



## **European Landscape Convention Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe 6th Session – 2018-2019**

*On 16 October 2019, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe conferred a  
**Special Mention**  
of the Landscape Award of the European Landscape Convention to the project*

### **Establishment of the Kotka National Urban Park City of Kotka, Finland**

The project demonstrated that taking the landscape into account has guided the planning process. Pre-existing, sometimes degraded, landscape features have been rehabilitated and integrated into a coherent and large-scale spatial network. This network is based on a combination of green spaces, built-up neighbourhoods, rivers, and marine and underwater areas, connecting the most important sites of the city and linking them to the surrounding nature through ecological corridors. In this sense, it contributes to the quality of daily life and the well-being of the population who have been encouraged to participate in the decision-making process from the earliest stages of the project. The status of national urban parks, which has been recognised by Finnish legislation, is a further source of inspiration. The project demonstrated that taking the landscape into account guided the planning process.

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