



General Assembly of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. 2009 in Paris

Almost 40 representatives from five European countries attended the General Meeting of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. on 5th November 2009 in Paris. ADEME, the French environment and energy management agency, represents the interests of the European Energy Award® in France and is responsible for its successful implementation nationwide. Host Jacques Ravallaut, Director of the Regional Actions department at ADEME, stressed the agency's enormous interest in making the eea a success in France and, in this context, emphasized the importance of an intensive exchange of ideas with other participating countries.



The participants of the General Assembly 2009



Awarding of European Energy Award® Gold cities for outstanding efforts.

Cornelia Brandes, Head of the Forum's international office, presented figures reflecting the association's success: at the end of December 2008, 581 municipalities in ten European countries were already working with the European Energy Award®. In 2009, the number even raised to 755.

To underline the importance of the role played by the municipalities in European climate and energy policy, the European Energy Award e.V. Forum presented supplementary awards to a number of municipalities successful in the European Energy Award® Gold Audit in 2009. Representatives of the municipalities of Luzern (Switzerland), Wolfurt (Austria) and Münster (Germany) received these from Adi Gross, the Forum's Vice-President.

"Without the extremely hard work and effort of the municipalities, it would be impossible to implement the EU's climate protection targets by 2020. With the European Energy Award, communities in Europe are making an enormous contribution to achieving this goal," summed up Armand Dütz at the end of the prize-giving ceremony.

The next General Assembly of the Forum European Energy Award® e.V. will take place on 3rd November 2010 in Vienna.

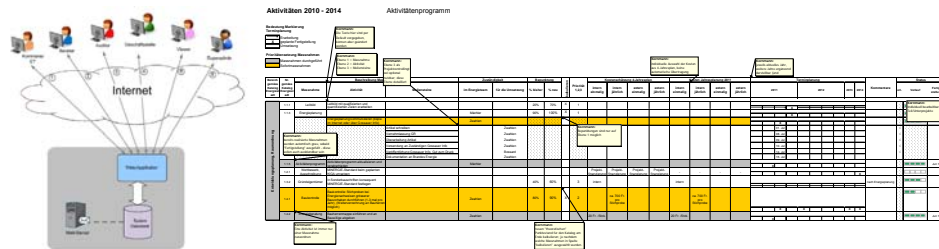
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Activities for the eea assessment tool on the Internet

Since 2009 there is an intensive discussion on preparing an internetbased application of the eea assessment tool. To structure this discussion, a specification sheet including all requirements has been developed. During different meetings of the CL GmbH (who will lead the project and assure the financing of the tool) and the Board of the Forum this specification sheet has been adapted and completed. Based on this result, a restricted call for tenders is now opened. The work on the internet-based assessment tool will be supervised by a steering group established by the Forum European Energy Award e.V.



User-structure and specification sheet for the part „activity program“ in the eea assessment tool

The members of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. will be informed about further details during the General Assembly 2010.



Revision 2010 of the content of the eea assessment tool

In addition to the technical adaptations, a revision of the contents of the eea assessment tool has been started. The national and regional offices have been invited to submit their ideas and propositions for adapting the content of the assessment tool. The following key aspects have been identified:

- including more “climate change topics”
- more focus on long term goals like 2000 Watt, Covenant of Mayors etc.
- including more “participative” measures (esp. restructuring chapter 6)

Principally the new version should

- be more clear concerning the content and focus of the measures
- structure all chapters by starting with concepts, strategies, than implementation
- avoid duplication, also by merging measures
- erase or adapt old-fashioned measures

The harmonised version, developed by the International office based on the propositions sent was discussed during the International calibration day on 6th/7th September 2010. A common version was agreed and now the new assessment tool will soon be ready for translation and for adapting the assessment guidance.

