

Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values, Town of Hriňová



The unique Hriňová landscape complex is an example of the interaction between man and landscape in the spirit of the European Landscape Convention. The project is aimed at preserving people's traditional way of life, which is in harmony with the landscape in various settlements, and creating the conditions for all stakeholders to co-operate in land management and local development. To this end, the town of Hriňová has taken various steps and implemented certain measures to conserve this unique landscape, and to preserve both its cultural and historical value and characteristic features with a system of historical agrarian landscape structures. The presence of the population, which is part of the landscape, is a necessary condition to maintain the lively, functional, authentic and prosperous landscape conveying a sense of identity.

The Committee of Ministers conferred a special mention for "Preservation of a unique landscape under threat" of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention, for the 5th Session of the Award 2016-2017 to the organisers of the project. "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.