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Report on the

**5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and
20th Council of Europe Meeting
of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention**

*“Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections
- 5th Session 2016-2017”*

Daugavpils, Latvia, 19-21 June 2018

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Summary

5th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

Thirteen projects were presented by the States' Parties to the European Landscape Convention to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. On 27 September 2017 (1295th meeting, CM/Del/Dec(2017)1295/7.1), the Committee of Ministers decided to:

1. confer the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention on:

Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects, Daugavpils City Council, Latvia - Award conferred for regeneration of a degraded symbolic landscape

2. confer identical special mentions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, on the following achievements:

The Hillside of the Citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an Enclosure to a Network, City of Liège, Belgium - Special mention for "Public participation"

Regeneration of the Landscape and Archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, Department of Cultural Heritage and Identity of Sicily, Italy - Special mention for "Sustainable development and social reintegration"

Alna Environmental Park: a Blue-Green Corridor of Biodiversity, Recreational Opportunities and Sustainable Urban Water Management, Municipality of Oslo, Agency for Urban Environment, Norway - Special mention for "Social cohesion and respect for the environment"

Hriňovské lazy: Landscape of Values, Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic - Special mention for "Preservation of a unique landscape under threat"

3. acknowledge the great value of each project presented for the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention and the importance to make them well known to the general public as sources of inspiration:

Management of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, inscribed on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Cultural Landscape Category, Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley management plan steering committee, Andorra

Education of Children in Heavily Industrialised Landscapes, Elementary School in the city of Most, Czech Republic

The "Shepherding Weeks", Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland, Finland

Landscape as a Link, Saint-Paul, La Réunion, France

Developing "Water Codes" in Larissa City Centre: the "Sculpted River" of Larissa, Municipality of Larissa, Greece

Landscape Development and Community Sample Programme for a Pleasant Village, Local Government of Mátraderecske, Roma Minority Local Government of Mátraderecske, Hungary

Protection and Management of Zasavica Special Nature Reserve: as a Tool for Sustainable Development, Nature Conservation Movement of Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia

Landscape Inventory of Galicia: Public Participation for Landscape Characterisation and Planning, Institute of Land Studies, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Galicia, Spain

Link to the 5th Session of the Award : www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/sessions-of-the-landscape-award

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20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention “Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections – 5th Session 2016-2017”, Daugavpils, Latvia, 19-21 June 2018



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***TWENTIETH COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING
OF THE WORKSHOPS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION***

***Forum of National selections of
the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe
5^e Session 2016-2017***

**Daugavpils, Latvia
20-21 June 2018**



Forteresse de Daugavpils, Lettonie

The Meeting was organised by the Council of Europe, in co-operation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Republic of Latvia and Daugavpils City Council.

The thirteen valuable experiences presented at the 5th Session of the Award were presented, showing that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscape features of the living environment of the populations.

Three Workshops were entitled:

- “Landscapes planned: Strong forward-looking actions, to enhance, restore or create landscapes”;
- “Landscapes managed: Actions, from a perspective of sustainable development, to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape, so as to guide and harmonise changes”;
- “Landscapes protected: Actions to conserve and maintain the significant or characteristic features of a landscape.

The Ceremony of the 5th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Prize was held on this occasion and the Award was given to the Daugavpils City Council, Latvia for the Project *Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects*.

Links to the Meeting:

[Programme of the Forum of the Landscape Award](#)

[Programme of the Ceremony of the Landscape Award](#)

Presentations and proceedings:

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/20th

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications

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Reminder on the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

The European Landscape Convention provides for a “Landscape Award of the Council of Europe” which recognises policy or measures which local or regional authorities or non-governmental organisations have adopted to protect, manage and plan their landscape, which have proved to be lastingly effective and which can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe.

