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Recreation of Lake Karla

Region of Thessaly



The Recreation of Lake Karla is currently the largest environmental project in the Balkans, implemented by the Region of Thessaly. It concerns the creation of a wide wetland area of 3,800 hectares, designed to reverse the adverse environmental conditions that were caused when the lake was drained. This local development project, launched in 2009, is of national importance, with multiple positive effects for the lake area. It was implemented with financial support from European funds, the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks and the Region of Thessaly. As a result of the project, the region's water supply has been facilitated, flood protection and irrigation of arable land has been improved, and agri-tourism could develop.

The Committee of Ministers acknowledged the great value of the achievement presented for the 6th Session of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention 2018-2019, and the importance to make it well-known as a source of inspiration.

In accordance with Resolution CM/Res (2017)18 of the Committee of Ministers, the project is thus part of the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe.