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EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION**

***CEREMONY OF THE LANDSCAPE AWARD ALLIANCE
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
and
5th SESSION OF THE LANDSCAPE AWARD
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE***

20 June 2018 - 20:00

*Concert Hall, Unity House
22A, Rīgas Street, entry via Unity Square*



Welcome by the Mayor of Daugavpils City Council

*Gala dinner
Svatra Folk Song and Dance Group
Music by the Daugava Orchestra*

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The European Landscape Convention is the first international treaty on sustainable development based on a balanced and harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity, the environment and culture to be exclusively concerned with the validation of European landscape. Its purpose is to promote landscape protection, management and the planning of European landscapes and to organise European co-operation on landscape issues.

The scope of the convention is extremely broad: it applies to the parties' entire territory and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas, which include land, inland water and marine areas. It deals with degraded landscapes as well as those that can be considered outstanding. In other words, it recognises the importance of all landscapes, and not just those of exceptional beauty, as having a crucial bearing on quality of life and as deserving attention in landscape policies. A great many rural and peri-urban areas in particular are undergoing drastic change and merit greater care from the authorities and the public.

The Convention provides for a "Landscape Award of the Council of Europe" which recognises policy or measures which local or regional authorities or non-governmental organisations have adopted to protect, manage and plan their landscape, which have proved to be lastingly effective and which can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities.

On 20 February 2008 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. The Award is given every two years by the Committee of Ministers, based on proposals from an international Jury and the Committee of experts of the Council of Europe in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Convention.

Thirteen projects were presented by the States' Parties to the European Landscape Convention to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, on the occasion of the 5th Session 2016-2017 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

These significant achievements show that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the features of the landscapes that surround us and thus people's living conditions.

According to the Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 of the Committee of Ministers, they are part of the "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe", which gathers exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention on the occasion of the Sessions of the Award.

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The Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

European Landscape Convention

www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention

On 27 September 2017, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe decided, in accordance with Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, and on the recommendation of the jury and of the Council of Europe Steering Committee responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention, to:

– confer the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’s European for the 5th session 2016-2017 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe,

Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to preserve cultural and historical objects, Daugavpils City Council, Latvia

– confer identical special mentions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention, for the 5th session of the Award 2016-2017, on the following achievements:

The hillside of the citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an enclosure to a network, City of Liège, Belgium

Regeneration of the landscape and archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, Archaeological and Landscape Park of the Valley of the Temples of Agrigento, Department of Cultural Heritage and Identity of Sicily, Italy

Alna Environmental Park: a blue-green corridor of biodiversity, recreational opportunities and sustainable urban water management, Municipality of Oslo, Agency for Urban Environment, Norway

Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values, Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic

– acknowledged the great value of each project presented for the 5th session 2016-2017 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe’s European Landscape Convention and the importance to make them well known to the general public as sources of inspiration:

Management of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Cultural Landscape Category, Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley management plan steering committee, Andorra

Education of children in heavily industrialised landscapes, Elementary School in the city of Most, Czech Republic

Shepherding weeks, Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland, Finland

Landscape as a link, Saint-Paul, La Réunion, France

Developing ‘Water Codes’ in Larissa City Centre: the ‘Sculpted River’ of Larissa, Municipality of Larissa, Greece

Landscape development and community sample programme for a pleasant village, Local Government of Mátraderecske, Roma Minority Local Government of Mátraderecske, Hungary

Protection and management of Zasavica Special Nature Reserve: as a tool for sustainable development, Nature Conservation Movement of Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia

Landscape inventory of Galicia: public participation for landscape characterisation and planning, Institute of Land Studies, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Galicia, Spain

Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects *Daugavpils City Council, Latvia*

Award conferred for regeneration of a degraded symbolic landscape

Presentation of the Award

On behalf of

Mr Thorbjorn JAGLAND, Secretary General of the Council of Europe,

Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention

Mr Yves LUGINBÜHL, Emeritus Research Director of the National Centre for Scientific Research,

