



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 sustainable revitalisation of the protected landscape of Geria

Consortium for the defence and promotion of the landscape of Geria, Spain

This project relates to an outstanding landscape with few equivalents in Europe. The landscape can be maintained only through stubborn human effort without mechanical assistance. The revitalisation of this site, which has UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status, is the outcome of a rigorous approach combining environment, aesthetics and economics. Not only is wine-growing viable, it also creates jobs. The decision to engage in sustainable agri-tourism is helping to revitalise the landscape. Public participation is strong at every level of decision making, and awareness is raised of all aspects of landscape and environment.