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## COUNCIL OF EUROPE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

### 11th COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONFERENCE ON THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION

*Conference organised under the auspices of the Presidency of Hungary  
of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe*

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#### Exhibition

#### [“The Landscape Alliance Award of the Council of Europe”](#)

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention is the first international treaty aimed at promoting sustainable development, based on a harmonious relationship between social needs, economic activity, the environment, and culture. Its purpose is to promote the protection, management and planning of landscapes at national level, as well as international co-operation.

The Convention applies to the entire territory and covers natural, rural, urban and peri-urban areas. It includes land, inland water and marine areas. It concerns landscapes that may be considered outstanding as well as everyday and degraded landscapes.

In order to heighten awareness of the value of landscapes, the Convention provides for a “Landscape Award of the Council of Europe”. The Committee of Ministers considered that this Award “is in

keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development” and that its “purpose is to reward exemplary practical initiatives for the achievement of landscape quality objectives on the territories of parties to the Convention” (Resolution (2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe).

The Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe confirmed the importance to gather the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention.

In this Exhibition today, we are pleased to present you the achievements of the 87 winners of national selections in the first six sessions of the Landscape Award. All demonstrate a visionary approach and reflect a real will to act in a positive way. They make it possible to take care of the landscape as a living space and demonstrate that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscape characteristics of the living environment.

They also make a useful contribution to debates on the implementation of the sustainable development goals defined by the United Nations for 2030, showing that the landscape is being built in a democratic way through dialogue between the actors of the territory.

The 7th Session of the Award, currently underway, will complement this collection of remarkable experiences. It is important to make them known to the general public as a source of inspiration.

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