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Introduction

The European Landscape Convention provides for a Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. It states that, on receipt of proposals from the committees of experts supervising the implementation of the Convention, the Committee of Ministers shall define and publish the criteria for conferring the Landscape Award, adopt the relevant rules and confer the award (Article 11). The Committee of Ministers adopted Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe on 20 February 2008. The award is in keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development, and promotes the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by acknowledging the importance of measures taken to improve the landscape features of people's living conditions.

The Award was launched in 2008 and four sessions of the award have been organised: in 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013 and in 2014-2015.

See notably:

– the online presentation of the achievements of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe on the website of the European Landscape Convention, Part "Landscape Award Alliance": http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/home
http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

– the Publication of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance (Council of Europe, Territory and Landscape Series, 2016, No 103),
http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications

– the presentations made during the 17th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention on "Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 4th Session 2014-2015", organised by the Council of Europe in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary (Budapest, 8-10 June 2016).
Programme ; http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/hungary.

The 5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe is held in 2016-2017.
http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award

The Parties to the Convention were invited to submit by 30 January 2017 applications to the Secretariat of the Council of Europe, according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

An international jury to be set up will meet in Spring 2017 in order to examine the applications and propose the award and possible special mentions.

This jury includes a member of the committee of experts responsible for monitoring the Convention. It is recalled that the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) appointed as its representative Mrs Krisztina Kincses, Senior Officer

at the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary and National Representative for the European Landscape Convention.

Action required

The Bureau is invited to take note that, with a view to the granting of the 5th Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and according to Resolution CM/Res(2008)3, the Parties to the European Landscape Convention were invited to submit applications by 30 January 2017.