It states in Article 11:

- “1. The Landscape Award of the Council of Europe is a distinction which may be conferred on local and regional authorities and their groupings that have instituted, as part of the landscape policy of a Party to this Convention, a policy or measures to protect, manage and/or plan their landscape, which have proved lastingly effective and can thus serve as an example to other territorial authorities in Europe. The distinction may be also conferred on non-governmental organisations having made particularly remarkable contributions to landscape protection, management or planning.*
- 2. Applications for the Landscape award of the Council of Europe shall be submitted to the Committees of Experts mentioned in Article 10 by the Parties. Transfrontier local and regional authorities, and groupings of local and regional authorities concerned, may apply provided that they jointly manage the landscape in question.*
- 3. On proposals from the Committees of Experts mentioned in Article 10 the Committee of Ministers shall define and publish the criteria for conferring the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, adopt the relevant rules and confer the Award.*
- 4. The purpose of granting the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe is to encourage those*

receiving the Award to ensure the sustainable protection, management and/or planning of the landscape areas concerned.”

In accordance with the aforementioned provision, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe has adopted Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the Rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, which states that the Award’s “purpose is to reward exemplary practical initiatives for the achievement of landscape quality objectives on the territories of parties to the Convention”, it “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 Committee of Ministers also noted that the award “is intended to heighten civil society’s awareness of the value of landscapes, of their role and of changes to them”.

Sessions of the landscape Award of the Council of Europe

Sessions 1 (2008-2009), 2 (2010-2011), 3 (2012-2013), 4 (2014-2015), 5 (2016-2017)

Five sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe were organised: Session 1 (2008-2009), Session 2 (2010-2011), Session 3 (2012-2013), Session 4 (2014-2015).

The Awards, special mentions and acknowledgments were conferred on the basis of decisions by the Committee of Ministers based on the recommendations of the Council of Europe steering committee responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Convention (Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape – CDCPP) prepared by an International Jury (see Appendix 1 to this document). In accordance with the Rules of the Award, they were presented by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe or his/her representative at a public ceremony.

The list of the achievements appears in Appendix 1 to this document.

See also :

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/home;

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications: “The Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe”, Council of Europe Publishing, Territory and Landscape Series, 2017, No. 105:

An Exhibition on the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe will be presented at the Palais de l'Europe (Foyer of the Hemicycle of the Council of Europe) on the occasion of this 9th Conference on the European Landscape Convention, on 23 March at 6 pm.

Session 6 (2018-2019) - in progress

The 6th Session of the Award (2018-2019) is currently under way: the International Jury will meet soon and its proposals will be presented at the 7th Meeting of the CDCPP to be held in Strasbourg on 6-8 June 2019.

Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections

The Council of Europe Landscape Award Forums aim to highlight the selections made at national level within the framework of the Landscape Award, as sources of inspiration:

- *Session 1 (2008-2009) and Session 2 (2010-2011)*: 9th Meeting of the Council of Europe Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention, Carbonia, Sardinia, Italy, 4-5 June 2012;
- *Session 3 (2012-2013)*: 14th Meeting of the Council of Europe Workshops for the Implementation

of the European Landscape Convention, Wrocław (Poland), 11-12 June 2014;
– *Session 4 (2014-2015)*: 17th Meeting of the Council of Europe Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention, Budapest (Hungary), 9-10 June 2016;
– *Session 5 (2016-2017)*: 20th Meeting of the Council of Europe Workshops for the Implementation of the European Landscape Convention, Daugavpils (Latvia), 19-21 June 2018.

Proceedings available in Council of Europe publications, Territory and Landscape Series,
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/publications and
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/workshops

The Conference is invited to:

- warmly congratulate the Daugavpils City Council, Latvia, winner of the Council of Europe Landscape Award (5th Session 2016-2017) for the Project *Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects* - Award conferred by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe for regeneration of a degraded symbolic landscape;
- congratulate the authors of the twelve other projects presented at the 5th Session 2016-2017 of the Council of Europe Landscape Award for the very high quality of the work carried out and their exemplary value;
- warmly thank the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia and the City Council of Daugavpils for their generous hospitality on the occasion of the holding of the 20th Council of Europe Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention “*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections - 5th Session 2016-2017*”, Daugavpils, Latvia, 19-21 June 2018;
- take note of the take note of the very interesting presentations and presentations made during the Meeting, as they appear on the website of the European Landscape Convention
www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/20th
- encourage Parties to the Convention to participate in the forthcoming sessions of the Council of Europe Landscape Award, in accordance with Article 11 of the European Landscape Convention, on the Council of Europe Landscape Award, and in accordance with Resolution (2008) 3 on the Council of Europe Landscape Award Regulation, adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 20 February 2008.

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