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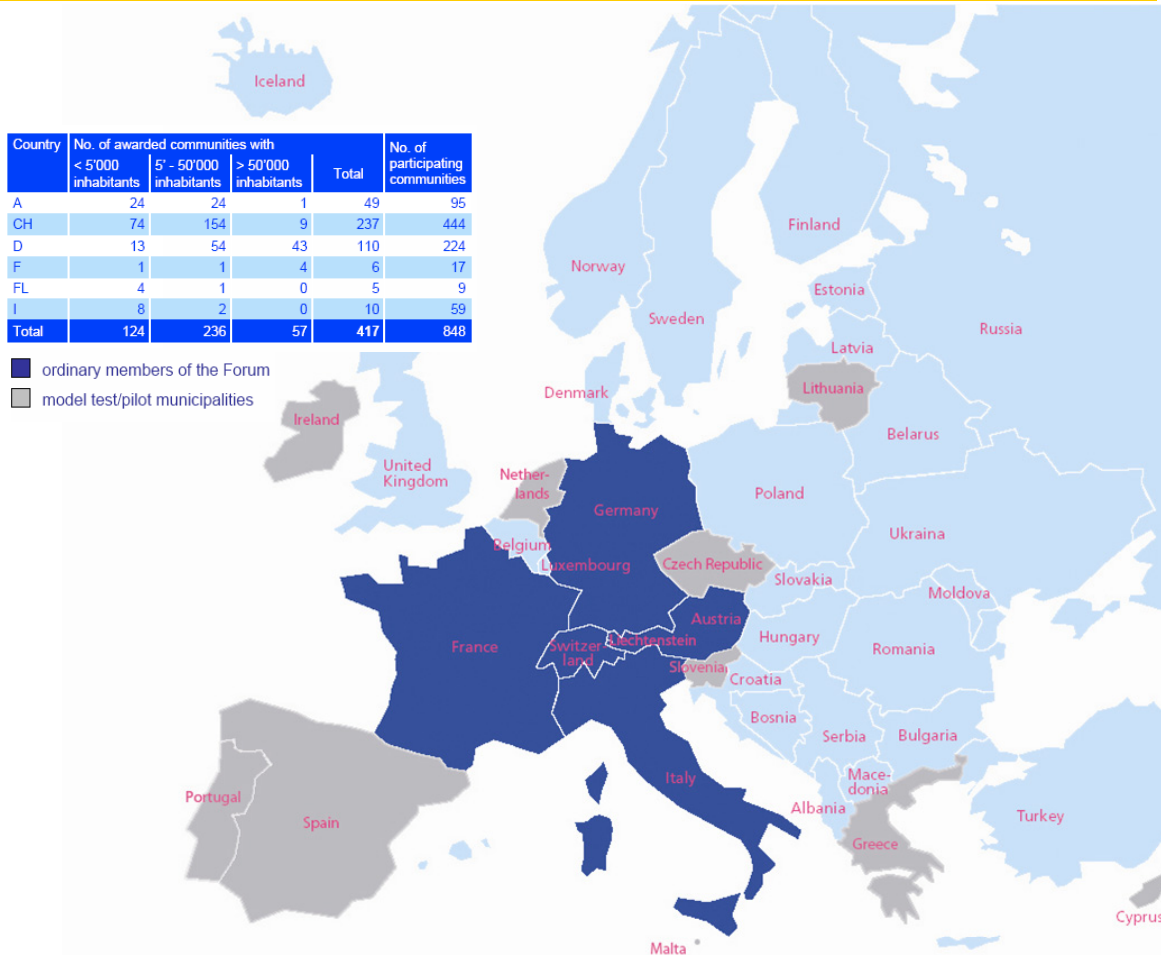


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The European Energy Award® is a certification and quality management system for municipalities across Europe that contribute significantly to improvements in energy efficiency, reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions and increased usage of renewable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



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

European Energy Award® covers nearly 25 Mio. European citizens. 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.

**Congratulations!**

### General Assembly of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. 2010 in Vienna

The General Meeting 2010 of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. took place on 3rd November 2010 in Vienna (A). Walter Steinmann, President of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. and Heimo Bürbaumer, representing the host Austrian Energy Agency, welcomed the participants. They underlined the special honour, that already 3 Gold municipalities (Luzern (CH), Münster and Wiernsheim (D)) made use of the new opportunity to become members in the Forum. Their input, experiences and support is of great importance for all members.



*Exchange of experience at the General Assembly 2010, chaired by Walter Steinmann, President of the Forum European Energy Award e.V.*

*Awarding for Langenegg: „Top position of European Energy Award® Gold cities“*

Cornelia Brandes from the International office of the Forum presented the activity report 2009. As in previous years, the year 2009 has also been a successful one: 755 municipalities in ten European countries are already working with the European Energy Award®. Until end of 2010, about 100 more are expected.

The participants of the General Assembly appreciated very much the presentations of two Austrian European Energy Award®Gold municipalities. Mayor Ruggenthaler (Virgen) and Mayor Moosbrugger (Langenegg) very impressively demonstrated, how small municipalities can implement an effective and innovative energy policy. Ruggenthaler considered the participation of the inhabitants to be an important factor for success. Otherwise the achieved average of 2 m<sup>2</sup> of thermal solar energy installations per inhabitant in Virgen would not have been possible. Moosbrugger agreed on that and added the important aspect of the local administrations' responsibility of being a "role model".

To point out the outstanding efforts of Langenegg by achieving the "top position of European Energy Award® Gold cities" with a result of 86% in the last audit, the Forum European Energy Award e.V. presented a special award to Mayor Ruggenthaler. Walter Steinmann handed over the award and thanked for the inspiring inputs.

**Note:**

**The next General Assembly of the Forum European Energy Award e.V. will take place on 9th November 2011 in Zurich (CH).**

### “eea-youngsters-Workshop” on communication topics

In October 2010, an “eea-youngsters-Workshop” took place in Berlin. It aimed to bring together the young and active eea-responsible to discuss the image of the eea and new ways of communication. The outcomes of the workshop were presented at the General Assembly 2010 in Vienna.

All of the participants from Germany, Austria and Switzerland agreed that the eea is a very useful, well developed and successfully applied instrument for local energy policy in the participating countries. As a vision, the eea should become the outstanding and “one and only” climate and energy policy program for municipalities in Europe. Hence, the future “roof-communication” will be absolutely crucial. The “youngsters” prepared propositions for improving the roof-communication, incl. website, brochures etc. They also emphasized the importance of an international exchange on the consultant’s level for sharing knowledge, developing new ideas and introducing new media. Mandated by the General Assembly, the “youngsters” will meet regularly incl. participants from Italy and France.



*The participants of the „eea-youngsters-Workshop“ (from left: P. Bussmann, C. Vasseur, M. Bischof, R. Bulgheroni, M. Kornmann, T. Blindenbacher, P. Reinecke, V. Sutter, W. Seidel, S. Huber, P. Gruber)*

### New developments:

#### Revision of the content of the eea assessment tool and internet-based version

During the international calibration day on 6th/7th September 2010 in Basel, all regional and international eea offices have been invited to revise the harmonised version of the assessment tool. In a two days workshop, each measure was checked and adjusted where necessary. Since end of 2010 the finalised English version of the tool is available! Thanks to all involved persons for the great efforts!

The new assessment tool consists of 78 measures. The total number of 500 points remained the same, as well as the 6 areas. Now, the national and regional offices in the different eea-countries are responsible for the translation of the tool and for preparing the respective assessment guidance which should be ready by the end of April 2011. Afterwards, a test phase with the new assessment tool will start. Experiences with the new tool will be exchanged during the International calibration day on 22nd/23rd September 2011. The new assessment tool should be officially come into force in January 2012.

From this date on, it is planned to have an internet-based version of the eea assessment tool available. The restricted call for tenders has been already closed and the offers are currently checked. The work on the internet-based assessment tool will be supervised by a steering group that will be established by the Forum.

