



European Landscape Convention

Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

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At their 1123rd Meeting of 12 October 2011, the Committee of Ministers decided to attribute the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe to:

the Joint Committee of the Municipality of Carbonia

“The Carbonia project: the landscape machine”, Italy

The Carbonia project: the landscape machine is the winner of the 2nd session of the Landscape Award 2011 considering the exhaustive and multi-scale development of the project. This exemplary achievement which aims to regenerate a 20th century modernist, urban and mining landscape in a sustainable development perspective, fulfills all the criteria for the Landscape Award with ample force, proving that sustainable territorial development can be achieved by public participation on all levels and accompanied by extensive awareness raising. The use of its historical resources to create a new identity was, at the outset, the requalification of this urban landscape. The work on the mine was accompanied by a revival of the whole city with the restoration of public squares, roads and monuments. This regeneration of the urban fabric of Carbonia has fused a new cultural identity in the town. This achievement is a perfect example of sustainable development of urban landscape, with extensive international implications for the redevelopment of other urban and industrial degraded areas.