



EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION
LANDSCAPE AWARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

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APPLICATION FORM

Presentation

The European Landscape Convention aims to promote the protection, management and planning of landscapes and to bring together European co-operation in this field. It is the first international treaty exclusively devoted to all dimensions of European landscape. Taking into account the landscape, natural and cultural values of the territory, it contributes to promoting the quality of life and well-being of Europeans.

The Resolution on the Rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 20 February 2008 at the 1018th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies, draws attention to the fact that Article 11 of the Convention institutes the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and that it is in keeping with the work carried out by the Council of Europe concerning human rights, democracy and sustainable development. It effectively promotes the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by acknowledging the importance of measures taken to improve the landscape for people's living conditions.

Opened to the Parties to the Convention, the Award is intended to raise civil society's awareness of the value of landscapes, of their role and of changes to them. Its objective is to reward exemplary practical initiatives aimed at successful landscape quality objectives on the territories of the Parties to the Convention. The Award is conferred every two years and the files presenting applications must reach the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe.

At its meeting held in Strasbourg on 28-29 April 2008, the Steering Committee for Cultural Heritage and Landscape (CDPATEP) decided that applications should be submitted to the Council of Europe Secretariat through the Permanent Representations of the Parties to the Convention.

*We would be very grateful if you could send no later than **30 January 2019** the following elements of the candidature file (20 pages maximum) established for your country on the basis of the proposals forwarded to you by the Ministries:*

- by E-mail, the Application form completed to: maguelonne.dejeant-pons@coe.int; susan.moller@coe.int;
- by post, a copy of the Application form completed together with a CD-Rom, DVD or USB key, containing the all the additional material to: Maguelonne Déjeant-Pons, Executive Secretary of the European Landscape Convention, Council of Europe, Agora (A4-15V), F- 67075 STRASBOURG Cedex.

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Please note that:

- participation to the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe is only open to local and regional authorities and their groupings and non-governmental organisations, as stated in the Resolution CM/Res (2008)3, Appendix, Article 2;
- the application form must be completed in all its parts, in one of the two official languages of the Council of Europe (English or French);
- the materials submitted must be copyright-free, for use by the Council of Europe in communications aimed at promoting the Award or any other publications or activities relating to the Convention. The Council of Europe undertakes to cite the authors' names;
- files that are incomplete or fail to comply with the rules will not be taken into consideration.

For further information please visit the Landscape Award section of the Council of Europe website: www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention

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II. PRESENTATION OF THE PROJET

3. Name of the Project

Yeşilırmak Basin Landscape Atlas

4. Location of the Project

Sixth biggest basin of Turkey; Yeşilırmak Basin

5. Summary of the Project (10-12 lines)

Objectives of Yeşilırmak Basin Landscape Atlas carry out the landscape character assessment (landscape character, landscape function, change and pressures and landscape quality analyses) on the basis of natural and cultural landscape inventory of Yeşilırmak Basin, to identify the landscape character types and landscape character areas, as well as landscape diversity and bio-diversity, to create the map of landscape quality, and consequently, to establish sectoral landscape guidelines. The project consists of 3 fundamental stages: study-inventory-evaluation and landscape database preparation; landscape function analyses, indicators and landscape character evaluation; issuing the sectoral landscape guides and landscape atlas. The project, was initiated on 31 October 2012 and concluded on 20 April 2015. The kick-off meeting was held under the scope of the project in Amasya in 2013. And the workshops were held with the participation of relevant public bodies non-governmental organizations and public in Samsun and also in Tokat and Çorum, in 2013 and 2014, respectively. The training meeting was held in Ankara in 2014, and the closing meeting was held on December 2015.

6. Photo representing the Project (high definition – JPEG 350 dpi) and name of the author of the photo please



Photographer: Yaşar Melih Öztürk

7. Website of the Project (if exists)

<http://www.ormansu.gov.tr/haber/yeşilırmak-havzası-peyzaj-atlasının-hazırlanması>

III. CONTENT OF THE PROJECT

8. **Start of the Project** month year

The project must have been completed at least three years previously

9. **Partners**

Republic of Turkey Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
AKS Planning and Engineering Ltd. Inc.
Ministerial project advisor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hayriye Eşbah
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10. **Financing bodies**

Republic of Turkey Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

11. **Central aims of the Project**

Objectives of Yeşilırmak Basin Landscape Atlas are to carry out the landscape character assessment (landscape character, landscape function, change and pressures and landscape quality analyses) on the basis of natural and cultural landscape inventory of Yeşilırmak Basin, to identify the landscape character types and landscape character areas, as well as landscape diversity and biodiversity, to create the map of landscape quality, and consequently, to establish sectoral landscape guidelines.

12. **Outcome**

Yeşilırmak Basin Landscape Atlas has the qualification to be a guide to all public organizations and institutions (governor, district governor, mayor, mukhtar, field services of department s, etc.), Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) representatives during the spatial planning and decision-making processes at the microbasin level. Since the atlas was issued in a language and mapping system that everybody may understand, it is easy-to-use. Furthermore, “Project of Issuing the Yeşilırmak Basin Landscape Atlas” is a project which will enlighten to remove the significant lacks in spatial and sector plans in Turkey. Project is an important tool for integrating different scales of environmental, social and economic plans with the landscape plans.

