Organisation

Cit’ergie, the French counterpart of the European Energy Award (eea) programme, is administered and disseminated through the regional offices of ADEME, the French Environment and Energy Management Agency. Participating local authorities are provided with technical assistance for entering the programme and financial support during the awarding process, and integrated in the Cit’ergie network.

In addition to highlighting the ambitious sustainable energy policies of local governments, Cit’ergie is promoted as an operational tool for structuring and executing a Territorial Climate-Air-Energy Plan, taking action under Agenda 21, complying with commitments made under the Covenant of Mayors, and the implementation of local energy and climate policies.

Status of the eea in France

The Cit’ergie programme was launched in 2007 with the awarding of the first French eea local authorities Besançon, Echirolles and Montmélian and the Europe’s first eea agglomeration, Grenoble Alpes Métropole. Since then, the number of local authorities involved in the Cit’ergie programme has increased constantly. At the beginning of 2020, 207 local authorities were involved in the programme, 62 of which have qualified for the Cit’ergie label (which corresponds to eea award) and 3 for the Cit’ergie Gold label (eea Gold award).

Awarded local authorities are recognised as being well positioned for the preparation of Territorial Air, Energy and Climate Action Plans (PCAET), which are compulsory in France for local authorities with more than 20,000 inhabitants.

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Status beginning of 2020

Participating local authorities by number of inhabitants:

- < 10'000: 127
- 10'000 - 50'000: 69
- > 50'000: 3

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Today around 65 million people live in one of over 1500 participating local authorities from 15 countries.

The eea helps implementing national and European goals and is recognized as excellent implementation tools of the Covenant of Mayors.

Further information: www.european-energy-award.org