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**The European Energy Award® is a certification and quality management system for municipalities across Europe that contributes significantly to improvements in energy efficiency, reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions and increased usage of renewable energies.**



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

■ ordinary members of the Forum  
■ model test/pilot municipalities

In summer 2011 three new countries decided to implement the European Energy Award®: the Principality of Monaco, Luxembourg and Hungary. By the end of 2010, 848 municipalities from all over Europe participated in the European Energy Award® program, 417 of them are certified with the eea.



### International Calibration Day of the Forum 2011 in Genoa

The International Calibration Day 2011 took place on 22nd and 23rd September 2011 in Genoa. Main topic of the meeting was the finalisation and adaptation of the revised assessment tool. This has also been an important topic during the meeting of the Board of the Forum which was held on 10th June 2011 in Zurich.

The participants of the Calibration Day from Austria, Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland, Hungary and Luxembourg discussed the experiences collected during this years test phase. All participants agreed the opinion of the Board that the new version is much more consistent but on the other hand also much more demanding for the municipalities. The additional focus on the climate topic and also the demand for counting and proving effects makes it more severe for municipalities to get points.

The representatives of the countries which work for more than 10 years with the eea are especially satisfied with that. They agree that this step was necessary to keep the European Energy Award® up to date and to guarantee that certified municipalities are leaders in energy and climate topics in Europe.



*The participants from all over Europe during the International Calibration Day 2011 in Genoa (Italy)*

The year 2012 will be dedicated to the implementation of the new assessment tool and a test phase of the assessment guidance. The experiences with this test phase, and also the discussion on the demands of the assessment guidance in the different countries will be the main topics of the next International Calibration Day.

Note: The next International Calibration Day of the Forum will take place on **27th and 28th September 2012 in Luxembourg.**

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### New developments: assessment tool on the Internet— the “eea Management Tool”

The works on the internet-based version of the eea assessment tool are ongoing. In April 2011 a technical workshop marked the starting point for the development. A steering group formed by the Board of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. accompanies the work of the software engineers “Wienfluss” from Austria. Weisskopf Partner AG from Zurich coordinates the project.

In the last months, wireframes (= drafts illustrating the structure and function of the platform) have been prepared to check and develop the different use cases. With the internet-based version it will be possible for advisors, auditors, representatives of the municipalities and national/regional offices to share and check documents online. Every user will receive different access authorisations, adequate to his or her requirements.

Gemeinde	Status	Letztes Audit	Ergebnis	Re-Audit
Altach	EEA	2008	50%	2012
Bregenz	EEA	2009	55%	2013
Burs	EEA	2011	60%	2015
Dornbirn	EEA Gold	2011	75%	2015
Feldkirch	EEA Gold	2011	80%	2015
Fratanz	EEA	2009	53%	2013
Gaschurn	Partner am Weg			2011
Großes Walsertal	EEA	2011	50%	2015
Götzis	EEA	2008	55%	2012
Hittisau	EEA	2009	60%	2013
Hörbranz	EEA	2008	50%	2012
Krnmbach	EEA	2009	55%	2013
Langenegg	EEA Gold	2011	80%	2015
Lauterach	Partner am Weg			2013
Lochau	Partner am Weg			2014
Ludesch	EEA	2009	50%	2013
Lustenau	EEA	2008	55%	2012
Mäder	EEA	2009	60%	2013
Nenzig	EEA	2011	50%	2012
Nüziders	EEA	2008	55%	2012

Example for the design for the eea Management tool

Additional features will be offered, like a standardised activity program, samples for easing the reporting and improvement of data exchange. In addition, the internet-based version will include the possibility of tracking indicators and preparing them for a presentation and the calculation of effects. With this additional feature, it will become easier to follow-up the development in the municipality.

The release of the core elements of the eea Management tool is planned for February 2012. All additional features will be available about two months later. All members of the Forum and national and regional offices will be kept updated by the International Office and informed about planned trainings (forseen for spring 2012).

