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Meeting of the International Jury

LEGAL FRAMEWORK, PROCEDURE AND APPLICATIONS

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I. Legal framework

Article 11 of the Council of Europe Landscape Convention (hereinafter: the Convention) refers to the Council of Europe Landscape Award.

This provision establishes:

1. *The Landscape award of the Council of Europe is a distinction which may be conferred on local and 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 of the Parties. The distinction may be also conferred on non-governmental organisations having made particularly remarkable contributions to landscape protection, management or planning.*¹
2. *Applications for the Landscape award of the Council of Europe shall be submitted to the Committees of Experts mentioned in Article 10 by the Parties. Transfrontier local and regional authorities and groupings of local and regional authorities concerned, may apply provided that they jointly manage the landscape in question.*
3. *On proposals from the Committees of Experts mentioned in Article 10 the Committee of Ministers shall define and publish the criteria for conferring the Landscape award of the Council of Europe, adopt the relevant rules and confer the Award.*
4. *The granting of the Landscape award of the Council of Europe is to encourage those receiving the award to ensure the sustainable protection, management and/or planning of the landscape areas concerned.*

On 20 February 2008, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted [Resolution CM/Res\(2008\)3 on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe](#) (see document attached).

The Award was launched in 2008 and seven [sessions of the Award](#) have been organised to date: in 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2016-2017, 2018-2019 and 2020-2021.

The Committee of Ministers, in its [Resolution CM/Res\(2017\)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance](#) , adopted on 27 September 2017, decided that the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the Convention in the framework of the sessions of the Landscape Award and acknowledged by the Committee of Ministers are part of the “[Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe](#)”.

II. Procedure and applications for the 8th Session

In connection with the 8th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award, the States Parties to the Convention were invited to submit applications to the Secretariat General of the Council of Europe by 31 January 2023, in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention and Resolution CM/Res(2008)3 on the rules governing the Council of Europe Landscape Award.

The Council of Europe Secretariat received 13 applications:

¹ Paragraph amended according to the provisions of the Protocol of amendment to the Convention (CETS No. 219) as from its entry into force on 1 July 2021.

1. State : **CROATIA** / candidate : **City of Cres** / project name: **Local Development Pilot Project (LDPP) Island of Cres** / project location: **Island of Cres**
2. State: **FINLAND** / applicant: **Rural Women's Advisory Organisation of ProAgria - Southern Finland** / project name: **Network of Semi-Natural Grasslands** / project location: **Pirkanmaa Region**
3. State: **FRANCE** / applicant: project owner: **Conservatoire du littoral** - project manager: **Alain Freytet, landscape designer** / project name: **Landscape enhancement and protection of Cap Fréhel** / project location: **Commune de Plévenon, Bretagne**
4. State: **GEORGIA** / applicant: **Municipality of Dedoplistskaro** / project name: **Improvement of the Vashlovani landscape through the reintroduction of the goitre gazelle** / project location: **Protected areas of Vashlovani, Municipality of Dedoplistskaro**
5. State: **GREECE** / applicant: **IDAION Network of Psiloritis Municipalities (Psiloritis Geopark)** / project name: **The broader Nida Plateau in the Psiloritis Mountains: a perpetual exchange between humans and nature** / project location: **Municipality of Anogia, Region of Crete**
6. State: **ITALY** / applicant: **Orti Generali** / name of project: **Orti generali - The countryside comes to town** / location of project: **Mirafiori, southern suburb of Turin - City of Turin, Piedmont Region**
7. State: **LATVIA** / applicant: **Municipality of Dienvidkurzeme** / project name: **The heritage of the Southern Kurzeme coast through the centuries. Creation of the Alande river recreation complex** / location of project: **Grobina, South Kurzeme Region** (land registry nr. 6409 006 0109)
8. State: **NORWAY** / applicant: **Municipality of Ørland** / project name: **Orland - FindingHome - The Rusaset project and the Austrått landscape** / project location: **Ørland, Trøndelag region**
9. State: **POLAND** / applicant: **Silesian Voivodeship - Silesian Landscape Park Complex** / project name: **Project no. LIFE 12 - NAT/PL/000081 "Protection of non-forest habitats in the Beskid's Landscape Park Area" - part I of the LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity programme** / project location: **Beskid Żywiecki and Beskid Śląski, Silesian Voivodeship**
10. State: **PORTUGAL** / applicant: **Municipality of Lousã** / project name: **Villages of Serra da Lousã - Where villages Sound Unique** / project location: **Serra da Lousã**
11. State: **SLOVAKIA** / applicant: **Municipality of Bojná** / project name: **Back to the roots** / project location: **The Nitra Self-Governing region, District of Topoľčany**
12. State: **SLOVENIA** / applicant: **Association of Landscape Architects of Slovenia, CIPRA Slovenia - Association for the Protection of the Alps, IPoP - Institute for Spatial Policy** / project name: **Protection and Development of the Slovenian Landscape: Starting Points for the Development of Landscape Policy** / project location: **Slovenia**
13. State: **SWITZERLAND** / applicant: **Association du Musée valaisan des Bisses (AMVB) & Association des Bisses du Valais (ABV)** / project name: **Landscapes irrigated by the traditional irrigation channels of the Valais (bisses)** / project location: **Canton of Valais**

The application forms can be found in document T-FC (2024) AWARD 3 (English only)

The [complete application files](#) are available on the Convention website (NB: documents in French or English).

At its meeting, the International Jury, constituted in accordance with the above-mentioned rules, will be invited to examine the applications and, taking into account the award criteria set out in the appendix to the said rules, to propose a winner for the Award and, where appropriate, special mentions.

The Jury's proposals will then be submitted to the 13th Plenary Session of the Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape - CDCPP (Strasbourg, 19-21 November 2024), in its capacity as the committee of experts referred to in Article 10 of the Convention.

On the basis of the CDCPP's proposals, the Committee of Ministers will grant the Award and any special mentions.

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