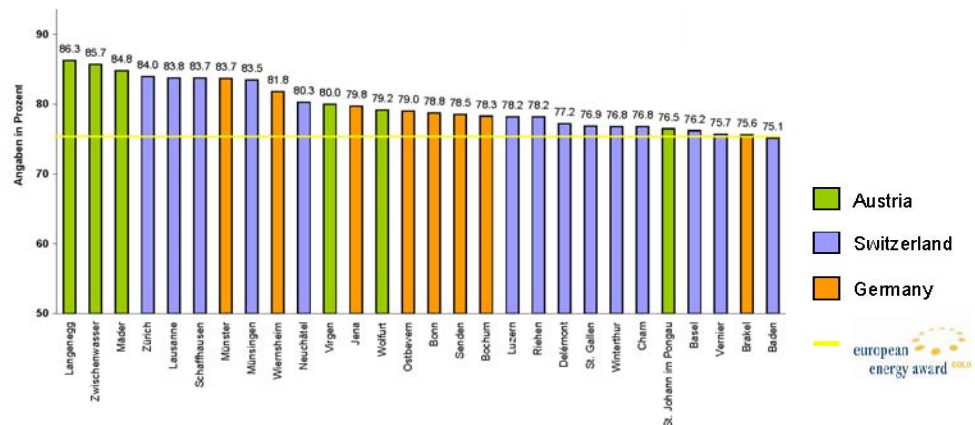
European Energy Award® in Europe



European Energy Award®Gold in 2009

In 2009 the cities **Brakel (D)**, **Bochum (D)**, **Luzern (CH)**, **Münsingen (CH)**, **St. Johann im Pongau (A)**, **Vernier (CH)**, **Virgen (A)**, and **Wolfurt (A)** were awarded for the first time with the European Energy Award®Gold.

The cities **Langenegg (A)**, **Mäder (A)**, **Münster (D)**, **Ostbevern (D)** and **Zwischenwasser (A)** could confirm their former certification with the European Energy Award®Gold and were reawarded. **Congratulations!**



European Commission recognizes the European Energy Award® (eea)

Following the second Covenant of Mayors ceremony which took place on 4th May 2010 at the European Parliament in Brussels, a letter of recognition was handed over from Mr Roman Doubrava, DG Energy, to a delegation of members from the Forum European Energy Award e.V. and mayors from eea cities that signed up to the Covenant of Mayors on that day. Roman Doubrava praised the practicality of the quality management system and emphasized, that eea is an “excellent implementation tool for the CoM”. The Commission stated its intention to recognize the steps taken by the eea in connection with a CO₂ balance emission inventory as a joint package to meet the requirements for the Covenant of Mayors’ Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP). This will encourage eea cities to sign up to the Covenant of Mayors, to reduce CO₂ emissions, as well as the time and effort which is required to set up an SEAP.

Heimo Bürbaumer, board member of the Forum European Energy Award® e.V., expressed his thanks to the Commission and emphasized that the harmonisation of the eea to SEAP requirements is currently underway and that all adjustment steps are closely communicated with DG Energy and the Commission’s Joint Research Centre (JRC).



Handing over ceremony with R. Doubrava (right) and H. Bürbaumer (middle)

For further information: www.eumayors.com



European Project come2CoM

come2CoM aims to promote the Covenant of Mayors within Europe by empowering cities and municipalities to prepare a baseline emissions inventory and a Sustainable Energy Action Plan. come2CoM intends to positively exploit the regional and local networks of the partners to get in touch with the decision-makers of the cities and to assist them to curb their CO₂ emissions by at least 20 % by 2020. Support will be given through individual consultations with the relevant cities' decision-makers and through seminars.

European Energy Award® will play an important role in this context, as it is the first and up to now only methodology which has been recognised by the Commission as excellent tool for implementing the CoM. The project is lead by the German eea office B&SU mbH.

The partner consortium consists of partners from Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden and UK .

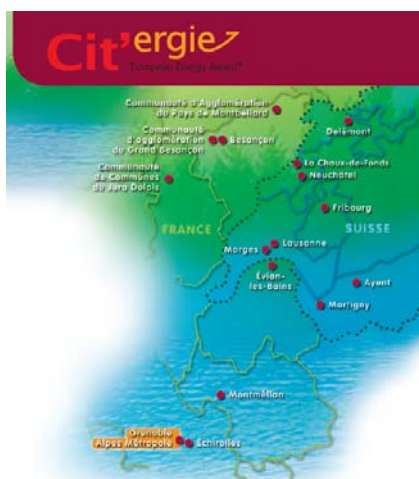
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eea for regions

In 2010, Austria started a pilot phase for preparing a European Energy Award® for regions. Based on the experiences of other countries, like Germany, an „e5 region project“ is proceeding. In Germany, a model test has been successfully finished end of 2009. Now first test auditings are carried out. Three German regions - Gütersloh, Ravensburg and Warendorf - exceeded already the 50% barrier.

In France, the eea for regions (here: intercommunalité) is already a very important part of the program. In 2007, with Grénoble Alpes Métropole, the first intercommunalité in Europe has been certified.



Energy team of the „Landkreis“ (region) Gütersloh (left in front eea advisor Rainer Tippkötter, right in front Leonard Meyer, eea office Germany).

Activities in the European Energy Award® countries



Gold for Austria

Top in Europe - three Austrian municipalities are heading the benchmark of the European Energy Award® in Europe. On 19th February 2010 in Bregenz, more than thirty cities have been awarded, among them 3 with the Gold Label.

