



European Landscape Convention
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At its 1187th Meeting on 12 December 2013, the Committee of Ministers recognised the great value of the project:

The Landscape Projects of Hyypä Valley

City of Kauhajoki, Hyypä village association, Finnish Forestry Centre/Public Services, South and Central Ostrobothnia unit, Finland

The Hyypä Valley landscape projects involve a wide variety of players. The public is viewed on the same level as the public authorities and is involved in the definition of objectives, implementation of activities and monitoring of the results achieved. The strong point of this candidature is the deep involvement of both volunteers and the national forestry department in the activities. The projects carried out have helped to highlight the value of landscapes and to promote the social and aesthetic values of the communities concerned.