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LANDSCAPE AWARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Good practices of Member States presented as part of
the Alliance of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

For information and action

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I. Introduction

The European Landscape Convention provides for a Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. It states that, on receipt of proposals from the committees of experts supervising the implementation of the Convention, the Committee of Ministers shall define and publish the criteria for conferring the Landscape Award, adopt the relevant rules and confer the award (Article 11). The Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe on 20 February 2008. The award is in keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development, and 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.

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

See notably:

– the online presentation of the achievements of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe on the website of the European Landscape Convention, Part "Landscape Award Alliance": <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/home>
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance>

– the Publication of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance (Council of Europe, Territory and Landscape Series, 2016, No 103),
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications>

1. 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (2014-2015)
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award>

At its 1238th meeting, 14 October 2015 (CM/Del/Dec(2015)1238), the Committee of Ministers, in accordance with the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (CM/Res(2008)3), and as proposed by the International Jury of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP):

a. attributed the Landscape Award to the following achievement:

The borderless co-operation of local communities for the landscape heritage of "Fabulous" Hetés

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

- b. attributed identical special mentions of the Landscape Award 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 historical landscape types
Village of Liptovská Teplička, Slovak Republic

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

- c. acknowledged and praised the great value of all the other projects presented and recommended 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 of the Environment of Brussels and its environs, Belgium

The Ecomuseum Blaca Hermitage
Cultural Centre of Brač, Croatia

The development of the Historical Centre of Agios Athanasios
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 Camili Basin
Camili Environmental Protection and Development Association, Turkey

The [17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 4th Session 2014-2015"](#) is being organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary in Budapest on 8-10 June 2016 (Vigadó Concert Hall, Vigadó tér 2, 1051 Hungary).

The achievements of high value mentioned above will be presented on this occasion ([Programme](#)). They show that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscape features of people's surroundings.

A study visit will be organised on 8 June 2016, to the area of the borderless co-operation of Hungarian and Slovenian local communities, for the landscape of 'Fabulous' Hetés (<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/hungary>).

The Ceremony of the 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe will be held on 9 June 2016, in the evening.

The meeting is aimed at government officials – Members of the Council of Europe Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) and the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, representatives of other ministries, representatives of local and regional authorities, universities, professionals, public and private governmental and non-governmental organisations, working in the field of landscape and sustainable management, with its environmental, cultural, social and economic dimensions.

The Chair of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) was invited to deliver an opening speech to the meeting, and the members of the Steering Committee CDCPP were cordially invited to participate.

2. [5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe \(2016-2017\)](http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award)
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award>

The Parties to the Convention were invited to present, by 30 January 2017, 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 and in the framework of the organisation of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

An international jury being set up as a subordinate body of the committees of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention will meet on May 2017 in order to examine the applications and propose the award and possible special mentions.

The jury being composed in particular by a member of the committee of experts responsible for monitoring the Convention, the CDCPP is invited to appoint its representative.

II. Action required

Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

The Committee is invited to take note:

- of the online presentation of the achievements of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe on the website of the European Landscape Convention, Part “Landscape Award Alliance”: <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/home>
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance>
- of the Publication of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance (Council of Europe, Territory and Landscape Series, 2016, No 103),
<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications>.

4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

The Committee is invited to take note:

- of the decisions taken by the Committee of Ministers at its 1238th meeting (14 October 2015) on the attribution of the Landscape Award and Special Mentions for the 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (CM/Del/Dec(2015)1238);
- of the holding of the [“Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 4th Session 2014-2015”](#), and of the Ceremony of the 4th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary in Budapest, on 8-10 June 2016.

5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

The Committee is invited to nominate, according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, its representative who will be invited to take part in May 2017 in the International Jury of the 5th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award of the European Landscape Convention.

The Committee is invited to make any other comments it deems appropriate.