



COUNCIL OF EUROPE LANDSCAPE CONVENTION
LANDSCAPE AWARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

9th Session – 2025-2026

APPLICATION FORM

State party: **ARMENIA**

Presentation

The Council of Europe Landscape Convention is the first international treaty to be exclusively concerned with all aspects of landscape: natural, rural, urban and peri-urban. It represents an important contribution to the implementation of the Council of Europe's objectives. By taking into account the value of landscapes, with their natural and human components, the Council of Europe acknowledges that the landscape is an important part of the quality of life for people everywhere: in degraded areas as well as in areas of high quality, in areas recognised as being of outstanding beauty as well as everyday areas.

The 4th Summit of Heads of State and Government, held in Reykjavík on 16 – 17 May 2023, recognised “the urgency of additional efforts to protect the environment, as well as to counter the impact of the triple planetary crisis of pollution, climate change and loss of biodiversity on human rights, democracy and the rule of law.” It committed the Council of Europe to strengthening work on the human rights aspects of the environment and initiate the Reykjavik process of focusing and strengthening the work of the Council of Europe in this field, as laid down in Appendix V of the Reykjavik Declaration on “The Council of Europe and the environment”.

Appendix V of the Reykjavík Declaration references the Landscape Convention to highlight that “landscape has an important public interest role in the cultural, ecological, environmental and social fields and is a key element of individual and social well-being, and that landscape protection, management and planning entail rights and responsibilities for everyone.”

Article 11 of the Convention establishes the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. The Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 February 2008 at the 1018th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, draws attention to the fact that Article 11 of the Convention institutes the Award and that it is in keeping with the work carried out by the Council of Europe concerning human rights, democracy and sustainable development.

Opened to the Parties to the Convention, the Award is intended to raise civil society's awareness of the value of landscapes, of their role and of changes to them. Its objective is to reward exemplary practical initiatives aimed at successful landscape quality objectives on the territories of the Parties to the Convention. The Award is conferred every two years and the files presenting applications must reach the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe.

At its meeting held in Strasbourg on 28-29 April 2008, the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP) decided that applications should be submitted to the Council of Europe Secretariat through the Permanent Representations of the Parties to the Convention.

Each State Party to the Convention is thus invited to send by post to the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe (Council of Europe Landscape Convention), no later than 31 December 2025, via its Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe, a completed application form in paper format, together with a digital copy on a USB key of the form and additional material.

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Please note that:

- participation to the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe is only open to local and regional authorities and their groupings and non-governmental organisations, as stated in the Resolution CM/Res (2008)3, Appendix, Article 2;
- the application form must be completed in all its parts, in one of the two official languages of the Council of Europe (English or French);

- the materials submitted must be copyright-free, for use by the Council of Europe in communications aimed at promoting the Award or any other publications or activities relating to the Convention. The Council of Europe undertakes to cite the authors' names;
- files that are incomplete or fail to comply with the rules will not be taken into consideration.

For further information please visit the Landscape Award section of the Council of Europe website:

[Convention du Conseil de l'Europe sur le paysage / Site web officiel \(coe.int\)](#)

[Council of Europe Landscape Convention / Official website \(coe.int\)](#)

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I. STATE CONCERNED AND APPLICANT

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II. PRESENTATION OF THE PROJET

3. **Name of the Project**

Amanoo Green Residential District

4. **Location of the Project**

Yerevan, Republic of Armenia

5. **Summary of the Project** (10-12 lines)

Located near the heart of Yerevan on the slopes of Nork-Marash, the Amanoo project has transformed a once barren, dry terrain into a thriving green landscape. Over 1,100 trees have been planted, creating a harmonious coexistence between nature and contemporary urban living. Amanoo is envisioned as a community built around core values: environmental stewardship, collective well-being, and a lifestyle aligned with nature.

The area, previously devoid of vegetation, required extensive ecological restoration to balance construction with environmental recovery. The landscape concept draws inspiration from biomimicry, particularly the natural geometry of ivy leaves. The main circulation axis mirrors the nutrient-giving stem of ivy, translated into the master plan as a water-like river form. Elements of earth, water, air, and fire—representing natural harmony—have been integrated throughout the district. This approach ensures a sustainable, resilient, and human-centered living environment that enriches both the natural and urban fabric of Yerevan.

