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LANDSCAPE AWARD OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY

7th Session 2020-2021

General presentation of application forms

Palais de l'Europe, Council of Europe

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Presentation

The European Landscape Convention provides for a Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. In particular, it states that, on 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 (Appendix 1). 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 Landscape Award was launched in 2008 and six sessions of the award have been to date organised: in 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2016-2017 and 2018-2019.

The Committee of Ministers adopted the [Resolution CM/Res\(2017\)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#). The Landscape Award Alliance gathers the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention, showing that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy by improving the landscape features of people's surroundings.

Depending on the case, these achievements promote landscape protection through measures to preserve the significant and characteristic features of the landscape; landscape management through action from a sustainable development perspective to ensure the regular upkeep of a landscape in order to guide and harmonise change; or landscape planning through forward-looking action to enhance, restore or create landscapes. They foster landscapes for living, in urban and peri-urban areas; landscapes to discover, through the provision of roads or country paths; landscapes both historical and alive, between nature and culture; or landscapes that enable people to get to know the countryside and take action to support it, by establishing methodologies and other landscape promotion tools.

On the Website of the European Landscape Convention, the "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe" gathers these exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention. They show that it is possible to promote the territorial dimension of human rights and democracy improving the landscape features of people's surroundings. www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance

See also:

- [Online presentation of the achievements of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance;](#)
- [Exhibition on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe;](#)
- Publication "[Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#)", volume 1, 2008-2017, "Council of Europe, *Territory and Landscape Series*, 2017, No. 105);
- Publication "[Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#)", volume 2, 2018-2019, Council of Europe, *Territory and Landscape Series*", *Territory and Landscape Series*, 2020, No. 120;
- [Poster on the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance.](#)

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Seventh Session of the Landscape Award – 2020-2021

In the framework of the organisation of the 7th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe, the Parties to the Convention were invited to submit applications, by 31 January 2021, to the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe, according to the Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe.

The Secretariat of the Council of Europe received twelve applications:

1. Bulgaria / Bulgarie

The Salt of Life,

Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation, Bulgaria

Le Sel de la vie,

Fondation bulgare pour la biodiversité, Bulgarie

2. Finland / Finlande

Bothnian Bay Coastal Meadows Management,

Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment,
North Ostrobothnia, Finland

La gestion des prairies côtières de la baie de Botnie,

Centre pour le développement économique, les transports et l'environnement, Ostrobotnie du Nord, Finlande

3. Italy / Italie

Biodiversity in the city: Bergamo, the Astino Valley,

Foundation of the Major Mercy of Bergamo, Italy

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4. Latvia / Lettonie

Landscapes are speaking,

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Living Landscape: Fjord Coast Regional- and Geopark,

Municipalities of Solund, Fjaler, Askvoll and Hyllestad, Norway

Un paysage vivant : la Région de la côte des fjords- et Géoparc,

Municipalités de Solund, Fjaler, Askvoll et d'Hyllestad, Norvège

6. Poland / Pologne

Protection of the valuable non-forest habitats and landscapes characteristic for the area of Orle Gniazda Landscape Park,

Complex of Landscape Parks of the Silesian Voivodeship, Poland

La protection des précieux habitats non forestiers et des caractéristiques paysagères de la région du Parc paysager de l'Orle Gniazda,

Complexe de Parcs paysagers de la voïvodie de Silésie, Pologne

7. Portugal / Portugal

The Contenda Estate, a tale of resilience for nature,

Municipality of Moura, Alentejo, Portugal

Le domaine de Contenda, un conte de résilience pour la nature,

Municipalité de Moura, Alentejo, Portugal

8. Romania / Roumanie

The Gardens Park,
Timișoara City, Timiș County, Romania
Le Parc des jardins,
Ville de Timișoara, Comté de Timiș, Roumanie

9. Slovak Republic / République slovaque

The Land of Bees,
kRAJ Civic Association, Slovak Republic
Le Pays des abeilles,
Association civique kRAJ, République slovaque

10. Slovenia / Slovénie

Brda tourist destination development,
Community of Brda, Institute for Tourism, Culture, Youth and Sport Brda, Slovenia
Le développement de la destination touristique de Brda,
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11. Switzerland / Suisse

Val Bregaglia, a landscape culture to meet the challenges of the future,
Municipality of Bregaglia, Switzerland
Val Bregaglia, une culture du paysage pour répondre aux enjeux du futur,
Commune de Bregaglia, Suisse

12. Turkey / Turquie

Dokuma Park, a culture, nature and art park for society,
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Le Parc Dokuma, un parc de la culture, de la nature et de l'art pour la société,
Municipalité d'Antalya Kepez, Turquie

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The elements of the application files appear on the European Landscape Convention Website: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/7th-award-candidates> and the Application forms in Appendix 2 of this document.

The International Jury, set up as a subordinate body of the committees of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention, is invited to examine the applications and to propose a prize winner and possible special mentions.

