

European Landscape Convention Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

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The Committee of Ministers attributed a special mention of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe to:

Ekopolis Foundation – "The grant programmes for local communities to shape their surroundings into a place where they are happy to live"

Slovakia

The project constitutes an exemplary example in view of its successful and unique results. It has helped to mobilise the local population and provide them with financial resources to improve the quality of their own landscapes. Its effects have been extensive, with project sites all over the Slovak Republic contributing to sustainable territorial development. Public participation and awareness-raising are the very core of the actions carried out, the local populations undertaking the long-term management of their landscapes to ensure they provide an environment in which the inhabitants are happy to live.