6. **Photo representing the Project** (high definition – JPEG 350 dpi) and name of the author of the photo please



7. **Website of the Project** (*if exists*)

<https://www.amanoo.am/en/>

III. CONTENT OF THE PROJECT

8. **Start of the Project** month year
The project must have been completed at least three years previously

9. **End of the Project** month year
The project must have been completed at least three years previously

10. **Partners**

11. **Financing bodies**

12. **Central aims of the Project**

*What are the main objectives of the project regarding landscape?
How does the project contribute to the implementation of the Convention at the national level or transnational level?*

The primary objective was to design and realize a residential district that offers not only high-quality housing but also a human-centered environment enriched by nature. The project set out to create a true "Nork Gardens"—an urban forested landscape with water features, extensive greenery, and a cohesive architectural identity rooted in biomimetic principles.

At the national level, the project contributes to the implementation of the Landscape Convention by:

- Revitalizing an abandoned and degraded urban landscape.
- Strengthening Armenia's climate resilience through microclimate improvement and reduction of urban heat islands.
- Demonstrating sustainable land management and ecological restoration in line with national landscape protection policies.

13. Type of the Project

Describe the nature/type of the project:

Does it focus on landscape protection and management, or does it involve landscape planning, or both?

Is the project related to specific measures or to a landscape public policy?

Is it implemented at a national level or a transnational level?

The Amanoo project integrates landscape planning, landscape protection, and long-term management. It aligns with local and national policies on sustainable urban development, ecological restoration, and community well-being.

14. Outcome

What are the effective and measurable results of the project on the landscape?

The project resulted in the creation of a high-quality architectural and natural environment, where 65% of the land area is dedicated to green spaces and tree planting. The restored landscape supports biodiversity, enhances air quality, and introduces climate-friendly design solutions. Amanoo stands as an example of integrating ecological values into urban development, in line with the Council of Europe Landscape Convention.

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15. Sustainable territorial development

Is the project part of a sustainable development policy?

Does it contribute to the enhancement of environmental, social, economic, cultural or aesthetic values of the landscape? How?

Has it successfully countered or posed a remedy to any pre-existing environmental damage or urban blight? How?

Does it respond to the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss? How?¹

The Amanoo district is an integral part of Yerevan's sustainable development vision, contributing to improved quality of life and environmental resilience. The conversion of a degraded slope into a verdant district supports:

- Heat island mitigation
- Pollution reduction
- Biodiversity restoration
- Creation of natural protective belts for lower urban areas.

The project also represents an innovative step toward integrating natural landscapes within dense urban structures, fostering sustainable and environmentally conscious lifestyles.

¹ Appendix V to the Reykjavík Declaration

16. Exemplary value

Can the project be considered of exemplary value? Why?

Which are the good practices that it implemented? Which of these practices are considered of exemplary value at the national or transnational level?

The project can be considered of exemplary value because it demonstrates how a dry, abandoned part of landscape can become an example of success through actions aimed at the main goal of integration of nature and urban environment into a united and interconnected process of having a human oriented environmentally friendly living environment.

This can serve as a good practice at the national level as it align with Armenia's strategic goals for sustainable urban development, environmental protection, and social inclusion, as well as reclamation of landscape in line with the national standards for landscape. This come to show that a part of nature could successfully survive in urban landscape and help people understand the importance of this coexisting.

17. Public participation

Does the project actively encourage the public's participation in the decision-making process? How?

Which stakeholders were involved, and how and when were they engaged? When did the active public consultation and dialogue take place, and in what form?

Is the project in line with the wider policies implemented by national, regional or local authorities?

The project followed the mandatory public consultation procedures outlined in Armenian urban development law. Stakeholders—including future residents, municipal authorities, environmental specialists, and NGOs—were actively involved. Public discussions took place during the design phase, featuring questions on materials, transparency, landscaping, and functionality. Several community recommendations were integrated into the project.

The project is fully aligned with national and regional priorities for community engagement, urban sustainability, and enhanced public spaces.

18. Awareness-raising

Is the project effectively increasing public awareness of the importance of landscape in terms of human development, consolidation of European identity, or individual and collective well-being? How?

Through consultations, discussions, and community engagement, the project helped raise awareness of landscape importance for human well-being, cultural identity, and social cohesion. Amanoo demonstrates how nature-oriented solutions contribute to healthier, more connected, and more resilient urban communities.

V. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Together with the printed version of the Application form, additional material in digital format should be included in one USB key, and returned by post to:

Secretariat General of the Council of Europe

Directorate General Human Rights and Rule of Law (DG I)

Directorate of Social Rights, Health and Environment

Department for the Reykjavík Process and Environment

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- Text (20 pages max.): *PDF format*
- Photos (10 max.): *JPEG 350 dpi high definition*
- Posters (2 max.): *PDF format high definition or JPEG 350 dpi high definition*
- Video (5 min max.): *mpeg 2 format - It is recommended to present a video (even of amateur quality).*

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