The proposals of the Jury will be presented at the 10th Plenary Session of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) (Strasbourg, Palais de l'Europe, 2021), and then to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

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APPENDIX 1



**Resolution CM/Res(2008)3
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)

The Committee of Ministers,

Recalling that Article 11 of the European Landscape Convention (ETS No. 176) (hereinafter “the Convention”), adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 19 July 2000 and opened for signature in Florence on 20 October 2000, institutes the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe (hereinafter “the award”);

Bearing in mind that this article provides that the Committee of Ministers shall define and publish the criteria for conferring the award, adopt the relevant rules and grant the award;

Bearing in mind 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 (hereinafter “the Parties”);

Considering that the award is in keeping with the work done by the Council of Europe in favour of human rights, democracy and sustainable development and that it 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;

Convinced that the award is intended to heighten civil society’s awareness of the value of landscapes, of their role and of changes to them,

Resolves as follows:

- I. The rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe are adopted as set out in the appendix to this resolution.
- II. The criteria for awarding the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe are appended to these rules.
- III. The Parties are invited to translate into their national language(s) and promote the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe. They are also requested to encourage media coverage of the award so as to raise public awareness of the importance of landscapes.

Rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

Article 1 – Aim

a. The award is an honorary distinction which acknowledges a policy or measures implemented by local or regional authorities or their groupings, or particularly remarkable contributions by non-governmental organisations, for sustainable protection, management and/or planning of landscapes. It takes the form of a diploma. Special mentions may also be awarded.

b. The award rewards a process of implementation of the Convention at national or transnational levels resulting in an effective, measurable achievement.

c. The award also helps to make people more aware of the importance of landscapes for human development, consolidation of the European identity and the well-being of individuals and society as a whole. It fosters public participation in the decision-making process concerning landscape policies.

Article 2 – Qualification of candidates

In accordance with Article 11, paragraph 1, of the Convention, the following may be candidates for the award: local or 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. Non-governmental organisations having made particularly remarkable contributions to landscape protection, management or planning may also be candidates.

In accordance with paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned article, transfrontier local or regional authorities and groupings of local and regional authorities concerned may be candidates, provided that they jointly manage the landscape in question.

Article 3 – Procedure

The procedure consists of three stages:

Stage 1 – Submission of candidatures

Each Party may submit one candidature to the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe. The candidature may be the result of a competition held by each Party taking into account the award criteria appended to these rules.

The application file, in one of the official languages of the Council of Europe (French or English), shall include:

- a presentation of the candidate (not more than three pages long);
- the description of a completed project for the protection, management and/or planning of a landscape, which has proved lastingly effective and can serve as an example. Mention shall be made of the convention provision concerned.

The description shall take the form of a paper document, approximately 20 pages long, accompanied by a digital copy in PDF format on CD-Rom and posters. The file may also include a video presentation lasting approximately five minutes. 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.

The award is in principle conferred every two years. The files presenting candidatures must reach the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe by no later than 31 December of the year preceding the year of award.

Stage 2 – Consideration of candidatures

An international jury set up as a subordinate body of the committees of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention shall determine whether candidatures are admissible. The jury is composed of:

- one member of (each of) the committee(s) of experts responsible for monitoring the Convention, appointed by the committee(s) concerned;
- one member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, appointed by the Congress;
- one representative of an international non-governmental organisation, appointed by the Secretary General on the proposal of the Grouping of INGOs enjoying participatory status with the Council of Europe;
- three eminent specialists on landscape, appointed by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

The jury appoints a president.

The jury proposes the award winner from among the candidates admitted.

The proposals of the jury are taken by an absolute majority for the first two rounds of voting, and by a relative majority for the following round, based on the criteria set out in the appendix to these rules, stating the reasons for its choice. In case of equal votes, the vote of the president of the jury is decisive.

The reasons for the choice are explained.

The jury can propose to attribute one or more special mentions.

The committees of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention examine the proposals of the jury and forward their proposals concerning the award winner, and, wherever appropriate, special mentions, to the Committee of Ministers.

Stage 3 – Granting and presentation of the award and the special mentions

In the light of the proposals of the committees of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention, the Committee of Ministers shall grant the award and any special mentions.

The award and the special mentions shall be presented by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe or his/her representative at a public ceremony.

Appendix to the rules

Criteria for conferring the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe

Criterion 1 – Sustainable territorial development

The completed projects submitted must give tangible form to the protection, management and/or planning of landscapes. This means that the projects must have been completed and open to the public at least three years, when the candidatures were submitted.

They must also:

- be part of a sustainable development policy and be in harmony with the territorial organisation of the area concerned;
- demonstrate their environmental, social, economic, cultural and aesthetic sustainability;
- counter or remedy any damage to landscape structures;
- help enhance and enrich the landscape and develop new qualities.

Criterion 2 – Exemplary value

The implementation of the policy or measures that have helped to improve the protection, management and/or planning of the landscapes concerned must set an example of good practice for others to follow.

Criterion 3 – Public participation

The policy or measures implemented with a view to the protection, management and/or planning of the landscapes concerned should involve the active participation of the public, local and regional authorities and other players and should clearly reflect the landscape quality objectives.

The public should be able to participate simultaneously in two ways:

- through dialogue and exchanges between members of society (public meetings, debates, procedures for participation and consultation in the field, for example);
- through procedures for public participation and involvement in landscape policies implemented by national, regional or local authorities.

Criterion 4 – Awareness-raising

Article 6.A of the Convention provides that “each Party undertakes to increase awareness among civil society, private organisations and public authorities of the value of landscapes, their role and changes to them”. Action along these lines taken as part of the completed project concerned will be assessed.

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APPENDIX 2

APPLICATION FORMS

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Le Sel de la vie,

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