, Kamovci, Radmožanci, Žitkovci, Mostje, Banuta (Slovenia),
the Greenways Methodology Association and the Iron Curtain Trail Association /

La coopération transfrontalière des collectivités locales au profit du patrimoine paysager de la « fabuleuse » Hetés

*Villages de Bödeháza, Gáborjánháza, Szijártóháza, Zalasombatfa (Hongrie),
Villages de Genterovci, Kamovci, Radmožanci, Žitkovci, Mostje, Banuta (Slovénie),
Association sur la méthodologie des voies vertes et Association de la Route du rideau de fer*



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Italy / Italie

The Agricultural Park of Paduli,
the Open Urban Laboratory /
Le Parc agricole de Paduli
Laboratoire urbain ouvert, Italie



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Latvia / Lettonie

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

La ville de Kuldīga dans la vallée de la Venta : préserver un paysage exceptionnel pour les générations futures, Commune de Kuldīga



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The Netherlands / Pays-Bas

The New Dutch Waterline,
Board of the New Dutch Waterline /
La Nouvelle ligne de flottaison néerlandaise,
Conseil de la Nouvelle ligne de flottaison néerlandaise



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Slovakia / République slovaque

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

*Liptovská Teplička : la protection de formes de paysages
historiques exceptionnels, Village de Liptovská Teplička*



Spain / Espagne

The Sénia Territory Millenary Olive Tree Landscape,
the Taula del Sénia Mancomunidad /
Le paysage d'oliviers millénaires du territoire de Sénia
Communauté de communes de la Taula del Sénia, Espagne



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Turkey / Turquie

Biodiversity and natural resources management in the Camili Basin,
Camili Environmental Protection and Development Association /
*La gestion des ressources naturelles et de la biodiversité
du bassin de Camili, Association de protection
et de développement de l'environnement de Camili*



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6. International Jury

An international Jury set up as a subordinate body of the committees of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention, was invited to examine the applications and to propose the award and possible special mentions. *The Jury held a meeting in Strasbourg on 16-17 April 2015.* It was composed of the following members:

- Mrs Liv Kirstine Mortensen, Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention,
- Mrs Maria José Festas, Former Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Chair of the Jury,
- Mr Phaeton Enotiades, Representative of the Steering Committee on Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP),
- Mr Mihály Mőcsényi, Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe Awardee Landscape Architect, Former Rector of the University of Horticulture and Food Industry, Budapest, Hungary, Former President of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA),
- Mrs Anne-Marie Chavanon, President of the Committee on Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe.

In order to avoid possible conflict of interest, the Representative of the CDCPP, Mr Phaeton Enotiades did not take part in the analysis and decision related to the project presented by Cyprus.

The same attitude was taken by Mr Mihály Mőcsényi in relation to the project presented by Hungary.

7. The proposals of the Jury were presented at the 4th Plenary Session of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) (Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, 1-3 June 2015), and then to the Committee of Ministers.

8. 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 the Committee of experts responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention, to:

a. attribute the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention to:

“The borderless co-operation of local communities for the landscape heritage of the ‘Fabulous’ Hetés”, achieved by:

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



b. attribute identical special mentions to the following achievements:

- “The Service Tree, the tree of the Slovácko Region”, achieved by the Municipality of Tvarožná Lhota and NGO International Exchanges (INEX) and the Voluntary Service of the White Carpathians - Project presented by Czech Republic;
- “Liptovská Teplička: protection of unique types of historical landscape”, achieved by the Village of Liptovská Teplička - Project presented by Slovak Republic;
- “The Sénia Territory Millenary Olive Tree Landscape”, achieved by the Taula del Sénia Mancomunidad - Project presented by Spain.

c. acknowledge and praise the great value of the other projects and 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 - Project presented by Belgium;

- “The Ecomuseum Blaca Hermitage”, achieved by the Cultural Centre of Brač - Project presented by Croatia;
- “Development of the historical centre of Agios Athanasios Municipality”, achieved by the Municipality of Agios Athanasios - Project presented by Cyprus;
- “The ‘Bull by the horns’: grazing in nature and landscape management”, achieved by the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Central Finland - Project presented by Finland;
- “The Agricultural Park of Paduli”, achieved by the Open Urban Laboratory - Project presented by Italy;
- “The town of Kuldīga in the Venta Valley: preserving a unique landscape for future generations”, achieved by the Kuldīga Municipality - Project presented by Latvia;
- “The New Dutch Waterline”, achieved by the Board of the New Dutch Waterline - Project presented by the Netherlands;
- “Biodiversity and natural resources management in the Camili Basin”, achieved by the Camili Environmental Protection and Development Association - Project presented by Turkey.



8. The Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections

The goal of the Forum is to **highlight the significant achievements** presented by the Parties to the Convention.

They are presented under three thematic headings which are **not exclusive** as each combines, in different ways, the three keywords of the European Landscape Convention: landscape protection, management and planning:

*Workshop 1: Landscape to be **protected**: actions to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape;*

*Workshop 2: Landscape to be **managed**: actions, from a perspective of sustainable development, to guide and harmonise changes;*

*Workshop 3: Landscapes to be **planned**: strong forward-looking actions to enhance, restore or create landscapes.*

We welcome participants of the 4th Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum!

9. Council of Europe Landscape Awards Alliance

The “**Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe**” gathers the achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention on the occasion of the Sessions of the Landscape Award.

They 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.**

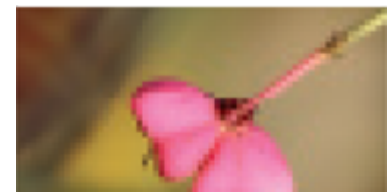
This collection of outstanding best practices will certainly **inspire and give rise to similar activities in other areas.**

See the Council of Europe website and publication:

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

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications>

The Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance, European Spatial Planning and Landscape Series, 2016, No.103



Landscape Calendar

13-15 June 2016, Palais de l'Europe (Strasbourg) - Meeting of the Steering Committee on Culture, Cultural Heritage and Landscape

5-7 October 2016, Yerevan (Armenia) - 18th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops on “National Landscape policies for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention”

March 2017 - Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention

October 2017 - 19th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops on “Implementation of the European Landscape Convention at local level”