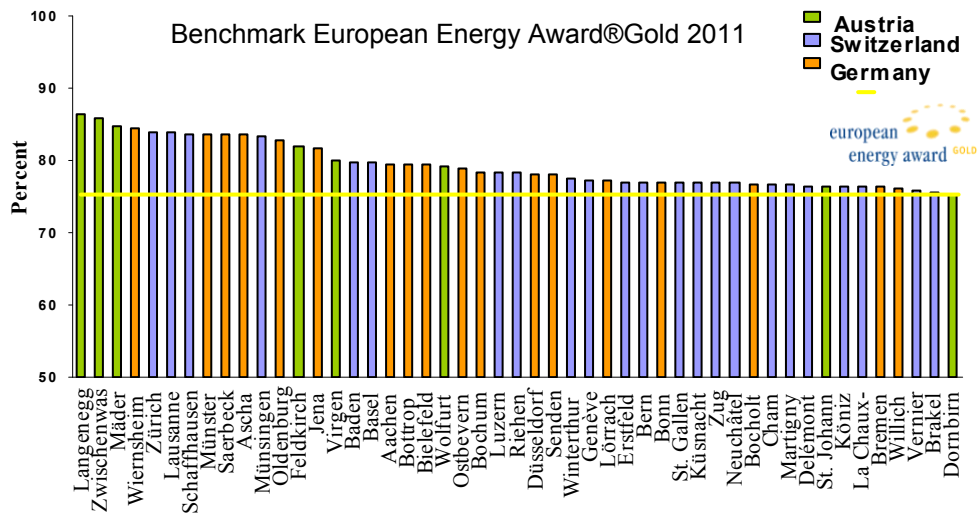
## Highlights from the European Energy Award® countries



### European Energy Award® Gold 2011

Based on the recommendation of the International Calibration Day the Board of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. agreed on the certifications of: **Aachen, Bocholt, Willich (all D), Dornbirn and Feldkirch (A) as well as Erstfeld, Köniz, La Chaux-de-Fonds and Zug (CH).**

In addition, the following municipalities have been re-awarded with Gold: **Bonn, Senden and Wiernsheim (all D), Delémont and Wintherthur (CH).**  
**Congratulations!**



### Journée de l'énergie 2011 in Berne

Once a year, the Swiss Federal Office of Energy invites the members of the Swiss Association of the European Energy Award to the capital, Berne to celebrate this year's (re-)certifications.



Daniel Büchel (Swiss Federal Office of Energy) congratulates the Swiss „Energienstadt“ municipalities

On 28th September, about 80 Swiss communities received their label and an acknowledgment for their engagement for an innovative energy policy from the new leader of the Swiss supporting programme for the European Energy Award, Daniel Büchel. Greeting words by Ueli König, the director of the association of Swiss communities, and by Helmut Strasser from Austria focussing on the aspects of Smart Cities, as well as examples from excellent Swiss projects completed the event.

For further information: [www.energienstadt.ch](http://www.energienstadt.ch)

## Highlights from the European Energy Award® countries



### 10 years European Energy Award® !!!

On October 13<sup>th</sup> the ten years' anniversary of European Energy Award® was celebrated together with about 300 guests from Germany and all over Europe.

The ceremony took place in the first evening of the congress "energy in municipality" hosted by the Energy Agency of North-Rhine Westphalia, at the site where eea was born 10 years ago - in the historic city hall of Wuppertal, where the first municipalities have been awarded with the European Energy Award® in 2001.

At the occasion of the evening, Armand Dütz, Head of the German Office of the European Energy Award®, thanked all the stakeholders of eea - mayors, members of the energy-teams, consultants, auditors and members of the national and regional agencies as well as the international partners - for their support.



