







## **COUNCIL OF EUROPE** EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

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## **CLOSING SPEECH**

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Now that we have reached the end of this 20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, entitled "Council of Europe Landscape Award National Selection Forum – 5th Session 2016-2017", I would like to express again, on behalf of the Council of Europe Secretariat and the participants, my sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia, to the Daugavpils City Council and to the Representative of the Interreg Latvija-Lietuva Programme, for their hospitality.

The Award Ceremony, yesterday evening, was a beautiful event that we will remember. On behalf of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, I address again all my congratulations to Daugavpils City Council, which received the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, for the Project "Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to preserve cultural and historical objects".

We are also delighted that the thirteen Projects of this 5th Session of the Landscape Award, all different, all unique and all remarkable, are henceforth part of the "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe".

Many thanks to the participants of so many countries who met together during these three beautiful days in Daugavpils, considering landscape values that we hold so dear.