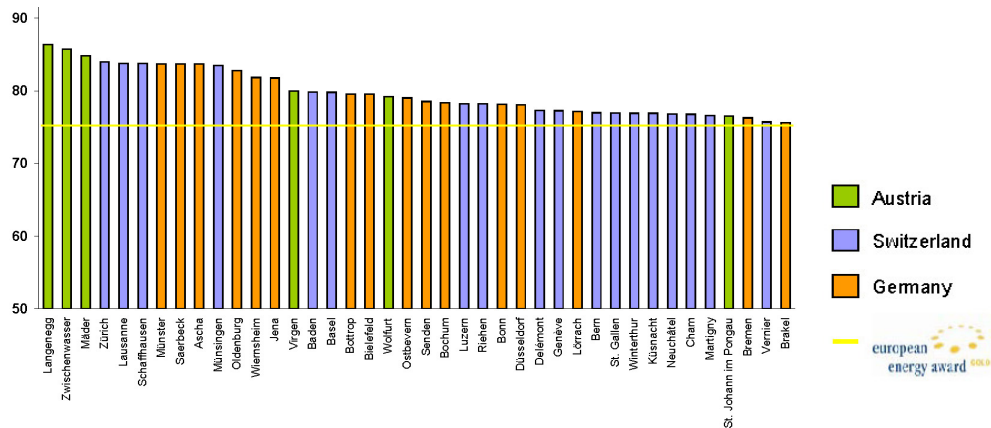
## European Energy Award® in Europe



### European Energy Award®Gold in 2010

In 2010 the cities **Ascha (D), Bern (CH), Bielefeld (D), Bottrop (D), Bremen (D), Düsseldorf (D), Genève (CH), Küsnacht (CH), Lörrach (D), Martigny (CH), Oldenburg (D) and Saerbeck (D)** were awarded for the first time with the European Energy Award®Gold.

The cities **Jena (D), Baden (CH), Basel (CH) and Neuchâtel (CH)** could confirm their former certification with the European Energy Award®Gold and were reawarded. **Congratulations!**



### Forum European Energy Award e.V. becomes supporting structure of CoM

In November 2010 the Forum European Energy Award e.V. has been acknowledged as “supporting structure” in the Covenant of Mayors (CoM). The EU Commission emphasizes the important role of the Forum to “work on local sustainable energy policies and climate protection promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy use.” The acknowledgement is the consequential continuation of the strong cooperation with the CoM as the European Energy Award® has already been recognised as excellent implementation tool for the aims of the CoM. **The eea-municipalities which signed CoM can now select “Forum European Energy Award e.V.” in their profile to indicate their network.**

The screenshot shows the website interface for the European Commission Energy. It features the Covenant of Mayors logo and the text: "Making a commitment to local sustainable energy". Below this, it lists "Supporting Structures" and includes the "Forum European Energy Award" as one of them. A brief description of the Forum is provided, stating it was founded in 2003 and supports the implementation of the European Energy Award® (eea), a standardised certification and quality management systems for cities to improve their energy policy at the local level.

With the acceptance as “supporting structure”, the Forum will be included into the International network of organisations which are supporting the CoM. The partners in Brussels will provide visible support to mayor conferences and events that the Forum European Energy Award e.V. is going to organise in relation to the Covenant of Mayors.

[http://www.eumayors.eu/support\\_structures/structure\\_en.php?id=122](http://www.eumayors.eu/support_structures/structure_en.php?id=122)

## Activities in the European Energy Award® countries



### Interreg IT-CH project acknowledged as “best project”

Last January during the presentation of the Interreg IT-CH new call for tenders, the management authority selected the project “EEA certificazione energetica europea per i Comuni, un progetto di buone pratiche” as the best one among the last call financed actions about energy issues. The official acknowledgment is based on the satisfying indicators in terms of energy and CO2 savings and commitment achieved by the action.

The team is composed by an ONG environmental association “Legambiente Piemonte e Valle d’Aosta”, SPES Consulting as eea office and Svizzera Energia; 50 municipalities from Piedmont and Aosta Valley regions and Ticino have been working for one year on the eea model. Thanks to the project several Italian municipalities are going to obtain the award in 2011.

Information on the project:  
[www.eeaincomune.it](http://www.eeaincomune.it)

For further information on the eea in Trentino Alto Adige, Tuscany, Aosta Valley and Piedmont please contact: Adriano Pessina, Chiara Tavella  
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### MEDEEA— eea in the Mediterranean area

The activities within the Medeea project developed throughout 2010 focused on the municipalities involvement in each partner region (Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain) and on training the technical experts who will lead the certification process across European countries.



Each partner has opened a call to identify 8 municipalities that will be supported with technical and financial aid for the implementation of the eea: thanks to the mentoring system provided by Liguria Region at least 3 of them will achieve the goal of the Medeea project. By means of energy audits, the set up of energy teams and stakeholders' involvement the municipalities will reach the eea label in 2013, moreover they will sign the CoM and prepare efficient SEAPs.

Meanwhile, in November 2010, the Medeea International Steering Committee meeting took place in Genoa. The project leader ARE Liguria in collaboration with the Forum European Energy Award e.V., has organized an “eea technical training session” about structure, functions and how to use the audit toolkit for the eea advisors.

Soon, the regional calls are to get off the second action phase, which will start under the aegis of the project motto “Energy Saving Cities”.



*Participants of the eea training session in Genoa*

For further information on the project and the eea in Liguria : Roberta Caspietra [casapietra@areliguria.it](mailto:casapietra@areliguria.it)

## Activities in the European Energy Award® countries

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### Education for sustainable local energy policy

In 2010, the education topic has been a very important one in Switzerland. The University of Applied Sciences in Muttenz (CH) is planning a „Certificate of Advances Studies“ based on the Label Energiestadt. The first test run will start in spring 2012. For further information visit <http://www.fhnw.ch/habg/weiterbildung/cas-energiestadt>. Also in 2010, the association Energiestadt offered for the first time a workshop designed especially for Energiestadt coordinators in the local administrations. Aim was to give support for the implementation of the during the Energiestadt process identified measures as well as for an applicable communication within the whole process.

For the presentations of the workshop and further information:  
<http://www.energiestadt.ch>



### Label Cit'ergie for Rennes and Nantes

During the 12th French energy symposium, taking place from 25th to 27th January 2011 in Grenoble, the certification ceremony for the new Labels Cit'ergie took place. Cit'ergie is the French version of the European Energy Award, supported by the French Energy Agency ADEME. In France, Cit'ergie acts as the operational support for the preparation of the „Plan Climate Territorial“, for the Agenda 21 actions in the energy sector, as well as for the commitments in the Covenant of Mayors. The label is embedded into the framework of the national working platform for environmental issues (“Grenelle Environnement”).

The region of Nice Côte d'Azur and the city of Dijon received the recognition as “CAP Cit'ergie”, for being on a good way to receive the label “Cit'ergie” in the near future. The cities of Nantes and Rennes were honoured with the Label “Cit'ergie”. It was after its adhesion to the Covenant of Mayors in September 2009 when Rennes decided to take part in the Cit'ergie process. The initial energy review within this process served as a sound basis for developing the Sustainable Energy Action Plan.



A video clip showing the label ceremony can be watched at:  
<http://www.citergie.ademe.fr/node/150>  
For further information:  
<http://www.citergie.fr>

*Awarding Ceremony in Grenoble  
from left: T. Onzon (CU Nice Côte d'Azur), J.-P. Masson (Dijon), P. van de Maele (ADEME), J.-L. Daubaire (Rennes) et P. Chiron (Nantes)*



## Activities in the European Energy Award® countries



### 100 awarded eea-municipalities in Germany!

The European Energy Award® is still growing in Germany. In 2010, a total of 64 certifications took place, including 9 European Energy Award®Gold certifications. 43 municipalities were awarded with the European Energy Award® in 2010; the remaining 21 municipalities will be awarded in 2011. A total of 100 municipalities in Germany have now been given the European Energy Award®.

The website [www.european-energy-award.de](http://www.european-energy-award.de) is being enhanced with new services such as videos about the eea, publications, benchmarks and graphics. All members of the European Energy Award®-program can access updates on new information, materials and tools in an internal area of the website.

In 2008, the pilot project European Energy Award® for counties started (Landkreise: administration level on a regional basis in Germany). Thirteen counties participated in this pilot project which ended in 2010.

The counties of Böblingen, Görlitz, Gütersloh, Ravensburg and Warendorf have already been awarded with the eea and received the award at a meeting to exchange experience organised together with the German County Association (Deutscher Landkreistag) (see picture).



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



### The good example: Municipality of Langenegg—European Champion!

Since 15 years, the municipality of Langenegg (1'100 inhabitants) is active in energy topics. 1998, Langenegg became the first municipality in the e5 program, the Austrian European Energy Award® program. Within 6 years, they achieved more than 75% and were for the first time awarded with the European Energy Award® Gold. In 2010, they not only confirmed this result but even improved to 86% and became top of the European eea benchmark (see picture below). Congratulations!

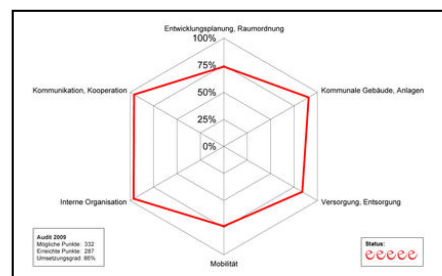
Langenegg implemented numerous measures, e.g. a biomass heating system that connects 98% of all municipal and 68% of all private buildings, the passive house standard for all new municipal buildings, but also „soft“ measures like a „climate cabaret“ in cooperation with schools. The result of these efforts are above the national average standards:

- + 192% m<sup>2</sup> therm. solar panels
- + 620% kWp PV
- + 498% eco-electricity production
- + 590% energy advice

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