The Austrian minister for environment Nikolaus Berlakovich focused in his speech on the climate policy in relation to the Copenhagen summit. He emphasized the importance of the local level for achieving an energy turnaround „My vision is the energy autarky for Austria. Especially the municipalities are the motor to accelerate the change in climate policy“ He especially mentioned the support of a setup of „model energy regions“ by the national climate and energy fund. In addition, municipalities receive financial funding within the klima:aktiv program.

The three communes of Langenegg, Mäder and Zwischenwasser (all Vorarlberg) could confirm their former Gold-status and now are leading the ranking of more than 755 European cities.



from left: Bruno Oberhuber – Office Energie Tirol, Heimo Bürbaumer - Office e5 Österreich, Minister Nikolaus Berlakovich, mayor of Volders Maximilian Harb, e5-Teamleader of Volders Horst Wessiak



from left: Cornelia Brandes - International Office of the Forum European Energy Award e.V., Minister Nikolaus Berlakovich, e5-Energy commissioner Mario Nussbaumer, Mayor of Langenegg Georg Moosbrugger, LR Schwärzler (Vorarlberg)

More information

www.e5-gemeinden.at, www.klima-aktiv.at



MEDEEA— eea in the Mediterranean area

The project MEDEEA, lead by the Italian eea-partner ARE Liguria, intends to implement the eea in Mediterranean countries. Aim is to reach an go beyond the „20-20-20“ goals of European energy policy. Partners involved in the project are from Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Slovenia, Spain and Portugal.

The project will start in October 2010. For further information on the project and the eea in Liguria please contact:

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Overall, the eea is implemented in about 50 municipalities in 4 Italian regions: besides Liguria in Tuscany, Piedmont, Aosta Valley.

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Activities in the European Energy Award® countries



New challenges for the Swiss eea municipalities

In Switzerland, the European Energy Award® is supported by the Swiss government and its program "SwissEnergy for municipalities". After 20 years of support and a 10 years period of the program, a renewal of the program is upcoming for 2011. The administration and the politicians have signed that the program is to continue. New requests and new goals can be incorporated and new momentum gained with this new start, but the proven concepts, partnerships and tools shall be continued. More than 400 participating Swiss municipalities prove the success. We are looking forward to 2011!

In the new period, the vision of the 2000 Watt society will play an important role regarding the goals to be achieved by the Swiss eea cities. The vision of the 2000 Watt society includes a restriction to 1 ton CO₂ emissions per person and year and about 17'500 kWh primary energy until the year of 2150 - a third of what is used today. The concept has been confirmed in Swiss politics. Many of the Swiss cities that have received the Energiestadt Label have already committed themselves to these goals and have defined a reduction path to approach these goals step-by-step.

For further information:
http://www.energiestadt.ch/d/2000_Watt_Gesellschaft.php



The dream continues...

27 local authorities from France and Switzerland are engaged in the REVE d'Avenir project to face the energy and climate challenge. The project is unique in the sense that it mobilises the 27 local authorities involved (with their 3.3 million inhabitants) around common actions linked to the European energy and climate objectives, the 3x20.

In addition, it highlights these actions on the «3x20 platform». This web portal allows to suggest measures, to share information in a geo-localised way as well as to visualise the energy and CO₂ savings obtained thanks to the awareness-raising and hands-on activities of all actors.

All participating local authorities have signed the Covenant of Mayors and are participating in their national European Energy Award® program. One important work during the project will be to elaborate proposals to strengthen the climate topic within the eea. The REVE d'Avenir project has been launched following the huge success of REVE Jura-Léman.

For further information: www.citergie.fr www.3x20.org



Activities in the European Energy Award® countries



More than 200 eea-municipalities in Germany!

The municipality of Kißlegg in the region of Ravensburg (Baden-Württemberg) is the 200th city in Germany being awarded with the European Energy Award®. The minister for environment of Baden-Württemberg, Tanja Gönner emphasized the importance of the program: "the European Energy Award® is a success story in this region of Germany - thanks to municipalities with a high engagement in energy issues which is worth to be awarded!"

Also in Bavaria, municipalities are successful in energy policy: on 5th of July 2010, ten bavarian cities received the European Energy Award® in the „house of architecture“ in Munich. The regional trustee, the Bavarian ministry for Energy and Climate Protection Policy, supported the pilot phase in the region with 150.000 Euro. Awarded municipalities are:

- in Upper Bavaria (Oberbayern): Haar, Hohenbrunn, Markt Murnau am Staffelsee, Oberhaching
- in Lower Bavaria (Niederbayern): Ascha
- in Mittelfranken: Herzogenaurach (see picture)
- in Schwaben: Donauwörth, Pfronten, Wasserburg (Bodensee), Wildpoldsried



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Last but not least some more impressions from the General Assembly 2009. Looking forward to meet you again in Vienna!



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