*Minister J. Remmel honours the awarded municipalities (e.g. Dortmund, Emmerich) in Wuppertal*

"All of them have been significantly involved to bring the European Energy Award® to success and thus are the heart of eea." Further he pointed out "that without these people in the eea it would not have been possible to turn eea into what it is today: a quality management system which allows municipalities to optimise continuously their energy and climate protection policies."

Thanks to all these efforts, in Germany already 230 cities, municipalities and counties use the eea to analyse, manage and control their processes in the municipal energy sector. These municipalities make a significant contribution to the energy turnaround in Germany and, according to Johannes Remmel, Minister for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Consumer Protection of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia, "they are role models for effective climate protection".

During the event, the four pilot municipalities Bielefeld, Lörrach, Solingen and Wuppertal were honoured with a special award for their ten years' participation in European Energy Award®. The award was presented by Minister Johannes Remmel as well as representatives of European Energy Award®, Armand Dütz and Helmut Strasser. In this context Children from the 3rd class of primary school of Wuppertal presented the different energy projects of the honoured cities.

Furthermore, 14 cities and municipalities in North Rhine-Westphalia and one municipality of Bavaria were awarded with the European Energy Award® or European Energy Award®Gold.

For further information:

[www.european-energy-award.de](http://www.european-energy-award.de)

[www.eea.nrw.de](http://www.eea.nrw.de)



### European Energy Award® to be launched in Luxembourg

Luxembourg targets a 20% cut in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 in comparison to 2005. To achieve this goal, the Luxembourg government is aware that it needs strong local partners like the municipalities. It has hence decided to develop an offer – the so-called climate pact – for municipalities which are expected to take a leading role in the fight against climate change in return of a national support.

Following this decision, myenergy ([www.myenergy.lu](http://www.myenergy.lu)), the national structure for information and advice on energy efficiency and renewable energies, was assigned by the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure to design a concept for the climate pact. In search of an adequate instrument, the European Energy Award® quickly came into focus. Its holistic approach in terms of themes and targets, its quality management process as well as its tools like the catalogue of measures make it a perfect instrument for guiding the municipalities in their climate protection efforts. The launch of the climate pact, based on the European Energy Award® process, is now scheduled for early 2012. By signing the climate pact, each participating municipality will commit itself to implement the eea process on its territory. Participation will be voluntary and it will be up to the municipalities to decide when to join the climate pact.



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Three levels of certification will be introduced. Additionally to the internationally harmonised European Energy Award® (50% of achievable points) and the European Energy Award® Gold (75% of achievable points), an entry level of 40% has been defined nationally in order to motivate many municipalities to join – also those who might still be at an early stage of implementing climate change mitigation actions. In consideration of the large number of small municipalities in Luxembourg (59 of 116 municipalities have less than 2.000 inhabitants), regional cooperations will be possible and even encouraged in these municipalities. Nevertheless each municipality will have to sign an individual agreement and will be evaluated separately.

The participating municipalities will benefit from both technical and financial support. By mandate of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, myenergy – who is the license holder of the European Energy Award® in Luxembourg – is currently adapting and will later manage the eea in the framework of the climate pact.

*The old town of Luxembourg*

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### European Energy Award® in Hungary

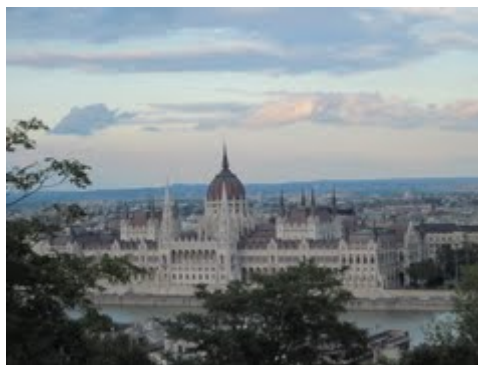
The challenging targets on energy efficiency and renewable energy production for Hungary until 2020 have identified a strong need for implementing an energy and climate program for municipalities. The company Negos, which has a lot of experiences in the sector of industrial energy efficiency programs, like the Virtual Power Plant Program, started in 2011 to investigate about possible programs for Hungarian municipalities. It came out very quickly that the best solution would be the implementation of the European Energy Award®.

