# Project ID Card [Full]

**Project Title:** Battir Landscape Project

**Location:** Battir

**Country:** Palestine

**Duration:** 2008-2015

**Sector:** Cultural landscape and local development

**Beneficiaries:** Battir Village Council, Battir local communities

**Partners:** Battir Village Council, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, Centre for Cultural Heritage Preservation-Bethlehem, Al-Quds University, L’Atelier Volant (among others)

**Donors:** The Government of Norway and the World Heritage Fund through UNESCO; The Government of Italy through the Palestinian Municipalities Support Programme

**Budget:** $800,000 (USD)

**Coordinator(s):** Giovanni Fontana Antonelli and Claudia Cancellotti

**Consultants:** Pasquale Barone, Patrizia Cirino, Francesco Cini, Jasmine Desclaux-Salchas

**Collaborators:** Samir Harb, Mohammed Hammash, Hassan Muamer, Nicola Perugini, Mohammed Abuhammad

**Description:** The “Battir Landscape Project” is long-term multifaceted engagement of Archi.Media Trust, starting 2008. Battir is a Palestinian village that lies 7 Km southwest of the Old City of Jerusalem, and is situated on the Armistice Line that since 1948 divides the West Bank from Israel. Battir’s historic landscape is characterized by hand-made agricultural terraces, made of dry-stone walls and ancient irrigation systems that are in use since centuries. The “Battir Landscape Project” encourages participatory actions for the use of the cultural landscape, primarily maintaining its agricultural vocation, and complementing traditional practices with new compatible activities, such as home hospitality, farmers’ markets, as well as the establishment of an Ecomuseum, through the active involvement of local communities and emerging grassroots initiatives, as well as the support to Public-Private Partnerships towards sustainable local development. The “Battir Landscape Project” was awarded the Melina Mercouri International Prize in 2011 and was nominated to the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 2016.

**Awards:** 2011 Melina Mercouri International Prize for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Landscapes (1st prize ex-aequo); 2016 Aga Khan Award for Architecture (nominated project) [LINKS]

**Publications:**


