

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

The Madriu-Perafita-Claror valley is a unique example of cultural landscape. Sculpted by glaciers and shaped by human effort, the valley is a fine example of the full and outstanding splendour of nature and humankind working together. Covering an area of 4 247 hectares, it brings together the age-old achievements of the women and men of a very particular mountain country, Andorra. The main interest of the valley lies in the great density of both natural and cultural heritage assets in an excellent state of conservation. The very wide range of conditions and microclimates which result from the variations in altitude and aspect means that there is a great variety of soils, vegetation and, hence, landscapes, which contribute to the valley's great wealth of habitats, fauna and flora. As the last place in the country without a road, the Madriu-Perafita-Claror valley is home to a wide range of landscapes, which are preserved as the product of nature and the imprint left by humankind.



The Committee of Ministers acknowledged and praised 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 recommended making it well-known to the general public for its exemplary value, and as a source of inspiration. 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.