

European Energy Award

The European Energy Award (eea) is a quality management and awarding system for municipalities and regions. It supports local authorities in establishing interdisciplinary planning approaches and implementing effective energy and climate policy measures. The success of the eea is based on 4 pillars:

Accelerator of national and supranational energy strategies

The eea translates national goals effectively into local policy recommendations. These provide guidance for local authorities in allocating their resources to achieve optimum efficiency in their measures.

For local authorities by local authorities

The eea has been continuously developed by local authorities and experts at the local level since 1988. Careful consideration of the regional and local contexts is an integral part of the programme.

Specific action plans

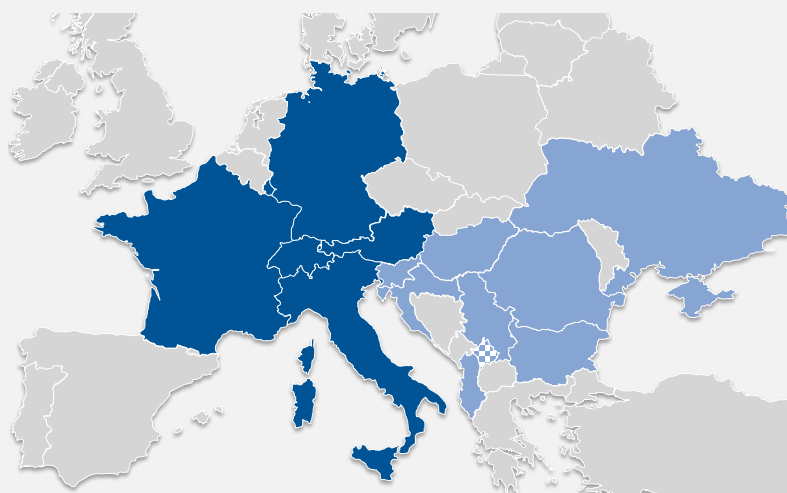
eea local authorities implement customised action plans with a long-term view. These plans are evaluated and adjusted every year with the assistance of accredited experts.

International benchmark

The efforts of local authorities are assessed with regard to their individual scope of action. This allows a comparison of different local authorities and the establishment of an international benchmark.

The European Energy Award in figures

- ... more than 35 years of experience
- ... 1,937 local authorities participating
- ... total population of 74 million involved
- ... largest local authority participating:
Lyon Metropolis (FR, 1.38 m inhabitants)
- ... smallest local authority participating:
Zwischbergen (CH, 77 inhabitants)



Ordinary member countries with national programmes

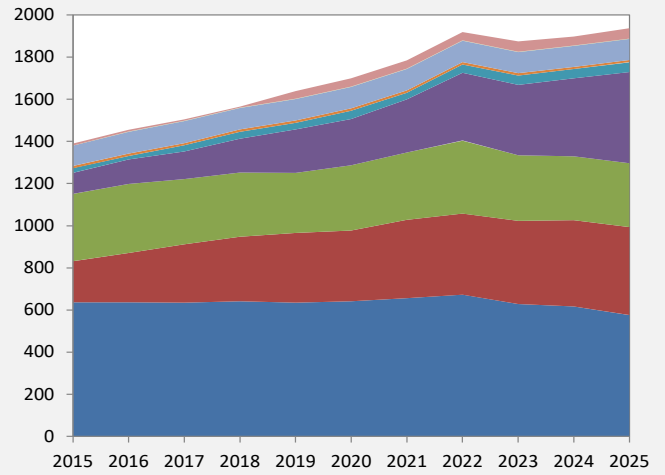
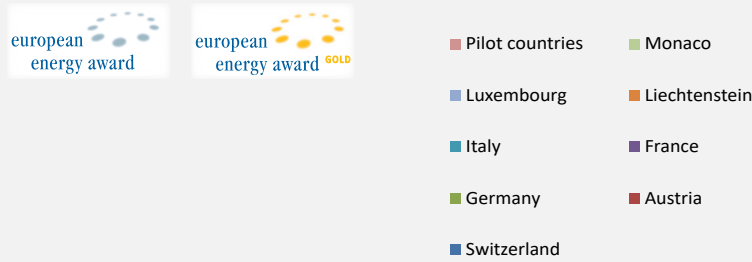
	Austria		Liechtenstein	
	France		Luxembourg	
	Germany		Monaco	
	Italy			Switzerland

Pilot countries

Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Ukraine

Awarded European Energy Award local authorities

The number of awarded local authorities has shown a steady increase over the past ten years. At the beginning of 2025, 1,175 out of 1,937 participating local authorities had been awarded the European Energy Award, including 258 that achieved the European Energy Award Gold..



Why do local authorities choose to participate in the European Energy Award?

An effect oriented management instrument that leads to benefits

The eea comprises an iterative management process that guides local authorities in continuously improving their energy and climate policies. The well-structured process allows to meet energy targets faster.

Quality increase through coaching by external energy experts

Each local authority is assisted by an external and specially trained energy consultant, which provides technical and organisational support throughout the entire eea process. An accredited eea auditor reviews the local authority's activities and rating to ensure the harmonised application of the certification system.

Access to a comprehensive pool of national supporting tools

All national eea organisations have developed country-specific tools and checklists to facilitate the implementation of specific measures by local authorities. These tools are important instruments to support and promote the eea process in local authorities.

Awarding creates increased visibility

Awarding in the framework of the European Energy Award provides an incentive for local authorities to strengthen their climate protection activities. Concurrently, it increases visibility and is a strong argument for location marketing. The European Energy Award Gold further honours local authorities with exemplary energy policies for taking a pioneering role.

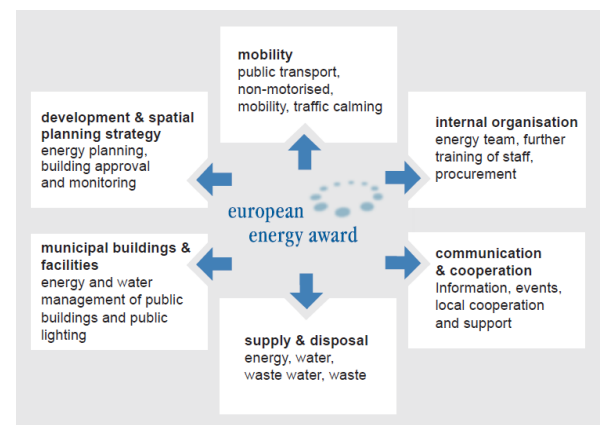
Regular exchange of experience and training

Best practice examples are regularly shared and discussed in national and in international exchange of experiences. Common identified weaknesses are addressed by the national eea organisations in specific trainings for local authorities.



„Climate protection needs targeted, effective measures. Communities play a key role and act as important role models in climate protection and the energy transition. The European Energy Award offers the great opportunity to support and assist communities on this path.“

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