IV. RESPECT OF THE CRITERIA OF THE ATTRIBUTION OF THE AWARD

13. Sustainable territorial development

Is the project part of a sustainable development policy?

Does it contribute to the enhancement of environmental, social, economic, cultural or aesthetic values of the landscape? How?

Has it successfully countered or posed a remedy to any pre-existing environmental damage or urban blight? How?

Implemented by the European Council, parties of the European Landscape Convention (including Turkey since 2003) are committed to defining their own landscapes in their countries, to analyzing the powers and pressures causing such landscapes to change, and to defining their landscape quality targets. In addition, they undertake to establish and apply landscape policies aiming to preserve, manage and plan landscapes, to integrate landscapes into cultural, environmental, agricultural, social and economic policies by means of urban and regional planning policies. Yesilirmak Basin Landscape Atlas Project will form a basis for developing a "National Landscape Data Base" and "National Landscape Strategy and Action Plans" and it is the first and foremost important step taken to prepare a national landscape atlas. Landscape Atlas is an important tool that produces the strategies for utilization of country's landscapes in line with the balance of protection and utilization, provides the data/information to the decision-makers in decision taking processes related to the different sectors. Landscape atlas enables the integration of landscape planning or landscape planning approaches with the plans of different sectors (urbanization, protection, forestry, agriculture, industry, etc.) as emphasized in the European Landscape Convention.

14. Exemplary value

Can the project be considered of exemplary value? Why?

Which are the good practices that it implemented?

It is a national responsibility to integrate the plans related to the different sectors in Turkey and spatial plans with the landscape planning processes as stated in the European Landscape Convention, Yeşilirmak Basin's Landscape Atlas is a good example how this integration could be made in parallel to the water action plans in the national main river basins. Landscape Character Assessment and Landscape Character Type Determining are pioneering approaches made at the national, regional and local levels in Turkey as they are at the scale of basin within the project. After all analyses, the landscape guides were prepared for the agriculture, forestry, settlement, landscape recovery sectors, and microbasins indicating the ecologic vulnerability for each sector were defined. Thus, it is clearly indicated what can be done in each basin at the spatial scale.

15. Public participation

Does the project actively encourage the public's participation in the decision-making process? How?

Is the project in line with the wider policies implemented by national, regional or local authorities?

The opening meeting was held within the scope of Project on Preparing the Yeşilirmak Basin's Landscape Atlas started on 31 October 2012 in Amasya, 2013, and workshops were held upon participations of the concerned public institutions, NGOs and public in Samsun, 2013, Tokat and Çorum, 2014. The training meeting was held in Ankara, 2014, and closing meeting was held on December, 2015. During all these meetings, the participant planning and management approach was presented at 3 fundamental stages: establishing the study-inventory-assessment and database of the project; the landscape function analyses, indicators and landscape character assessment; preparing the sector landscape guides and landscape atlas. The views and ideas of all participants that might be reached at the center and locally were obtained and integrated to the project. Furthermore, the survey was implemented in Samsun, Tokat, Amasya and Çorum, and the public's approach and attitude were also discussed. The study is completed upon grouping the main stakeholders from prominent sectors of tourism, agriculture, and forestry on national, regional and local levels besides developing strategies by carrying out a stakeholders' analyses. Landscape management is steering the social, economic and environment related changes in the landscape in a sustainable framework so that sustainable development can be accomplished. Suggestions are provided for the basin within the framework of "Communique on Organization, Duties, Principles and Essence of Work of Basin Management Boards" that went into effect on 18 June 2013, and was published on Official Gazette Number 28681 that is parallel to EU Water Directive.

16. Awareness-raising

Is the project effectively increasing public awareness of the importance of landscape in terms of human development, consolidation of European identity, or individual and collective well-being? How?

Yesilirmak Basin Landscape Atlas project is increasing public awareness of the importance of human development and identity,

The Landscape Atlas prepared within the scope of project can be used as follows: - Planning, managing and protecting the protected areas,

- Management of natural sources and cultural inheritance,

- The spatial planning from smaller scales to the larger scales, since it is a tool showing the sensitivities regarding "Environment" during the preparation of Basin and Regional Spatial Strategy Plans,

- The evaluation of small scale plan, project or programs to be carried out within the scope of strategic environmental evaluation,

- Integrated management, planning and protection of resources within the basin,

- Taking the decisions about location selection, planning and development of different sectors as emphasized in ELC, since it is a tool which will consider the environmental sensitivity that will direct the "Sector Plans" at the Regional, Sub-Regional or Basin scales.

The "Landscape Atlas" serves as a guide in all plan, project and applications where the environmental vulnerabilities should be taken into account

V. ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Together with the printed version of the Application form, additional material in digital format should be included in one CD-Rom, DVD or USB key, and returned by post or courier to:

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- Text (20 pages max.): *PDF format*
- Photos (10 max.): *JPEG 350 dpi high definition*
- Posters (2 max.): *PDF format high definition or JPEG 350 dpi high definition*
- Video (15 min max.): *mpeg 2 format - It is recommended to present a video (even of amateur quality).*

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