



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 decided to attribute a Special Mention of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe for “Contributing to European ideals” to the project:

The Gate of Gornje Podunavlje

NGO Podunav, Backi Monostor, Serbia

The location of the “Gate of Gornje Podunavlje” project on the banks of the Danube in the historic region of Backi Monostor has enabled some particularly interesting cross-border and multi-ethnic objectives to be pursued. The attention given to the Serb, Croat, Hungarian, Roma and Šokci heritages with a view to a shared European identity was particularly appreciated. This project reflects a public commitment to better economic and social well-being and, at the same time, to the preservation of the character of the landscapes. Within a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, this project takes a well-adapted integrated approach. The development of cross-border ecotourism, in conjunction with a return to agricultural production geared to traditional diets, is helping to reduce the numbers of young people leaving the countryside.