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CLOSING SPEECH

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Ladies and gentlemen, Dear colleagues, dear guests,

We are very close to the end of the workshop. I would like to express our gratitude for the great hospitability of Latvia. Thank you for the prefect organisation, the interesting and valuable programmes and the delicious menu of meals.

Congratulations to the winner, Latvia, for the beautiful project of Daugavpils Fortress.

I also would like to thank the participation of the representatives of the ministries and projects – and thank you all for your motivating presentations. Citizens of Europe can be proud of the works you have done and achieved for the preservation, management and planning of our landscape heritage. There are the strong, forward-looking actions to enhance, restore or create landscapes; landscape management in the spirit of sustainable development, to ensure the maintenance of a landscape, in order to guide and harmonise changes; and actions to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape.

Please take and transmit our congratulations to all who took part in your project or supported your works.

I hope that we are all full of enthusiasm to continue our work stimulated by the ideas we received during these two days.

I would like to ask all the Parties to please submit your applications with projects of high value for the next session which has the deadline of the end of January.

Let us meet again in October when the next workshop will be held in Calabria. The topic of the Italian workshop will be *Landscape and education*.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a safe trip and every success with your admirable activity in landscape.