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the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**of the Committee of Ministers to member States on
the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe**

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Summary

The European Landscape 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 in Europe.

On 20 February 2008 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted Resolution CM/(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 the Committee of experts of the Council of Europe in charge of monitoring the implementation of the Convention.

“The Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe” gathers the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention. They show that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy improving the landscape features of people’s surroundings.

Link to the website:

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance>

The Conference is invited to:

- consider the draft Resolution of the Committee of Ministers on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, in order to transmit it to the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) for submission to the Committee of Ministers.

**Draft Resolution CM/Res(...)...
on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on ... 2017,
at the ...th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Recalling that Article 11 of the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176) (hereinafter “the Convention”), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 and opened for signature in Florence on 20 October 2000, institutes the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (hereinafter “the Award”);

Bearing in mind the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe;

Recalling that the Award’s purpose is to reward exemplary practical initiatives for the achievement of landscape quality objectives on the territories of parties to the Convention (hereinafter “the Parties”);

Recalling that the Award is in keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development and that it promotes the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by acknowledging the importance of measures taken to improve the landscape features of people’s living conditions;

Recalling that the Award is intended to heighten civil society’s awareness of the value of landscapes, of their role and of changes to them,

Considering the importance of gathering the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention in the framework of the sessions of this Landscape Award,

Resolves as follows:

- I. The exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention in the framework of the sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and acknowledged by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, are part of the “Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe”¹;
- II. The Parties are invited to encourage media coverage of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance to raise public awareness of the importance of landscape.

¹ <http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance>