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The European Energy Award® is a certification and quality management system for communities across Europe that are making a significant contribution to improving energy efficiency and increasing the use of renewable energies.

Countries participating in the Forum European Energy Award e.V.



At the end of 2008 all over Europe 581 municipalities participated in the European Energy Award® program, 269 of them are certified with the eea.

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e5 Movie

As one of the founder members of the eea, the Austrian e5-program can look back on a long history. 2008 the e5 administration decided to prepare a CD ROM with success stories of different municipalities with long-standing experience with the eea. The "e5 movie" introduces the efforts of Bischofshofen/St. Johann (Salzburg), Langenegg (Vorarlberg), Mäder (Vorarlberg), Trebesing (Carinthia), Virgen (Tyrol) and Weiz (Styria). In a short and a long version of the movie, representatives of these municipalities deliver insight in their work with the program.

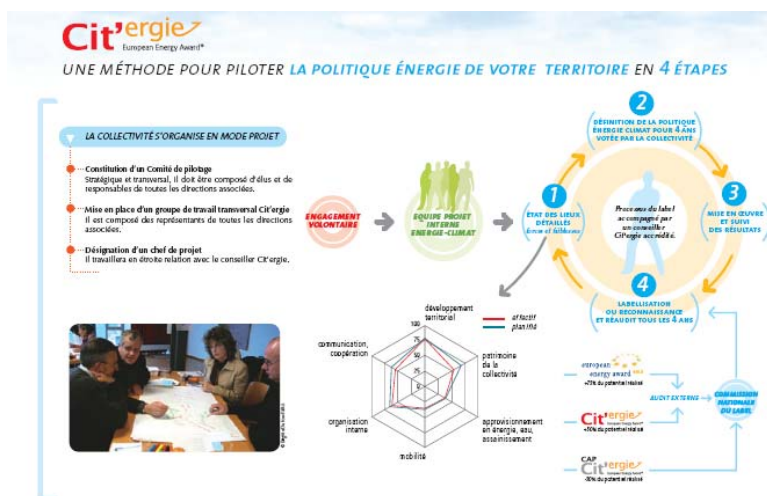
The CD ROM (language: German) can be purchased at Heimo Bürbaumer
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France sets structures for dissemination of the European Energy Award®

Since November 2008, the French energy agency ADEME (agency of environment and control of energy) is member of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. After the test phase with the project "REVE Jura-Léman", which was concluded at the end of 2007, ADEME started in 2008 to prepare the organisational structures to disseminate the eea all over France. This included e.g. the training of new advisors, the adaptation of instruments and acquisition of new participants.

The confirmation of all French communities and agglomerations, which former participated in the REVE project, to go on with the European Energy Award® emphasizes the great success of the program. Currently another 8-10 municipalities and agglomerations prepare for attendance. In addition, a project proposal for a follow up of REVE, named "REVE D'AVENIR", has been submitted to the INTERREG Office. Feedback concerning the acceptance is foreseen to be received in summer 2009.



Extract from the brochure „Cit'ergie“

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www.citergie.fr

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12 municipalities in North-Rhine Westphalia awarded with the eea

Not less than 12 North-Rhine Westphalian municipalities (Borgentreich, Burscheid, Dortmund, Emmerich, Gelsenkirchen, Havixbeck, Lohmar, Niederzier, Rommerskirchen and Willich) have been awarded by the Regional Minister für Economic Affairs Christa Thoben in November 2008 in Gelsenkirchen. They received the European Energy Award for their outstanding efforts to reduce the communal energy consumption. Besides this, the cities of Bonn and Senden were honoured with the European Energy Award Gold®, the highest category of the eea.

But not only in North-Rhine Westphalia the eea becomes more and more successful, in 2008 nearly 150 German municipalities in seven regions (also Bavaria, Baden-Württemberg, Bremen, Saxony, Lower Saxony and Thuringia) implemented the European Energy Award® process.



Minister for Economic Affairs Christa Thoben hands over the European Energy Award to Josef Heyers, mayor of Willich.



City director Ullrich Sierau (Dortmund) receives the Award from Minister Christa Thoben (with Prof. Dr. Hüttenhölischer, Head of EA.NRW, Armand Dütz, Forum European Energy Award e.V. and the local energy team)

For further information:

www.european-energy-award.de, www.european-energy-award.nrw.de



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The year 2008 was a ceremonially one for Energiestadt. Since 20 years the program is implemented in Switzerland. On the occasion of this anniversary, the Swiss Minister for Energy and Environment, Moritz Leuenberger, awarded the 150th Energiestadt and the 10th European Energy Award Gold® municipality in Switzerland. Altogether the energy cities annually reduce the CO₂-output by 78'000 tons, fuel consumption by 30'000'000 litres and electricity by 72 GWh.



Cornelia Brandes, president of the association Energiestadt, with the anniversary publication.



Moritz Leuenberger honours the 150th Energiestadt.

