

An Energienstadt GOLD label city on Lake Zurich

Küsnacht, located on the beautiful shores of Lake Zurich, is home to over 13 000 people. They cherish the variety of the municipality: all of the different neighbourhoods are leafy and well-groomed but each has its own character and qualities. The same applies to the hamlets up on the slopes of Küsnacht mountain and the Forch site with its Soldiers' Monument.

The diversity of Küsnacht is also reflected in the wide range of leisure activities available, with over 60 associations enabling old and young to take part in a host of different sporting and cultural activities. Whether plays, concerts, the fair, the village market or sporting events such as shooting competitions, ice hockey and football matches, there is always something going on. And in summer, everyone has time for a dip in the lake!

Küsnacht is only 12 minutes by S-Bahn from Zurich-City, and Zurich-airport can be reached in half an hour. The fast transport connections help to make Küsnacht an ideal place to live and work.

To ensure that these advantages do not disappear, the municipal authorities act in accordance with the principles of sustainability. The town uses natural resources sparingly and is always seeking energy efficiency. Unsurprisingly, that Küsnacht has been awarded repeatedly the Energienstadt GOLD label for its progressive energy policies!

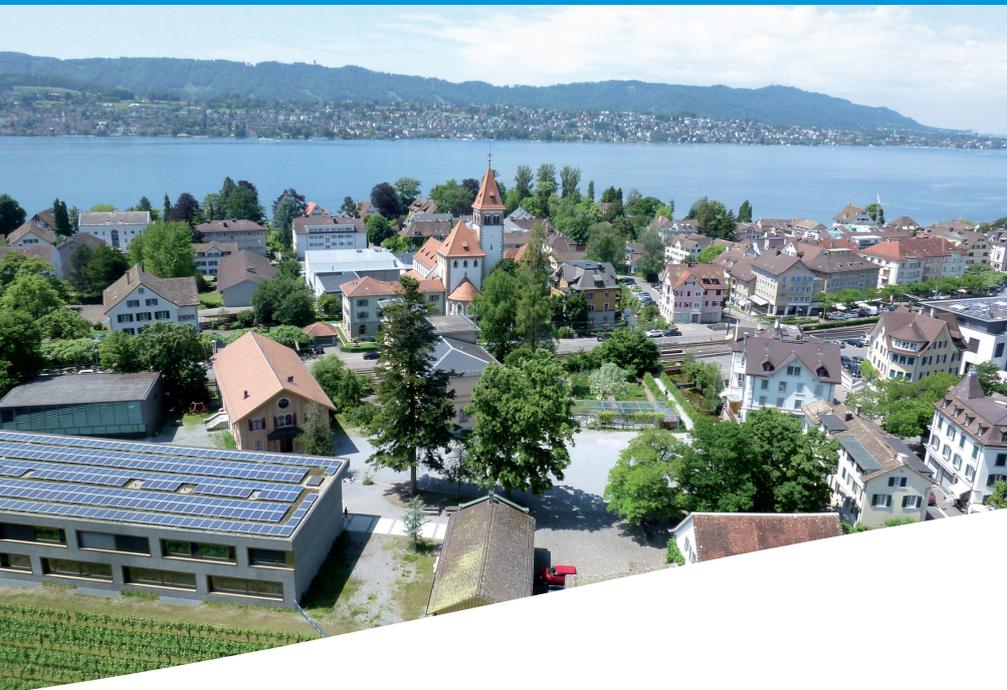
Energy policy highlights

- Küsnacht has worked out a concept with long-term goals, which it adopted in 2010 as the «Municipal Energy Policy – Vision 2050»;
- To date, the energy support programme has backed over 180 projects since the town joined the Energienstadt programme;
- The town has introduced energy data monitoring at municipal level, whereby CO₂ reductions are calculated every two years and compared with target figures;
- Over the past four years, Küsnacht has brought all municipal buildings, including the Tägerhalden retirement home, into line with the MINERGIE building standard.

Facts and figures

Municipality:..... Küsnacht
Canton:..... Zurich
Population:..... 13'485
Area:..... 12,35 km²
Internet:..... www.kuesnacht.ch

Joined the Energienstadt programme:..... 2001
First certification:..... 2004
Second certification:..... 2008
Third certification:..... 2010 (GOLD)
Fourth certification:..... 2014 (GOLD)





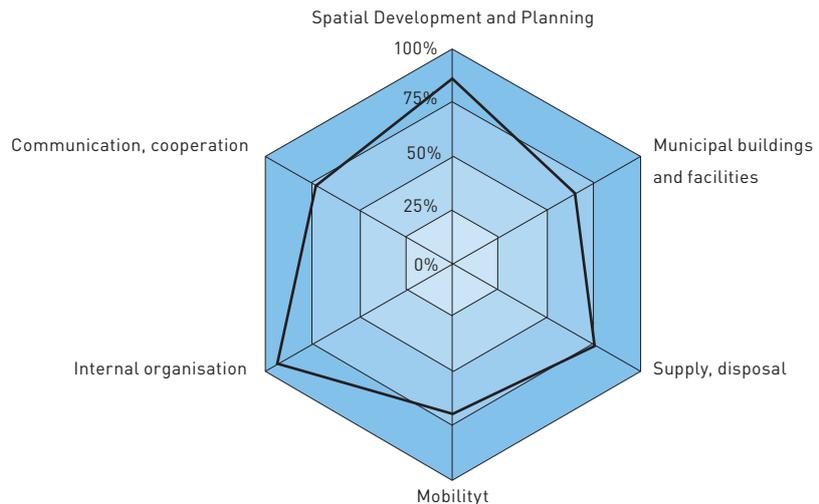
Think global, act local

«As an individual municipality, we can't solve the global energy problem. What we do want to do is to create conditions which will enable our population to live in a sustainable manner. To this end, in its <Municipal Energy Policy – Vision 2015>, the municipality of Küssnacht has laid down the target of reducing CO₂ emissions to 2.2 tonnes per person per annum by the year 2050.

The Energiestadt programme is helping us to achieve this ambitious goal. The Energiestadt professionals provide invaluable know-how for planning and implementing measures. Through a lively dialogue with other Energiestadt municipalities, new ideas and joint actions emerge. Regular audits ensure that we too continue to develop and improve even after 10 years of Energiestadt certification. We think global and act local – right here at home in Küssnacht!»

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Energy policy profile in 2014



The spider chart shows the development already implemented by the municipality in each of the six sectors of the range of measures as a percentage of the total for action. To obtain the Energiestadt label, the municipality must have implemented or planned 50% of its potential. The score needed to obtain the European Energy Award®Gold label is 75%. In 2014, the Küssnacht municipality achieved a level of 76%.

The next steps

During the coming years, Küssnacht intends:

- to implement the revised energy plan and to ensure that the targets are met.
- to continue with the energy policy programme launched during the previous legislature and geared to the reduction of CO₂ emissions and electricity consumption as well as increased use of renewable energy sources.
- to step up counselling and information, with a view to highlighting energy as a topic.

- to use lake water energy for district heating purposes.

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What does the Energiestadt label stand for?

The Energiestadt label is a certificate developed in Switzerland and extended to the European level in the form of the European Energy Award®. The label is awarded to municipalities which have instituted quality management for the implementation of their energy and development policies. The award was conceived within the framework of the SwissEnergy programme for the Confederation. In this way, the Swiss

Federal Office for Energy (SFOE) promotes the implementation of national energy policy in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energies. Through the sub-programme entitled SwissEnergy for Municipalities, the SFOE systematically supports projects at the municipal level. The owner of the label is the Energiestadt Association.