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General Assembly Forum European Energy Award e.V. 2006 in Zürich

The 3rd General Assembly of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. was held on November 10, 2006, in Zürich.

The Forum is formed by the nations and regions participating in the eea®. These are the following countries with the number of awarded communities (status end of 2005):

Austria	20 eea® communities
France	0 eea® communities
Germany	18 eea® communities
Ireland	2 eea® communities
Italy	1 eea® community
Liechtenstein	1 eea® community
Lithuania	1 eea® community
Switzerland	127 eea® communities

The Netherlands and the Czech Republic participate in a pilot phase in the eea®.



European Energy Award®Gold for 2 new cities



This year 2 cities from Switzerland were awarded the European Energy Award®Gold: the City of Baden with 75.4% and the City of Basel with 76.2%. Congratulations! In total, there are now 13 communities certified with the European Energy Award®Gold.

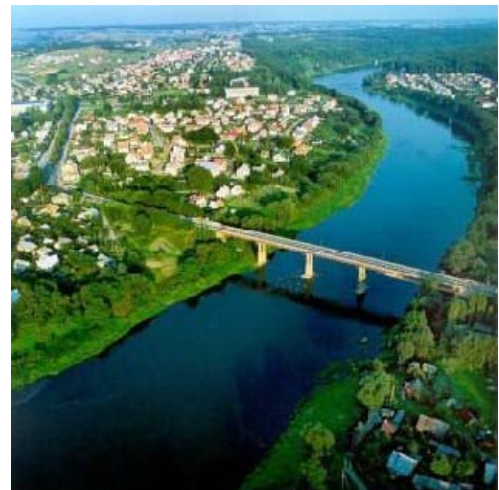
<http://www.baden.ch>

http://www.basel.ch/de/basel/stadt_basel

European Energy Award for a 2nd town in Lithuania

On the occasion of the General Assembly, a second town in Lithuania, the City of Alytus, was awarded the European Energy Award® with 56.7%. Congratulations!

<http://www.alytus.lt>



Exchange of experience between national/regional eea® offices

On the same day of the General Assembly an exchange of experience took place with discussions on the following two topics:

- *The eea® as a measure instrument for the EU Directive on energy end-use efficiency and energy services – possibilities for a common proceeding by the eea® partners*

The most important findings of the discussion were the following:

It is very important to promote the eea® as an instrument for the Directive in every nation! If ever possible, it should already be implemented in the first Energy Efficiency Action Plan, which has to be submitted by the countries on 30 June 2007. With the acceptance of the eea® as an instrument of the Directive, the funding of eea® activities might become much easier. The international eea® office will provide the national eea® offices with an argumentation help.

- *Additional services of the Forum for European Energy Award®Gold communities*

The promotion of good-practice examples and products from eea® municipalities (not only from European Energy Award®Gold cities) is wished by the national and regional eea® offices.

The EU project “Balance globally – evaluate locally” started at the beginning of 2006 and aims at implementing the European Energy Award in new countries (Netherlands and Czech Republic), at developing and testing tools to evaluate the energy and CO₂ saving potentials at municipal level and at elaborating schemes for voluntary agreements between local and regional bodies as well as CO₂ town twinning projects.

On November 27 – 28th 2006 the 3rd Balance partner meeting was held in Dublin, where the actual status of work was defined.

- The development of tools resp. methodologies for the top-down and bottom-up evaluation of energy and CO₂ saving potentials is quite advanced and they will soon be tested by about 20 municipalities from Europe. Any municipalities from Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Ireland, Italy and Lithuania which are interested in testing the tools are welcome to contact the national eea® office.
- The eea® assessment tool has been translated to Dutch and Czech. 7 communities in the Netherlands and 3 communities in the Czech Republic will now start with the eea® programme.
- There is the idea to establish CO₂ town twinning projects between eea® communities from different countries. Therefore there will be held an exchange of experience in Kaunas (Li) in Mai 2007.

For further information: <http://www.european-energy-award.org/EU-Project-Balance.57.0.html>

The good example of the eea® city Winterthur (Switzerland)



In his film *An inconvenient truth* Al Gore tries to persuade the public that global warming is not only a political issue, but one of the biggest challenges facing the global civilization.

The eea® city of Winterthur agrees with this statement and invited everyone to watch the movie for free during one week. The moviegoers arrived plentifully. Other eea® cities in Switzerland joined the activity and invited their inhabitants or school classes to the cinema for free. The eea® cities co-operated with cinemas and local sponsors in order to be able to finance the events.

Dates

- **April 24, 2007: Conference on municipal climate policy in Holland**
Any representatives of the Forum European Energy Award are welcome to this one-day conference, where the European Energy Award will be presented to the Dutch communities. Please contact Maxim Luttmer for further information (maxim.luttmer@ecofys.nl)
- **October 24, 2007: General Assembly of the Forum European Energy Award e.V.**
The meeting will presumably take place in Vienna, please prebook this date.

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