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5th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award of the European Landscape Convention (2016-2017)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam

The European Landscape Convention states that 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 the 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. The distinction may also be conferred on non-governmental organisations having made particularly remarkable contributions to landscape protection, management or planning.

We would like thank you warmly for the participation of the Slovak Republic in the 5th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award and for much appreciated contribution to the implementation of the European Landscape Convention, and inform you that, on 27 September 2017, the Committee of Ministers' Deputies adopted the following decisions:

"The Deputies

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5. concerning the 5th Session 2016-2017 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe,

i. conferred the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention, for the 5th Session of the Award 2016-2017 on:

"Regeneration of Daugavpils Fortress to Preserve Cultural and Historical Objects", Daugavpils City Council, Latvia;

ii. *conferred identical special mentions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention, for the 5th Session of the Award 2016-2017, on the following achievements:*

- The Hillside of the Citadel in Liège: 1999-2010. From an Enclosure to a Network, City of Liège, Belgium;

- Regeneration of the landscape and archaeological Park of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, Parco Archeologico e Paesaggistico della Valle dei Templi di Agrigento, Department of Cultural Heritage and Identity of Sicily, Italy;

- Alna Environmental Park: a blue-green corridor of biodiversity, recreational opportunities and sustainable urban water management, Municipality of Oslo, Agency for Urban Environment, Norway;

- Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values, Town of Hriňová, Slovak Republic;

iii. *acknowledged the great value of each project presented for the 5th Session 2016-2017 of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe's European Landscape Convention and the importance to make them well known to the general public as sources of inspiration:*

- "Management of the Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley, included on the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Cultural Landscape Category", Madriu-Perafita-Claror Valley management plan steering committee, Andorra;

- "Education of Children in Heavily Industrialised Landscapes", Elementary School in the city of Most, Czech Republic;

- "Shepherding Weeks", Metsähallitus Parks and Wildlife Finland, Finland;

- "Landscape as a Link", Saint-Paul, La Réunion, France;

- "Developing 'Water Codes' in Larissa City Centre: the 'Sculpted River' of Larissa", Municipality of Larissa, Greece;

- "Landscape Development and Community Sample Programme for a Pleasant Village", Local Government of Mátraderecske, Roma Minority Local Government of Mátraderecske, Hungary;

- "Protection and Management of Zasavica Special Nature Reserve: as a tool for sustainable development", Nature Conservation Movement of Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia;

- "Landscape Inventory of Galicia: public participation for landscape characterisation and planning", Institute of Land Studies, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of the Government of Galicia, Spain;"

(CM/Del/Dec(2017)1295/7.1, 27 September 2017)

We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to the Town of Hriňová for this success and our special thanks to the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic for the national selection performed.

According to the Resolution CM/Res (2017)18 of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe, the Project "*Hriňovské lazy: landscape of values*" is thus part of the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe (in appendix to this letter).

A publication on Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and the website will be updated with the presentation of the projects of the 5th Session of the Council of Europe Landscape Award of the European Landscape Convention (2016-2017).

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance>
<http://www.coe.int/EuropeanLandscapeConvention>

A "*Council of Europe Landscape Award Forum of National Selections 2016-2017*" will also be organised in the first half of June 2018, and we would be particularly pleased to invite one representative from the Ministry and one representative of the project to participate in it. Other participants will of course be welcome. This meeting will aim to present the achievements and make them known as key references for the implementation of the European Landscape Convention and sources of inspiration at international level. The Landscape Award, Mentions and Acknowledgements will be also given on this occasion. The exact date and place of the meeting will be communicated shortly.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix

Resolution CM/Res(2017)18 on the Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 27 September 2017
at the 1295th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Bearing in mind 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");

Considering Resolution [CM/Res\(2008\)3](#) on the rules governing the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe;

Underlining 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");

Bearing in mind that the Award is in keeping with the work carried out 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;

Bearing in mind that the Award is intended to enhance civil society's awareness of the landscapes' values, roles and transformations;

Considering the importance of gathering the exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention in the framework of the sessions of this Landscape Award,

Resolves that:

- I. The exemplary achievements presented by the States Parties to the European Landscape Convention in the framework of the sessions of the Landscape Award of the Council of Europe and acknowledged by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, are part of the "Landscape Award Alliance of the Council of Europe";^[1]
- II. The Parties are invited to encourage media coverage of the Council of Europe Landscape Award Alliance to raise public awareness of the importance of landscape.

[1] www.coe.int/en/web/landscape/landscape-award-alliance