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WORKSHOP 2

Some general words of introduction on the recent application of the European Landscape Convention in Spain and its participation in the Council of Europe Landscape Award

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Spain ratified the European Landscape Convention of the Council of Europe in November 2007, and has been very active following the convention, mainly developing the Cultural Landscape National Plan which was approved in 2012 by the Spanish Cultural Heritage Council, and in which cultural officials of all 17 Autonomous Communities participate.

Nevertheless, it should be mentioned that the European Landscape Convention has its origins, in some way, in what is known as the Sevilla Charter, or the Mediterranean Landscape Charter of 1993. It was an initiative of the regions of Andalusia (Spain), Languedoc-Rousillon (France) and Toscana (Italy), which focused on landscape “as a formal manifestation of the sensitive relationship between individuals and societies in the space and time, with a territory more or less intensely shaped by social, economic and cultural factors”. The Charter went beyond the regional scale and motivated the Council of Europe to start this European Landscape Convention.

This means that Spain has, over 25 years, consciously and actively developed policies related to landscape. In fact, immediately after the adoption of the European Landscape Convention by the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers in 2000, Spain assigned a budget to landscape in the Instituto de Patrimonio Cultural de España.

As a consequence, on 14 and 15 March 2019, Seville will be commemorating this 25 anniversary of the Sevilla Charter during the 22nd meeting of the Workshops of the European Landscape Convention.

Active participation in the Council of Europe Landscape Award

Spain has been very active in all five Sessions and has been recognised in the Award, resulting in a Special Mention in each Session:

- First Session (2008-2009) for the *Cristina Enea Park* project in San Sebastian, in the Basque Country;
- Second Session (2010-2011) for the project, *Education and awareness-raising: city, territory, landscape*, developed by the Catalan Observatory of Landscape;
- Third Session (2012-2013) for *The sustainable revitalisation of the protected landscape of Geria, Consortium for the defence and promotion of the Geria Landscape*, in the Canary Islands;
- Fourth Session (2014-2015) *The Sénia Territory Millennium Olive Tree Landscape*, Taula del Sénia Municipality;
- Fifth Session (2016-2017) for *Landscape inventory of Galicia: public participation for landscape characterisation and planning*, developed by the Institute of Land Studies, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Galicia.

These projects were considered suitable for submission for the Landscape Award as the other proposals were excellent, but more oriented to certain specific areas of interest.

The Spanish Landscape National Observatory

Last year (2017), following the 19th Council of Europe European Landscape Convention Meeting of the Workshops for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in Brno (Czech Republic) in which it was decided that a Landscape national observatory would be assigned or created in each country, in order to create a European Landscape Observatory Network, the Board of the Cultural Landscape National Plan was recognised as the Spanish national observatory by the Executive Secretariat of the European Landscape Convention.