For further information: www.energiestadt.ch

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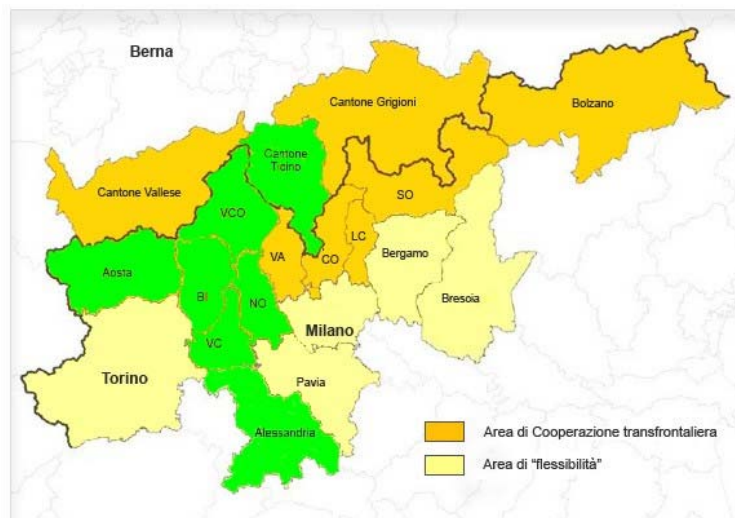
Swiss-Italian INTERREG project “eea® : European energy certification for municipalities, a best practices project”

Aim of the project is the implementation of innovative models for the integrated energy management in municipalities to enhance the environmental sustainability through RES and RUE actions. In particular the project aims to transfer Swiss best practices to the neighbouring regions in Italy, especially the eea. The target is to test the model in 40 Italian municipalities and 5 Italian speaking Swiss ones (Canton Ticino) for the possibility of experiences exchange during the process work.

The project wants to

- enforce the cooperation between the two countries having an homogeneous approach to environmental problems using a common methodology and testing new tools for the result evaluation and monitoring.
- support local bodies in the management and valorisation of energy and environmental resources, analysing the RES and RUE potential.
- supporting the sustainability of urban development studying common tools to decrease the growth effects.

The technical and experience exchange between the two nations will help to find out the best solutions and the most effective ways to obtain a concrete adoption of measures; in the mean time the local bodies competences will grow up and specialised technicians will be formed and updated to support the energy and environmental sustainability. The project started in March 2009.



Participating regions and partners in the Swiss-Italian Interreg project

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European Energy Award® in Europe



European Energy Award®Gold in 2008

In 2008 the four cities **Bonn (D)**, **Senden (D)**, **St. Gallen (CH)** and **Wiernsheim (D)** were awarded for the first time with the European Energy Award®Gold.

The cities **Cham (CH)**, **Lausanne (CH)**, **Riehen (CH)**, **Schaffhausen (CH)** und **Zurich (CH)** could confirm their former certification with the European Energy Award®Gold and were reawarded.

Congratulations!



European Energy Award® in the Covenant of Mayors

By signing the Covenant in February 2009, the mayors of around 400 cities committed their cities to adopting sustainable energy action plans within twelve months and achieving a series of targets and obligations. Their progress will be closely monitored by external evaluators and they will be required to submit regular status reports.



Covenant of Mayors signing ceremony on February 20th, 2009 in Brussels

Important key elements for monitoring the success will be the "Benchmarks of Excellence". They are defined as those initiatives and programmes which represent a worldwide model of successful implementation of sustainable energy development concepts in urban settings. Any private or public body that has developed such a programme or initiative in at least one city and is endorsed by the Mayor of a city having signed up to the Covenant is eligible to apply to become Benchmark of Excellence to the Covenant of Mayors. Up to now, the three European Energy Award® cities Zurich, Dortmund and Bonn have already submitted a declaration to announce the eea as "Benchmark of Excellence".

All eea cities, that have also signed the Covenant of Mayors are called to declare their interest to apply the European Energy Award® as "Benchmark of Excellence" and send it to the Office of the Covenant of Mayors.

For further information (declaration draft etc.):

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European Energy Award® - the good example



City of Kaunas participates in the European Display® campaign

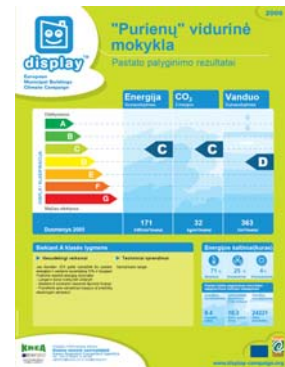
The municipality of Kaunas
Inhabitants: 380'000
Location: Lithuania
eea program participation: since 2004, European Energy Award 2005

Kaunas with its nearly 400 thousand inhabitants is one of the most significant Lithuanian cities. It is not only a city of traditions, but also a large centre of business and industry. With its seven universities and numerous schools, it is a very young city. But it is still affected by the problems which are common for many of the former Eastern block countries. The buildings are old and do not have a good energy performance. Greenhouse gas emissions are still very high and many of the inhabitants do not sufficiently take care of water and energy consumption.

Due to the fact that there are still too many buildings in Kaunas that are not efficient, one project was aimed at getting the building renovation 'ball rolling' in the city with a visible renovation project at a local high school, the Kazio Griniaus High School in the heart of the city. The results of the renovation are monitored using the "Display" posters, which already showed a significant improvement in 2005, compared to 2003.



Kaunas city center



Display campaign

The renovation of the school building contributes to the implementation of the "Energy Performance of Building Directive". Furthermore, the renovation is also part of Kaunas City Municipality's activities in the European Energy Award and it forms part of the city's Energy 21 project under the Agenda 21 programme. The Display project is the first step in Lithuania and especially in Kaunas; there are no similar projects in other Lithuanian cities. (Text taken from www.display-campaign.org)

For further Information:

EU project DISPLAY www.display-campaign.org

Kaunas Regional Energy Agency www.krea.lt

Dates

Thursday, November 5, 2009: General Assembly of the Forum European Energy Award e.V.

The meeting will take place in Paris, France. Please prebook this date.

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