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Safeguarding and restoration of the baroque landscape of the Banská Štiavnica Calvary

Calvary Fund Civic Association

The project was implemented by the Calvary Fund Civic Association with the aim of saving and restoring the baroque landscape and architectural complex of the Banská Štiavnica Calvary. The calvary complex is part of a site included in the UNESCO World Heritage List. It consists of a total of 23 separate sacral buildings – three churches, 17 chapels and three other objects on the central axis on the Scharffenberg hill. The project realisation began shortly after the baroque calvary area was included, in 2007, in the World Monuments Watch List of 100 Most Endangered Sites. The Calvary Fund Civic Association has helped to restore the degraded area of Calvary Hill, bringing back, following extensive reconstruction, its original baroque appearance. At the same time, the association helped restore life in a symbolic religious landscape that, once again, is a destination for the faithful and numerous visitors. The implementation of the project has preserved immense cultural, architectural, artistic and historical treasures, both outside the monuments and in their interior: decorations, frescoes and sculptures.

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.