France, Chair of the Jury of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mr Rinalds MUCIŅŠ, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia

Mrs Kristīne KEDO, Head of Spatial Planning Policy Division, Spatial Planning Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Republic of Latvia

Mrs Dace GRANTA, Senior Expert, Spatial Planning Policy Division, Spatial Planning Department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Republic of Latvia

Representatives of the Project

Mr Janis DUKSINSKIS, Chair of the Committee for Education and Culture of the Daugavpils City Council, Republic of Latvia

Mr Artjoms MAHLINS, Senior Project Expert, Development Department of the Daugavpils City Council, Republic of Latvia

“Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects” is a large-scale project which has helped people regain ownership of a highly symbolic landscape. It has enabled a new urban landscape to be created and has contributed to providing various services that are beneficial to public well-being.



The Hillside of the Citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an Enclosure to a Network
City of Liège, Belgium

Special mention for “Public participation”

Presentation of the Special Mention

Mr Michael OLDHAM, Founding President of the European Foundation for Landscape Architecture (EFLA), Honorary Member of the International Federation of Landscape Architects Europe (IFLA-Europe) and Fellow of the Landscape Institute, Member of the Jury of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mrs Mireille DECONINCK, *Attachée*, Direction of Spatial planning and urbanism, Public Service of Wallonia, Belgium

Representatives of the Project

Mr Michel FIRKET, Head of Finance, Mobility, Tourism and Heritage, Representative of the City of Liège, Belgium (*apologised*)

Mrs Anne RONDIA, Landscape Architect, City of Liège, Belgium

“The Hillside of the Citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an Enclosure to a Network” is a conservation and development project with public involvement, focusing on the redevelopment of an urban landscape composed of historical, cultural and natural heritage, and ensuring easier access to the site. From the outset, the project benefited from considerable public participation.



Regeneration of the landscape and archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento

Department of Cultural Heritage and Identity of Sicily, Italy

Special mention for “Sustainable development and social reintegration”

Presentation of the Special Mention

On behalf of

Mrs Linarejos CRUZ, Former National Representative of the European Landscape Convention for Spain, Institute of Cultural Heritage of Spain, Member of the Jury of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe,

Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, Head of the Landscape and European Heritage Days Division, Council of Europe

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mrs Isabella FERA, Representative of the Landscape and Quality Management Department, Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism, Italy

Representative of the Project

Mr Giuseppe Carmelo PARELLO, Director of the Department of Cultural Heritage and Identity of Sicily, Landscape and archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, Italy

“Regeneration of the landscape and archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento” is an excellent example of a link between the enhancement of archaeological features recognised at international level and the development of an innovative agrarian economy, based on age-old knowledge. Using the restored access paths, both the local community and the many visitors may profit from this outstanding site, appreciating its landscape and the high quality of the local products.



Alna Environmental Park: a blue-green corridor of biodiversity, recreational opportunities and sustainable urban water management
Municipality of Oslo, Agency for Urban Environment, Norway

Special mention for “Social cohesion and respect for the environment”

Presentation of the Special Mention

Mrs Krisztina KINCSES, Senior Officer, National Representative for Hungary of the European Landscape Convention, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary, Representative of the CDCPP in the Jury of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, Vice-Chair of the Conference on the European Landscape Convention

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Department of Planning, Honorary Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Norway

Representative of the Project

Mrs Monica FLEISJE, Representative of the Municipality of Oslo, Deputy Director General, Agency for the Urban Environment, Norway

“Alna Environmental Park: a blue-green corridor of biodiversity, recreational opportunities and sustainable urban water management” contributes to the quality of the living environment of a large urban population who have been involved in securing the future of a peri-urban landscape. This significant achievement integrates a demonstrably sustainable development dimension for the benefit of present and future generations’ well-being.



Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values

Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic

Special mention for “Preservation of a unique landscape under threat”

Presentation of the Special Mention

Mr Yves LUGINBÜHL, Emeritus Research Director of the National Centre for Scientific Research, France, Chair of the Jury of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mrs Zlatica CSONTOS ŠIMONÁKOVÁ, Senior Officer, Nature and Landscape protection Department, Ministry of the Environment of the Slovak Republic

Representatives of the Project

Mr Stanislav HORNÍK, Mayor of the Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic

Mrs Slavka GOMBALOVA, Director of the Department of Finance of the Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic

Mr Michal MACHAVA, Project manager of Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic

“Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values” testifies to the ability of the local community to take in hand the destiny of its everyday landscape, which offers breathtaking features. Its long narrow furlongs for cultivation are amongst the few remaining in Europe. The achievement links the fundamental dimensions of the landscape: cultural, economic, ecological and social.



Management of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Cultural Landscape Category

Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley management plan steering committee, Andorra

Presentation of the Recognition

Mrs Anne-Marie CHAVANON, Representative of the Democracy, Social Cohesion and Global Challenges Committee of the Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe in the framework of the Jury of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

With the participation of

Representatives of the Project

Mr Jordi TORRES, Mayor of Encamp, Steering Committee of the Management Plan of Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, Andorra (*apologised*)

Mr Josep VILA, Mayor of Sant Julià de Lòria, Steering Committee of the Management Plan of Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, Andorra

Mr Julià CALL, Deputy Mayor of Sant Julià de Lòria, Steering Committee of the Management Plan of Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, Andorra

Mrs Susanna SIMON TORRALBA, Director of the Steering Committee of the Management Plan of Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, Andorra

The project “Management of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Cultural Landscape Category”, benefited from the exemplary involvement of the authorities and the local population who wished to promote a sustainable landscape, maintained by farming and tourism which respect the high-quality natural and cultural environment.



Education of Children in Heavily Industrialised Landscapes

Elementary School in the city of Most, Czech Republic

Presentation of the Recognition

Mrs Veronika STRILETS, Expert for the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mrs Júlia TÓBIKOVÁ, Senior Officer, National representative for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in the Czech Republic, Department of General Nature and Landscape Protection, Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic

Representative of the Project

Mrs Jana NACHTIGALOVÁ, Professor of the Elementary School of Most, Czech Republic

“Education of Children in Heavily Industrialised Landscapes” is an exemplary model of education and awareness-raising of pupils living in highly industrialised areas. The achievement makes it possible to develop a sense of belonging to a landscape and a responsible attitude towards the environment and future generations. Founded on awareness and active participation, this educational approach encourages children to act as citizens who care for the future of the landscape.



“Shepherding Weeks”

Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland, Finland

Presentation of the Recognition

Mrs Krisztina KINCSES, Senior Officer, National Representative for Hungary of the European Landscape Convention, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary, Representative of the CDCPP in the Jury of the 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, Vice-Chair of the Conference on the European Landscape Convention

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mr Tapio HEIKKILÄ, Senior Environmental Advisor, Ministry of the Environment, Department of the Natural Environment, Finland

Representative of the Project

Mrs Tiina HAKKARAINEN, Communications Officer, Representative of the Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland, Finland

“Shepherding Weeks” is a remarkable project for the upkeep of a rural and woodland landscape. The commitment of citizens enables pastoral areas to be maintained, which is fundamental for the region’s ecological and agricultural future. This commitment is also essential to the preservation of traditional rural buildings, which contribute to the quality of the landscape.



Landscape as a Link, Saint-Paul

La Réunion, France

Presentation of the Recognition:

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Department of Planning, Honorary Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Norway

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mrs Karine MANGIN, Policy Officer for Landscapes, Responsible for the National Landscape Award, Directorate of Housing, Urban Planning and Landscapes, Ministry of Ecological and Solidary Transition, France

Representative of the Project

Mr Bertrand FOLLEA, Folléa-Gautier Agency, Landscape Urban Planners, Paris, France (*apologised*)

“Landscape as a Link” testifies to the ability of a group of institutions and citizens to optimize landscape integration of a road into the landscape within the specific context of the tropics, where biodiversity is magnified by climatic factors. The development carried out has contributed to the well-being of local residents and enables them to use the landscape in a manner in harmony with the abundance of nature.



Developing “Water Codes” in Larissa City Centre: the “sculpted river” of Larissa *Municipality of Larissa, Greece*

Presentation of the Recognition

Mrs Maguelonne DEJEANT-PONS, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, Head of the Landscape and European Heritage Days Division, Council of Europe

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mr Anestis GOURGIOTIS, Senior Officer, Head of Unit of National Spatial Plans of the Hellenic Republic, Department of Spatial Planning, Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Greece

Representatives of the Project

Mrs Evaggelia GIOVRI, General Director of the Municipality of Larissa, Greece

Mrs Nella GOLANDA, Urban Landscape Sculptor, Sculpted Architectural Landscapes, Greece

“Developing Water Codes in Larissa City Centre: the Sculpted River of Larissa” is an acknowledgment of the continuity of a landscape, from ancient times until today. The project provides keys to understanding the history of the area and fits into a territory “sculpted” by artistic practices which highlight the significance and role of water, essential in an urban setting. The city has regained its former distinction with a landscape that attests to the past, for the benefit of the residents’ quality of life.



Landscape Development and Community Sample Programme for a Pleasant Village

Local Government of Mátraderecske, Roma Minority Local Government of Mátraderecske, Hungary

Presentation of the Recognition

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Department of Planning, Honorary Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Norway

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mrs Krisztina KINCSES, Senior Officer, National Representative for Hungary of the European Landscape Convention, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary, Vice-Chair of the Conference on the European Landscape Convention

Representative of the Project

Mr Gábor FORGÓ, Representative of the Local Government of Mátraderecske, Roma Minority Local Government of Mátraderecske, Hungary

“Landscape Development and Community Sample Programme for a Pleasant Village” is a positive example of landscape development and regional economic development. It has resulted in a return to traditional farming, population stabilisation and enhanced local viability.



Protection and management of Zasavica Special Nature Reserve: a tool for sustainable development

Nature Conservation Movement of Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia

Presentation of the Recognition

Mr Enrico BUERGI, Chair of the Jury of the 1st and 2nd Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and Honorary Chair of the Council of Europe Conference of the European Landscape Convention, Switzerland

With the participation of

Representatives of the Ministry

Mrs Biljana FILIPOVIC DUSIC, Assistant Minister responsible for International Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, National focal point responsible for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Serbia

Mrs Biljana JOVANOVIC ILIC, Head of Unit, Strategic and Planning Documents, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia

Representative of the Project

Mr Slobodan SIMIĆ, Nature Conservation Movement of Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia, Representative of the NGO Zasavica, Serbia

“Protection and Management of Zasavica Special Nature Reserve: a Tool for Sustainable Development” has promoted the public’s awareness of natural habitats and its participation in initiatives to protect ecosystems and biodiversity in a way that is particularly favourable to the sustainable development of the rural environment.



Landscape inventory of Galicia: public participation for landscape characterisation and planning

Institute of Land Studies, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Galicia, Spain

Presentation of the Recognition

Mrs Liv Kirstine MORTENSEN, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, Department of Planning, Honorary Chair of the Council of Europe Conference on the European Landscape Convention, Norway

With the participation of

Representative of the Ministry

Mrs Carmen CARO, Senior Officer, National Co-ordinator of the National Plans of Cultural Heritage, Institute of Cultural Heritage of Spain, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, Spain

Representatives of the Project

Mrs Ines Santé RIVEIRA, Head of the Institute of Territorial Studies of Galicia, Spain (*apologised*)

Mr Alfredo FERNANDEZ RIOS, Head of the Technical Department of the Institute of Territorial Studies of Galicia, Spain

“Landscape inventory of Galicia: Public Participation for Landscape Characterisation and Planning” has seen strong public participation in a process of identifying and characterising landscapes with a view to developing a landscape atlas of the Galicia region. It is a decisive step towards the development of landscape action strategies.