In summer 2011 meetings with different representatives from the Hungarian Parliament, the ministries, possible advisors and energy service companies took place. The positive feedback gained in this meetings on the European Energy Award® program led to the decision to sign a licensing agreement for the eea in Hungary.

Based on the experiences already gained and the extensive network existing, Negos as the national licensee will now adapt the eea system to Hungarian circumstances. Currently the assessment guidance is going to be adapted.

Thanks to the activities of the European Energy Award®Gold city of Lucerne, a first pilot municipality could be found. The municipality of Szentgotthard, partner city of Lucerne, will start with the eea process in autumn.

In spring 2012 an “open day” in the Parliament is planned to present the first results with the implementation of the eea system and to find additional municipalities to start with the eea.



For further information: [www.negos.hu](http://www.negos.hu) *The house of parliament, Budapest*



### European Energy Award® in Monaco

In 2011, the principality of Monaco decided to implement European Energy Award under their own national label. The positive experiences gained during their work with the Energiestadt program in the last years and the successful implementation of eea („Cit'ergie“) in France motivated them to take the efforts to adapt the system to the national circumstances.

A challenge— the principality of Monaco is a city state and therefore a special system for the process, the auditing and certification will be developed - in close cooperation with the partners from France and the International Office of the Forum European Energy Award e.V.

For further information:  
Direction de l'environnement  
[www.gouv.mc](http://www.gouv.mc)



*View on Monte Carlo, Principality of Monaco*



### How standards and labels contribute to reaching Energy Efficiency Targets

During the European Sustainable Energy Week 2011 in Brussels, the Mission of Switzerland together with CEN/CENELEC (European Committee for Standardization) carried out an event on standards and labels. The target of 20% reduction in energy consumption by improving energy efficiency is not a legally binding target. Forward-looking initiatives for cities, buildings or industry have been developed; however, doubts are sometimes expressed about the capacity of these voluntary measures to provide incentives to achieve the energy efficiency targets. The aim of this event was to provide examples of some concrete voluntary initiatives, share experiences and best practice examples, such as “European Energy Award”, or standards in the area of energy efficiency developed by CEN and CENELEC.

Robert Horbaty from the Association Energiestadt and Ursula Stämmer-Horst from the European Energy Award®Gold city Lucerne presented the system of European Energy Award to the participants. It was shown impressively, how municipalities can take responsibility on reaching energy and climate goals.

The presentations can be downloaded at:  
[www.cen.eu/cen/Sectors/Sectors/UtilitiesAndEnergy/Energy/Pages/EUSEW2011.aspx](http://www.cen.eu/cen/Sectors/Sectors/UtilitiesAndEnergy/Energy/Pages/EUSEW2011.aspx)



### ENERGYCITY conference in Murcia, Spain

The ENERGYCITY international conference ([www.energycity.es](http://www.energycity.es)) was held in Murcia on the 7th and 8th of April. This was organized by one of the medeea partners, ARGEM, together with the Region of Murcia. The medeea project aims to disseminate eea to Mediterranean countries. Project leader is ARE Liguria, the Italian partner in the eea for the region of Liguria.

The conference was dedicated to Energy Action at local level. As one of the main priorities in its role of Covenant of Mayors´ supporting structure, ARGEM is working side by side with all municipalities of the region of Murcia to help them developing their Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAP). The conference brought together energy policy International experts in the implementation of energy consumption reduction measures in cities.

Maren Kornmann from the International Office of the Forum presented European Energy Award® as an „excellent implementation tool“ in the context of the CoM. In addition a number of experienced European municipalities exposed their SEAP elaboration and implementation experiences and the benefits energy planning has brought to their cities.



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