



European Landscape Convention
Landscape Award of the Council of Europe
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At its 1187th Meeting on 12 December 2013, the Committee of Ministers recognised the great value of the project:

Bere Island Conservation Plan

The Heritage Council and the Bere Island Project Group, Ireland

The Bere Island Conservation Plan is a sound plan representing an exemplary approach and fulfilling all the criteria for the Council of Europe Landscape Award, particularly where public participation and awareness-raising are concerned. It involves various participants (local people, universities in the framework of the Erasmus programme, the army, etc.). The project brings nature and the economy together and offers waste management solutions. It is subject to integrated management using the resources available, and is linked to every sector of island life. It has resulted in stabilisation of the island's population. The depopulation of rural areas is a problem on a European scale. This project has the right dimension and sets a useful example.

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